

Minutes
Energy Vision Meeting
January 31, 2006
Greenpeace Canada Office

In Attendance: Shawn-Patrick Stensil (Greenpeace), Dave Martin (Greenpeace), Jose Estevearray (David Suzuki Foundation), Derek Paul (Science for Peace), Shirley Farlinger (Voice of Women), Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg (All of the above), Theresa McClenaghan (CELA), Kim Fry (Toronto Environmental Alliance)

On the Phone: Ziggy Kleinau (Friends of Renewable Energy), Mario Odell (IICPH), Chris Winters (Conservation Council of New Brunswick)

Regrets: Brennain Lloyd (Northwatch), Albert Khoehl (Sierra Legal Defense Fund), Derek Conado (Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario)

1. Review of minutes and Action Items Status

AI – Theresa will send out the “Cluster Tableau” to the Energy Vision group for the group to begin to fill in.

New AI: SP Stensil will see who is missing by looking at the Energy Vision List. New deadline February 6.

AI – The Strategic Planning Subgroup will meet again and report back to the Energy Vision meeting.

AI – Groups will send in their critiques of the OPA by January 24th, but sooner if possible, to the Energy Vision list. Groups will use the comments as ‘crib notes’ for their own Environmental Bill of Rights submissions and Action Alerts for their respective members.

AI - Theresa will circulate a draft “process ask” letter for sign-on to the Energy Vision list so that it can be sent out shortly after the 16th.

AI – Theresa will hold a meeting on the January 16th at noon at the CELA office to discuss and develop a terms of reference for the our proposed ‘Conversation with Canadians’

2. Update of Process letter and Terms of Reference

12 groups signed onto the ‘Process Letter’ to Premier McGuinty. It was distributed to the Premier, the Minister of Energy, Howard Hampton, the Environmental Commissioner, and the Chair of the OEB.

Point for Future Discussion: Derek Paul proposed to print materials of energy vision in Peace Magazine.

Theresa gave a report back on the legal argument for requiring and environmental assessment on the Ontario's final supply plan.

Suggested response capacity: *We need to be ready to respond to the government's "conversation with Ontarians" announcement, which will announced in the next two weeks. Who is a high-profile person that could speak out against at a press conference or in whatever forum the government provides against the government's proposal?*

AI – Energy Vision groups are encouraged to contact 'well-known Ontarians' and ask them to be ready to intervene in the 'dog and pony' show that the government will announce in the next few weeks. Shawn-Patrick will prepare a quick briefing note that can be given to candidates. We will share our contacts over the Energy Vision list.

AI – Jose will contact Brian Adams, Gordon Lightfoot, and others associated with the Suzuki Foundation.

3. Report back from the Strategy Meeting

Theresa gave a report back from the Strategy Meeting.

In a discussion around the Energy Vision statement it was noted that we need to re-open Energy Vision's position on public profile. For instance, we could have supporters (who support the Energy Vision statement) and members.

Point for future discussion: Energy Vision's public profile.

4. How Agenda Items are Identified

The Steering Committee(SC) plans to meet by phone a week before each meeting. The SC has noted that we often discuss topic that we already agree on (example: nukes bad, renewables good), and would like to recommend that we keep Energy Visions meeting focused on decisions that need to be made or new information that needs to be shared.

The SC committee proposed that issues that EV participants wish to discuss should be sent to the steering committee a week before the meeting, outlining the proposed issue to be discussed and, if required, the decision that is needed to be made.

Decision: The group supported the proposition.

5. Standard Offer Contracts Update

Jose gave an update on the Standard Offer Contracts. The negotiations are currently centering around price. A decision will be announced soon by the Ministry of Energy.

Dave asked what a 'successful announcement' will be. Melinda from OSEA should be consulted.

Jose urged people to send in letters to the Premier supporting SOC.

6. Transmission Group Update

We didn't have the meeting. So the group will hold a next meeting.

AI – Theresa will set up a next meeting for the next 'Transmission Group' meeting.

7. EBR response

AI – Groups will send in their critiques of the OPA by January 24th, but sooner if possible, to the Energy Vision list. Groups will use the comments as 'crib notes' for their own Environmental Bill of Rights submissions and Action Alerts for their respective members.

We're missing comments on 1) nuclear waste 2) Geothermal 3) Biomass

AI – SP will send out *again* the comments made by EV groups on the OPA report.

Groups are also encourage to consult the Ontario Clean Air Alliance's report on the OPA report. Also see the action alert at : www.gocleanandgreen.org.

Suggestion: Theresa suggested that EBR submissions be sent to others: the Environmental Commissioner, the Minister, the Opposition leaders, and if you have the time to Liberal caucus. Put a cover letter on it asking for a response.

8. Chernobyl Anniversary

Shawn-Patrick Proposed a Chernobyl committee to organize a vigil for the 20th anniversary of Chernobyl on April 26th. The group was interested and supportive.

AI : Shawn-Patrick be the 'cat herder' for a Chernobyl organizing committee meeting. Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg, Marion Odell, Shirley Farlinger and Jose Etcheverry expressed interest in participating.

9. New Business

CEAA amendments – The Proposals are there to 'streamline environmental assessment' so that future projects aren't subject to CEAA screenings.

AI – Shawn-Patrick Stensil will write a draft letter.

Town Hall Meetings –

Meetings are being held in 5 constituencies meetings organized by MPPs on nuclear power and Ontario's energy future. Jennifer Mackenzie, from Toronto, is the gate person for the local groups organizing meetings.

Health Study – Groups have been consulting with groups that did reports for the demand supply plan. There are a number of epidemiologists and health economists are interested in doing a health cost study. Staff from Health, Energy, Health and Finance are attending a meeting to discuss producing this report.

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st at 2pm.

Sierra Legal Defense Fund (to be confirmed)

Agenda setting meeting: - February 14 teleconference