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MORE PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS LAND USE PLANNING DEALING WITH WIND TURBINES

ANNAPOLIS CO. APRIL 27, 2010 – Over 100 residents attended the public meeting held on April 14th at the Bridgetown Regional High School to discuss land use planning regarding wind turbines, which brought forward a mixture of opinions for council’s consideration. Two more public meetings have already been scheduled for May and June.

Annapolis County Warden Peter Newton said council will use this information to assist in determining a by-law regarding land use planning for the development of wind farms. “We (Council) are arranging a series of public meetings throughout the year to provide residents the opportunity to share their thoughts on this issue. The meeting held on April 14th was a very good start to this process.”

In the meantime, Warden Newton noted it is important to be aware that the interim by-law presently in place does not prohibit the development of commercial wind farms in the county. However, it does mean the developer would have to request an amendment to the by-law which would trigger a public consultation process that includes public meetings. In this respect, once the by-law is enacted, Council will have reached its goal of having the residents informed and able to have their say because a public process will be required to amend the by-law.

“The County of Annapolis is a very large area,” Warden Newton explained. “The development of the interim by-law, which states that Council will have to review it within one-year, gives us time to receive public input, research the issue further, and create a by-law that is appropriate for this county. For this reason, we strongly encourage residents to attend these meetings to share their thoughts with Council.”

The next public meetings are scheduled for May 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Community Hall, Litchfield; and for June 9th, 7:00 p.m. at the Habitation New Horizons community hall in Port Wade.

If anyone has questions regarding the upcoming public meetings they may contact Mr. Albert Dunphy, Planning Manager, at (902) 584-3940, or by email at adunphy@annapoliscounty.ns.ca .

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