

Energy Vision Meeting – Minutes

October 6, 2005

David Suzuki Foundation Office, Toronto

In Attendance – Shawn-Patrick Stensil (Greenpeace); Dave Martin (Greenpeace); Shirley Farlinger (Voice of Women); Theresa McClenaghan, Ken Trainer (Canadian Environmental Law Association, CELA), Jose Etcheverry (David Suzuki Foundation); Melinda Zytaruk (OSEA)

Attending by phone – Derek Coronado (Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario), Albert Koehl (Sierra Legal Defence Fund), Marion Odell (International Institute of Concern for Public Health), Keith Stewart (Toronto Environmental Alliance), Kathy Cooper (Canadian Environmental Law Association)

1. TEACH IN REPORT

The Teach In went well. There were approximately 100 people on Friday and Saturday. All twenty or speakers showed. Greenpeace held a Non-Violent Direct Action workshop on Sunday with 21 participants. Shawn-Patrick noted a tangible deliverable of the Teach In is a database that can be used in the future to contact attendees. A number of people asked - how do we build on the success of the Teach In?

Action Item: Dave Martin will produce a financial statement.

Marion Odell noted that IICPH will start doing trainings on radiation on health in Toronto, Niagra, and then the Buffalo area.

Action Item: Melinda will send information on the OSEA conference to Shawn-Patrick to do follow up with Teach In participants.

2. OPA ACTIVITIES

Dave noted that the OPA is doing 'polling' and other meetings. It would be helpful if Energy Vision groups kept each other informed on OPA activities they participate in.

Keith Stewart met with Neil Freeman and Amir Shalaby and discussed TEA's submission to the OPA. Keith highlighted that this is not consulting. The questions largely focused around the Pembina study – they don't like the assumptions in the study. They feel that they've burned in Markham with the NIMBY groups and the reluctance to build new power plants and power lines.

Neil Freeman wanted to know what would better building code look like? Who is doing it? He also wanted to know what jurisdictions were actually reducing demand?

Jose also met with the OPA. Jose has no doubt that they will be pushing for a nuclear component in the supply mix. They are very skeptical about wind providing more than 10% of the mix in Ontario – there argument is that it is going to cost a lot of money. They went so far as to say that conservation has NOT worked (in Ontario). They asked whether we supported putting windmills in undeveloped areas as well as micro-hydro in Crown Land. They are far from being up to speed on what renewables could do in the province. Amir told Jose that no one will peer review the OPA's numbers.

Melinda got an invitation from the OPA for November 3rd for everyone who is focus grouped to see the draft. This is the same day as Energy Vision meeting.

Decision Timeline

Dec 1st 2005 - They will present advice plan to Minister, then develop plans, and then hold hearings to review.

Mid 2006 – Minister responds to the OPA.

Late 2006 – OPA recommendation given to the Ontario Energy Board for review.

Mid 2007 - Plan signed and being implemented?

October 4th 2007 – Provincial election.

Strategic Suggestion - Dave thinks we should ask for an environmental assessment on the plan.

Strategic Suggestion – Theresa McClenaghan proposes that we ask the Minister when are you planning to put the supply plan to an Environmental Assessment?

ACTION ITEM - : A subgroup needs to brainstorm strategy opportunities, with a timeline, opportunities and possible tasks to present to the group. Theresa McClenaghan, Albert Khoehl, Shawn-Patrick Stensil, Dave Martin will work on this. (see attached timeline)

3. MEETING WITH DWIGHT DUNCAN

The Minister's office finally contacted us about a meeting with the Minister on November 3rd, 2005 at noon.

It was note that a prior meeting the group outlined a three prong message – 1) We're here and we're organizing 2) This is our 'Energy Vision' for the province and 3) The OPA is not an open and public debate on our energy future.

ACTION ITEM – SP will help Theresa McClenaghan pull together all the documents to pull together the Energy Vision Statement – Greenpeace Poll, old statement etc.

ACTION ITEM – Kathy Cooper will help finish the Energy Vision statement. A sub-group will discuss the statement by phone.

STRATEGY SUGGESTION – Maybe we should propose this to the minister in November and then launch it on December 1st the day that the OPA report is released.

5. COP DISCUSSION

TEA is doing a lot of organizing locally around the COP which will be help in Montreal from November 28 – December 9th.

Action Item – Keith will send a list of upcoming events on COP activities to the Energy Vision list.

AI – SPS will send presentations from the Teach In to Marion.

AI – CELA will post power points from the Teach In on its web site.

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7. NEXT MEETING (S)

Energy Vision Statement – October 14th 3 by phone.

Dwight Duncan Meeting – October 26th 1pm.

Next Energy Vision Meeting – October 26th 3 pm. At CELA

Date – October 26th at 3pm

Location: 130 Spadina Ave. Suite 301, Toronto (Spadina at Richmond)

Call In Info: Dial 416-204-8888 or 1866-368-6248 and code is 5317772#.

Other meetings:

Meeting to prepare for meeting with the Energy Minister.

October 26th 1pm at the CELA offices.

Meeting of Energy Vision Statement sub-committee:

October 14th 3 by phone.

If there are questions, please contact:

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