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Mr. Ian Robertson, CEO, Algonquin Power  
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Subject: Algonquin's draft report on 'Decommissioning' the proposed Amherst Island wind project

Dear Mr. Robertson,

The Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI) is a registered Association of over 300 members whose current principle objective is to stop the 33-37 50-storey-tall industrial -scale wind turbine project Algonquin proposes for Amherst Island.

You are already aware that over 80% of Island residents do NOT want turbines on this small, historically significant, environmentally sensitive Island. We have written to you with factual proof that the project Algonquin proposes will not meet the energy production capacity you claim. Further, and again with solid proof, the turbine layout proposed by Algonquin, if built, will rapidly be found inefficient and 'out-of-compliance' with Ontario noise regulations and well outside the accepted international guidelines for shadow flicker.

However, this letter is about STANTEC's Draft Report on 'Decommissioning' of the proposed Amherst Island project at the end of its useful life, a required report for the REA process.

The draft report is jointly signed by Mr. Rob Rowland and by a representative of STANTEC. Taking down a wind-turbine installation of the scale you propose for Amherst Island would unquestionably be considered an 'engineering project' and, as such, must be overseen by a professional engineer, whose stamp of responsibility and accountability must appear on the related drawings and reports.

Mr. Rowland is a professional engineer and STANTEC holds a Certificate of Authorization issued by Professional Engineers Ontario. Neither has stamped the 'Draft Decommissioning Report' or identified himself as licensed to practise professional engineering, or otherwise indicated willingness to accept PROFESSIONAL responsibility for the proposed project.

The Professional Engineers Act regulates professional engineering in Ontario 'to serve and protect the public'. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment, all of which would be affected by Algonquin's proposed wind turbine project on Amherst Island.

Algonquin has not named a professional engineer to take responsibility for this project. As such, we must conclude that Algonquin is not interested in the safeguarding of life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment of Amherst Island and its residents.

Because of this gross neglect and complete indifference to Island life, health and the natural environment, I have requested that the Ministry of the Environment deny completeness of the REA documents and approval of the proposed Amherst Island wind project.

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In partnership with SAVEAI

cc:

- Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment
- Mr. Ian Parrott, Acting Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, MOE
- Ms Doris Dumais, Director, Environmental Approvals, MOE
- Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Labour
- Loyalist Township Council
- Mr. Vic Fedeli, MPP, PC Energy Critic
- Mr. Eric Gillespie, LL.B
- Mr. Paul Moody, P.Eng
- Algonquin Power Co. Board of Directors
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