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AMHERST ISLAND**

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Subject: An open letter to J. Norman, VP Project Development, Algonquin Power Co.

Sir,

The Belleville EMC of March 14 2013, reported the following remarks attributed to you at the March 5, 6 2013 Algonquin Open House. You 'felt more residents were now in favour of the project compared to the public meetings held in November 2012'.

"There seems to definitely be a turn from when we did this in November of last year, where people were asking more conceptual questions on the project, to now asking very practical questions about, 'How are you going to get this turbine from Point A to Point B.'"

I am astounded at the gross ignorance and lack of knowledge about Amherst Island life that your remarks suggest.

Here is why:

(i) First, there were no public meetings held in November 2012. Algonquin's first such meetings were December 6, 7, 2011.

(ii) Algonquin's 'Roads Use 'proposal contemplates 11,000 heavy truck loads and their return trips travelling on most of the Island roads, in front of and beside the Public School and on the narrow main street of the historic village of Stella.

(iii) Algonquin proposes a 25-acre 'lay-down' storage area on the Island and a concrete batch plant beside it, without regard for the people who live near the proposed site.

(iv) Construction time will take up to 18 months, 12 hour days, six days per week, bringing with it noise, dust, exhaust fumes and general unwanted intrusion into Islanders' personal lives.

(v) Roads and curves will be widened and will remain so, not just for the construction period but also for the future decommissioning of these turbines, their infrastructure and service buildings.

(vi) Algonquin's proposal to run heavy trucks down the main street of Stella, will put our children at risk as they walk to and from school, and will disrupt Island community life. Year round, this includes concerts, birding tours, visits to the park and the market, Museum and Cultural Centre, Post Office General Store, art shows as well as normal Island business activities

which go on every day. Island population doubles in summer, as more families, with more children come to visit.

The 'questions' you refer to are natural ones for people who see their homes, community, public school and cultural life threatened by Algonquin's proposal. Islanders see their children put at serious risk by the enormous turbine pieces hauled through the village as they walk to school and play in the Village.

Islanders have seen and heard Algonquin's responses to their questions at the January 29, 2013 Council-sponsored meeting about 'Roads use'. Those responses, like your remarks reported in the Belleville EMC, show that Algonquin has no knowledge of or care about Island life and culture or about our children, a sentiment captured perfectly by Homer Lensink's reply to the question of why construction traffic must be routed through Stella. His answer was that this solution was 'optimal'.

Under NO circumstances should you or Algonquin EVER interpret Islanders' questions as words in support of your proposed project. They are NOT.

We are not your partners; there is a very large majority opposing your proposal and we would be UNWILLING HOSTS and will continue to oppose you if this project is forced upon us.

In closing, thanks to Algonquin's proposal,

-It is already certain that turbine noise and infrasound will harm the health of some people living near them.

-Shadow flicker will affect many Island homes and will exceed International norms.

-The Provincial set-back of 550-metres is not sufficient for the 50-storey turbines you propose to erect.

-Algonquin's wind-turbine proposal for Amherst Island will regularly be out of compliance. We will stand ready to expose every instance of that, and will press for rapid shutdown of the offending machines.

Of course, Islanders ask and will continue to ask questions about Algonquin's proposal. Why? To shine an increasingly bright light on your poorly conceived project here and with that knowledge develop new ways to stop it. Amherst Island is the wrong place for what you propose.

Peter G.S. Large, P.Eng  
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- Mr. Ian Robertson, CEO, Algonquin Power Co.
- Ms Pam Barnard, Loyalist Township
- Mr. John Kearns, EMC Belleville