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## Points of Interest

Did you know that Canada's wind energy industry installed 239 MW of new wind energy capacity in 2005, shattering the previous annual installation record of 122 MW established in 2004. As a result, Canada's total installed wind energy capacity grew by 54% in 2005 and now stands at 683 MW. This means that wind energy now produces enough electricity in Canada to power more than 240,000 homes. The year 2006 promises even more dramatic growth, with a minimum of 500 MW of new energy capacity slated to be installed across the country this year. Source Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA)

Did you know that Germany, Spain and the USA have the highest total installed wind energy capacity? In 2005 the USA, Germany and Spain led with new installed wind power capacity. Source Global Wind Energy Council.

<http://www.smallwindenergy.ca/> is a website that The Canadian Wind Energy Association launched to provide information and decision-making tools for Canadians interested in small wind turbines. The website responds to a growing demand from individuals, businesses and communities looking at small wind as a way of providing clean, renewable electricity for their homes, farms and businesses.

## Bear Mountain Wind Park Update

On the afternoon of March 11<sup>th</sup> Bear Mountain Wind LP (BMWLP) held a public meeting at the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre. Special thanks to Mayor Calvin Kruk – for opening the afternoon's public meeting and Danny Cooper, SD59 – for providing information and an update on the SD59 wind/solar project.

More than 120 people from

throughout the region attended to hear more about the proposed wind park on Bear Mountain. On hand to answer questions regarding the project and the environmental assessment were Juergen Puetter (Aeolis), TJ Schur (Aeolis), Garry Hamilton (Hemmera) and Anre' McIntosh (Robertson Environmental). There was a lively question and answer period after the presentation

and all attendees were asked to fill out a survey before they left. Of the surveys filled out most were in favour of the project.

BMWLP is now working on completing the bid for BChydro which is due on April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will expect to hear in August if the bid is successful.

## Environmental Assessment Update

Also ongoing at this time is the Environmental Assessment for Bear Mountain. Throughout the spring and summer numerous activities will be happening in relation to the project site:

- Preliminary geotechnical work will be initiated in May-June;
- Review and analysis of transmission right of way in conjunction with Bear Mountain Wind LP transmission consultants and BC Hydro distribution and transmission regional specialists;
- The Terms of Reference for the field work and Environmental Assessment appli-

cation will be posted on the EAO website ([www.eao.bc.ca](http://www.eao.bc.ca)) in April for public comment. The Terms were developed in conjunction with input from First Nations, aboriginal communities, EAO personnel and guidelines and regional Regulatory offices like Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Forestry. We encourage everyone to read through and provide input and comments back to the EAO or through Peace Energy or Aeolis;

- Avian spring migration studies and continued avian local species and field studies will proceed through the spring and summer. Timing

for migration studies is in consultation with Ministry of Environment and local avian specialists. A special thank you goes to Mark Phinney of LP for all his assistance and participation in ensuring we have good local understanding of the avian environment on Bear Mountain;

Archeological assessment and ground work will also happen on Bear Mountain this spring and summer. Bear Mountain Wind LP is submitting an application to determine the scope of work based also on input from First Nations and aboriginal communities. Bear Mountain Wind LP and its consultants will work closely with First Nations during this process;

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## Thank you to our Volunteers

We would like to thank all the members who have volunteered their time to help out at Peace Energy.

Judith Bain Dampier – for filling in our membership certificates

Freya Keddie – for promoting Peace Energy in the Victoria area

Greg & Joanne Dueck, Tony Scott, Tim Meszaros, Barbara Swail – for helping out at the AGM

Tony Van Den Bosch (Tim Horton's) – for providing the coffee and donuts at our AGM

## Membership News

Peace Energy now has 194 members.

If you have not already done so please provide us with your e-mail address. We are trying to keep our mailing costs down, therefore we prefer to e-mail newsletters and notices to our members. We do not share our mailing list with anyone so your privacy will be maintained. If you do not have an e-mail address we will continue to mail the newsletters to your home.

Please notify us of any changes to your address or phone number.

If you have not received your membership certificate yet and you joined prior to March 2006 please call the office and we will see that you get a certificate as soon as possible.

## Message from the President

Greetings Members,

We had a very successful AGM on the morning of March 11 at KPAC, followed by a packed house in the afternoon for the second in a series of public meetings for the Bear Mountain wind energy project. New members continue to sign up as a result, and we are now at 194.

We will be saying goodbye to our Executive Director, Jenny Rooseboom, and her husband Tony Scott, at the end of March when they move to Vancouver. Jenny has been working for us since last August and has greatly assisted in our organizational performance, while Tony has contributed from his banking experience to our business planning. We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Executive Director, Valerie Gilson, who will be moving to Dawson Creek from Ontario to join her husband in mid-April.

In addition to these internal events, the next major milestone in our realization of the Bear Mountain wind project comes on April 7th, when the formal proposal for this project will be submitted to BC Hydro by Bear Mountain Wind Limited Partnership (BMW LP). Thanks to the strong support shown by our members, PEC was successful in raising the entire amount needed to become one of the general partners in BMW LP, for a 3% stake. The other general partners are Aeolis Wind Power Corp and AltaGas Limited Partnership. Along with the optimism that the approach of spring generates, we are also feeling optimistic about a positive outcome to our Bear Mountain wind project proposal. A decision should be announced by BC Hydro in August.

## Annual General Meeting

As Steve Rison has mentioned in his Message from the President, we had a successful Annual General Meeting of our members. Forty – three of our 183 members attended.

Reports were made by Don Pettit (Marketing and Communications), Dr. Chris Garwah (Financial) and Steve Rison (Board of Directors). We elected 2 new board members and re-elected a current board member. A large portion of the meeting was devoted to discussing the investment opportunities for Peace Energy in Bear Mountain Wind. Steve Rison explained that we are seeking professional advice to help us prepare an offering statement for the Class B shares that

may be offered in September/October. You will be receiving further details.

### New Board of Directors

Steve Rison: President

Don Pettit: Vice-President

Cathy Gilbertson: Secretary

Dr. Chris Garwah: Treasurer

Rupert Kirk

Wayne Plenert

Cheryl Shuman.

## Most Innovative Business of the Year

On February 11<sup>th</sup> Peace Energy was thrilled to receive the “Most Innovative Business of the Year” award at the Dawson Creek and District Chamber of Commerce President’s Gala. The award was sponsored by Sci-Tech North. Dr. Chris Garwah accepted the award on behalf of Peace Energy.

## Environmental Assessment

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In mid- to late- summer we expect to see another public meeting to update the community on the findings of the work done over the summer – particularly regarding

changes in preliminary lay-out based on findings from transmission, geotechnical and field studies done throughout the coming months.