

E-Mail Correspondence about the Anmore Renewable Energy Grants from the BC Ministry of the Environment – January 28, 2009 - April 15, 2009

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From: Guy Heywood [mailto:gheywood@renaissancepower.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 10:22 AM
To: Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX
Cc: hweinber@sfu.ca; hcolby@renaissancepower.ca
Subject: \$75K grant to the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation made in 2006

Lee

Hi! Further to the voicemail that I left for you - here is our request.

We are in the process of winding up the first stage of the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation's projects. While demonstration center did not make it off the drawing board (although we have some lovely architectural concept sketches) the research in to wind and micro hydro resources was done and a demonstration solar panel array was built with the assistance of Day4 Energy outside of the Village Hall. Minister Iain Black presided with Min. James Moore at its official unveiling.

We believe the grant that was put to very good use in this project and the work of the Foundation. However, in the course of doing out accounting with Western Diversification - which has provided us with about \$72 thd that went primarily to the construction of the solar array - we need to pass on some clarification around the terms of the MOE funding.

Could you please confirm by return email that the funding was made to the Foundation for its works in general and not in reference to a specific budget?

This may sound self evident since Mayor Weinberg and Doug Colby tell me that they did not present any budget specifics at the time that they made their presentation to you. They presented a number of activities that the Foundation was going to pursue and the governance structure made up of Councillors from the Village and interested citizens.

However, your email confirmation will assist us to clarify the situation with Western Diversification and enable us to bring this part of the Foundation's work to a close.

The Foundation is continuing to pursue the promotion of renewable energy production on a commercial scale and energy conservation opportunities in Anmore. It has also reached agreement with the Village of Belcarra to join the Foundation for future projects.

Thanks very much in advance.

Guy

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From: "Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX" <Lee.Thiessen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 2:09 PM
To: gheywood@renaissancepower.ca
Subject: RE: \$75K grant to the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation made in 2006

Hello Guy,

Our Transfer letter is attached below. The letter does specify a particular deliverable that was identified in response to a Project Definition and Funding Plan document, but the document I have does not include a budget. I believe the amount of the provincial transfer was discussed at a meeting and presentation on Dec 12, 2005 which I did not attend.

Cheers,
Lee

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From: Guy Heywood [gheywood@renaissancepower.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 9:21 AM
To: Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX
Cc: hweinber@sfu.ca; hdcolby@renaissancepower.ca
Subject: RE: \$75K grant to the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation made in 2006

Lee

Thanks very much. I think it is exactly what we are looking for.

Guy

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From: Guy Heywood [mailto:gheywood@renaissancepower.ca]
Sent: March 31, 2009 9:12 PM
To: Mark Ferrari; Hal Weinberg
Cc: Doug Colby
Subject: RE: Anmore Foundation

Hal

Further to me report on my conversation with Mark this afternoon - the two outstanding issues that he conveyed to me are:

1. the permission from the Provincial government to spend on other than WD Project costs.
2. a list of the other costs

I will work on the letter. But I believe the wording that would work for the former would be something like:

"The BC Provincial Government agrees that the scope of costs that were to be funded under the terms of its grant is greater than that which was contemplated under the Western Economic Diversification grant and that therefore not all of its grant should be counted against the 'stacking rule' as it has been applied by WD to the Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation project."

That is the best that I can do. If Mark has different language he should weigh in directly.

I am sure that Iain will take the letter away to think about it so we should be able to amend it if necessary.

Guy

ps. Mark passed on an invitation to you (and Sharleen if you choose) to attend at their office and hear directly from them about how they apply the 'stacking rule' that is referred to (but not adequately explained in my opinion) in their standard form contract.

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From: "Mark Ferrari" <Mark.Ferrari@wd-deo.gc.ca>
Date: April 3, 2009 4:27:39 PDT (CA)
To: <gheywood@renaissancepower.ca>, "Hal Weinberg" <hweinber@sfu.ca>
Cc: "Doug Colby" <dcolby@renaissancepower.ca>, "Doug Hawes" <Doug.Hawes@wd-deo.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Anmore Foundation

Hi Guy,

Thanks for the e-mail below. A couple of points of clarification to reflect our conversation on January 23, 2009 and our subsequent e-mails.

1. The copy of the grant between the Foundation and the Province of BC shows that the monies were to be used for the project. Term #2 states that the monies could not be used for other reasons. During our conversations you indicated that the monies were in fact used for other projects. Therefore, as stated in our letter, you would need the Province to confirm that the monies could be used for other projects. The wording in #1 below seems to imply that the Province would not allow you to use the monies for other projects but rather for the same project though defined more broadly.

2. If the Province does confirm that you are allowed to use the grant monies for other projects, we will need confirmation that you in fact did so. To date we have only received a listing of costs for the WD funded project. If monies were spent on another project you would need to link these costs to the Provincial source of funds.

As discussed, through our efforts we are working to provide the Foundation with the maximum flexibility to try and resolve this issue while still respecting our contractual obligations. Feel free to call me if you need further clarification on any of the points above.

Mark

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From: Hal Weinberg [mailto:hweinber@sfu.ca]
Sent: Saturday, April 04, 2009 10:09 AM
To: Kingsbury, Linda
Cc: Guy Heywood
Subject: Fwd: Anmore Foundation

Hi Linda,

Here is the latest, please pass it on to Iain if necessary- I hope this can be resolved quickly because it is getting crazy and the whole Foundation will fall apart.

Hal

Begin forwarded message:

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From: Kingsbury, Linda [mailto:Linda.Kingsbury@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 9:44 AM
To: Elliott, Caroline ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Anmore Foundation

Hi Caroline, Mr. Black has asked me to look into this for him. My understanding is that the Anmore Foundation needs a letter (ASAP) from the Ministry of Environment confirming use of monies - see point two below. Can you look into this for him?

Linda Kingsbury, CA for

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From: Shepard, Michael ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 8:42 AM
To: Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Anmore Foundation
Importance: High

Hi Lee,

Following up from my email on Thursday afternoon regarding the Anmore Foundation, please see the email chain below. Is this something that MOE is willing/comfortable to do?

Thanks,

Mike

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From: Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Shepard, Michael ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Anmore Foundation

Hi Michael,

I'm in no position at all to change the signed transfer agreement or to send a letter with an interpretation that is inconsistent with the agreement. I also have no information on the WD agreement and probably can't make any statements about it even if I did. I will follow-up with Doug Colby.

Lee

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From: Shepard, Michael ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 8:39 AM
To: Thiessen, Lee ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Anmore Foundation

Thanks Lee. I will inform the MLA's office that you will be getting in contact with Doug directly.

Cheers,

Mike