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To: Bill Lowry (home)
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Subject: Mr. Mayor,

Try as I will, I cannot find a “pro” for our supporting, in any way , Algonquin’s proposed construction of 500-foot turbines on Amherst Island. If this action does go ahead, Loyalist Township will have let big business rob us of a crown jewel. Nothing will replace what we, as a township, now have.

The island is a unique treasure trove of aboriginal and settlers’ history. Many of those on the island are of third generation families. Its beauty draws visitors from all over the world. The island’s built heritage alone make it exceptional, not to mention the stone walls constructed by Irish landowners in the 1800’s. It is internationally known for the Owl Wood ; it is the largest resting place in the world for migratory birds. It is the habitat of countless turtles and deer . It’s Waterside Series boasts sold-out music concerts. B and B’s are filled throughout the summer and early fall. One could go on and on about this island’s assets.

All of this is threatened, and thus a great deal of economic development on the nearby township mainland will be threatened as well.

The swarms of visitors will dwindle to precious few, and the island stalwarts who have respected and cherished their heritage will have moved away.

There are many who join me in this thought. I pray that our township caretakers, our council, will not for any reason, or offer, let this happen. There is so very much to lose.

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