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COUNCIL APPROVES 2ND READING FOR REVISED WIND TURBINE BYLAW

ANNAPOLIS CO. OCTOBER 18, 2011 – Municipal Council approved a motion to accept 2nd reading of the revised Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) & Land Use Bylaw (LUB) to regulate wind turbines in Annapolis County with an amendment stating that the MPS LUB will restrict the installation of mini or small scale units to a maximum of two on any separate parcel of land. The revised bylaw will now be sent to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations for Provincial approval.

“We understand this has been a topic of great interest for many County residents,” said Annapolis County Warden Reg Ritchie. “It was important that the public was given an opportunity to share their thoughts on the topic.”

In regards to this bylaw, County Council has held nine public meetings and one public hearing:

2010

- April 14th (Bridgetown)
- May 17th (Litchfield)
- June 9th (Port Wade)
- September 8th (Cornwallis)
- September 29th (West Dalhousie)
- October 13th (Clarence)
- November 3rd (Port Lorne)

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- July 5th (Bridgetown)
- July 7th (Lower Granville)
- September 27th (NSCC COGS, Lawrencetown) – public hearing

In addition to these meetings, the topic was discussed at Council sessions and Planning Advisory Committee meetings, which are open to the public. Public meetings, as well as the public hearing, were advertised in the local paper and media releases were prepared; there was information on the radio, the County newsletter (distributed in August), and information presented on the County of Annapolis website. Also, there was a Wind Turbine information library created in the Municipal Building, Annapolis Royal.

“We would like to thank everyone who provided information to us during this process. Council and the Planning Advisory Committee has worked hard to find a balance that we felt is appropriate and in the best interest of this county,” noted Warden Ritchie.

Now that Council has approved the revised Wind Turbine bylaw, it will be sent to the Province for ministerial review before the adoption process can be finalized.

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