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To Nova Scotia Power Corporation:

Community Wind Farms Inc. is proposing to establish a windfarm near Sandy Point, Jordan Bay, Jordan Ferry and Lake Road in the Municipality of the District of Shelburne. To date, this company has reached out to the Municipality to ensure that this project adheres to the Municipality's by-laws, have made a public presentation to Council and has been in contact with several property owners. We have been advised that they have received strong support from the landowner base and in general have received positive comments from the public. They have stated they are committed to an extensive public engagement process that would involve public information sessions to inform residents of the proposed project and to address any questions and concerns raised. Their level of commitment to inform and engage the community is one of the reasons the Municipality is in support of this wind energy project.

All levels of governments are looking for greener, cleaner, more efficient, and sustainable sources of energy. Wind energy provides for a renewable and clean energy source that can be produced at lower costs than other methods. The project that is being proposed by Community Wind Farms Inc. would enable power to be generated and used within our own Municipality and County; and would also provide power to our neighbours in the Region of Queens and Yarmouth County. Other benefits include providing a revenue source for local landowners, providing short-term jobs, and creating a sustainable tax revenue base, one which would enable other projects to proceed, enhancing services for our residents. This project could be an economic driver for the Municipality while at the same time producing greener power.

Part of our Vision 2030 as outlined in the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan states "Our tradition of self-reliance partnered with new technologies creates a robust economic climate that welcomes renewable energy and new, sustainable industries." The Municipality recognizes the need to grow our economy, while always keeping in mind, the importance of maintaining the great quality of life residents and visitors have come to enjoy. Council feels the project being proposed by Community Wind Farms Inc. enables us to do both and at the same time helping us get closer to reaching our vision.

Sincerely,

Warden Penny Smith

