

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS

REPORT TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Subject: Second Reading – Large-scale wind turbines (File P12-01)

From: Planning Services

Date: July 3, 2012

Be It Resolved that Municipal Council give Second Reading to the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) amendments concerning large-scale wind turbines that indicate that Council intends to further review the issues and in the meantime not permit large-scale wind turbines in any area of Kings County, as set out in Appendix A of the report to Council, dated July 3, 2012.

Appendix A

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AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW #56 COUNTY OF KINGS MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

AND

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAW #75 COUNTY OF KINGS LAND USE BYLAW

Removal of Policies Regarding Development of Large-scale Wind Turbines in Rural Areas of the County

BYLAW #56 – MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY

1. Delete Section 5.5, **SITING OF LARGE-SCALE WIND TURBINES**, and replace it with the following Section 5.5:

5.5 CONSIDERATION OF LARGE SCALE WIND TURBINES

Large-scale wind turbines are an important source of renewable energy that can also have significant impacts on the landscape and residents. After a three year planning process, Council, in May 2011, approved Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw amendments aimed at encouraging large-scale wind turbines to locate in rural areas. Highlights of these amendments included listing large-scale wind turbines as a use permitted as-of-right and a 2300ft (700m) minimum separation distance between turbines and dwellings.

In December 2011, however, residents began to express significant concerns with Council's policies as specific proposals for large-scale wind turbines became known. In response to community concerns, Council undertook a project to review its regulations in early 2012, including open houses, a questionnaire and expert advice on health and safety impacts. Council, at this time, recognized the complexity of the issues and wished to take more time to review the information and consult with the public. In the meantime, therefore, Council decided to not permit large-scale wind turbines in any area of the Municipality of the County of Kings.

5.5.1 Consideration of Large Scale Wind Turbines Policy

As Council further reviews the complex planning issues, Council shall not permit large-scale wind turbines in any area of the Municipality.

2. Remove Section 5.5 from **PART 5 DEVELOPMENT REGULATORY POLICIES** of the Table of Contents, and replace it with the following Section 5.5:

5.5 CONSIDERATION OF LARGE-SCALE WIND TURBINES

BYLAW #75 – LAND USE BYLAW

1. Delete the following definitions from Section 1.161 of the Land Use Bylaw:

- 1.161.1 **Blade Clearance;**
- 1.161.3 **Decommissioning;** and
- 1.161.5 **Large-scale Wind Turbine**

and renumber the subsequent Subsections accordingly.

2. Remove Subsection 10.1.6, **Siting of Large-Scale Wind Turbines** from Section 10.1 of the Land Use Bylaw.
3. Remove Large-scale Wind Turbines from the lists of uses permitted subject to conditions in the A1, F1, R6 and S1 Zones.