



**association to protect  
AMHERST ISLAND**

*Without prejudice to all our rights*

Dec. 15, 2014

Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Young St, 27th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4

**File No. EB-2014-0300**

**Attn: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Windlectric Inc. Proposed Amherst Island Wind Energy Project – Rationale for an Oral Hearing, Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI)**

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We understand that the Ontario Energy Board will soon decide whether an oral or written hearing will be held with respect to Windlectric's application (File EB-2014-0300).

APAI represents 350 members who have legitimate direct interests in the proposed Project. We respectfully request "the right to be heard" and the right to have a voice in the process.<sup>i</sup> In our opinion, a judgement based solely on written evidence will not provide a fair and just result.

We believe that an oral hearing, held in Lennox-Addington will result in a better understanding by all parties of the key issues associated with this application and will result in better decision-making. It is well recognized that an oral hearing offers a better opportunity for dialogue; an opportunity to question; to clarify vague points; to shed light on the evidence and to resolve differences.

We understand that the Board is committed to reducing barriers to participation. Holding the hearing in Lennox-Addington and preferably Amherst Island would greatly facilitate the active participation by Islanders in the adjudication process. In addition, two of our members have requested an oral hearing and have self-identified as having impaired vision. We request that the Board agree to an oral hearing to enable their participation and ensure an inclusive public hearing.

We appreciate the opportunity afforded by the OEB to express our views and participate in this decision-making process.

Yours truly,

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<sup>i</sup> OEB Resource Guide; *Understanding the Adjudication Process*, p.6 of 9