



## association to protect AMHERST ISLAND

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Mr. Ian Robertson, CEO, Algonquin Power  
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

Sean Fairfield's letter of April 8, 2013 to Loyalist Township Council assuring the Council that 'The project developer (Windlectric Inc.)... is responsible for all financial issues (including...decommissioning costs) regarding the proposed project construction and operation' has come to our attention.

As residents of Amherst Island and as members of the Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI), Algonquin's 'assurance' is of considerable interest to us.

'Interest' because of the following:

- Windlectric has no financial track record and as a private company, no public accountability, therefore, APAI is concerned that it will not have the necessary funds for decommissioning turbines.
- Algonquin, in an REA document, has written that it may sell the Amherst Island project before completion and therefore would not be around for 'decommissioning'.
- STANTEC's 'decommissioning' report required by the REA process makes no mention of Algonquin's establishing funding for 'decommissioning', neither does the Green Energy Act require Algonquin to do so.
- The cost of 'decommissioning' has been estimated to be the same as that of constructing the turbine installation Algonquin proposes for Amherst Island, will require the same use of roads, with similar large-scale equipment, would cause similar upset to the Community and its children, and would damage (again) the wide variety of its wild-life and avian habitat.

- STANTEC's incomplete report on 'Decommissioning', in Table 5.1 mentions the words 'recycle' six times and 'landfill' four times. The report fails to mention where in Ontario the 'recycling' depots are and where the registered landfill sites large enough to take old turbine pieces are. (APAI's two letters to Minister Bradley, asking for the location of these facilities have gone unanswered; this suggests to us that no such facilities exist. Consequently, Algonquin would be unable to carry out the decommissioning required under the GEA.)

Mr. Fairfield's letter mentions none of these facts, which point firmly to the conclusion that Algonquin would be unable to, and has no intention of decommissioning its proposed Amherst Island project and which leads us to wonder what the purpose of the letter is.

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President, APAI

**Footnote:** The Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI) is a registered Association of 350 members. The current principle objective is to stop Algonquin's proposed 33 -37, 50-storey-tall industrial-scale, wind-turbine installation on Amherst Island. The scale of the project is inappropriate for the island, its natural and cultural heritage and the health of its residents.

cc:

- Loyalist Township Council
- Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment
- Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy
- Hon. David Oraziatti, Minister of Natural Resources
- Ms Doris Dumais, Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, MOE