

## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Association to Protect Amherst Island has asked the Ontario Superior Court of Justice to judicially review the decision of the Ministry of Environment to accept as complete the Windlectric Renewable Energy Approval application to build up to 36 wind turbines on tiny Amherst Island. The decision to deem the project application complete surprised the Association as substantial evidence as to why the project should not proceed to the technical review stage of the process was provided to the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport. The evidence provided to these Ministries focused on deficient and incomplete studies submitted by Windlectric.

The Association's decision to apply for a judicial review of the decision is consistent with a resolution from Loyalist Township passed in October 2013 that states that the Township... "Formally requests, in the strongest terms possible, that the Ministry of Environment, being responsible for the approval of REAs, also deems such applications incomplete, and require that the proponent resubmit with all appropriate studies and consultation completed."

Amherst Island is a rural community of approximately 400 residents, located in Lake Ontario, 3 km from the mainland, just west of Kingston. In May 2013 Amherst Island was named by Heritage Canada, the National Trust (formerly Canada Heritage Foundation) as one of the Top Ten Endangered Places in Canada due to the threat of wind turbines on both its cultural and natural heritage. Amherst Island is simply the wrong place for wind turbines.

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