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Mark Phillips
CAO
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Dear Mark Phillips:

**Re: West Hants Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments re
Large Scale Wind Turbine Setbacks**

Approved by the Council of West Hants Regional Municipality: September 26, 2024

Pursuant to Section 208(6) of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved, **with amendments**, the above-noted documents.

The amendments made by the Minister are to bring the Municipal Planning Strategy closer in alignment with the provincial interest outlined in the Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth, Clean Power Plan, and the Green Hydrogen Action Plan to implement legislated goals in the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*.

Subsection 208(8) requires that Council cause a notice to be published in the local newspaper or on the Municipality's website advising that the documents are in effect on the date of the notice and stating where the documents may be inspected.

For your records, enclosed are two copies of the Planning documents, each with a copy of the Minister's approval of the documents, with amendments.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact either Saira Smith, Senior Planner (Saira.Smith@novascotia.ca / 902-424-2394), or me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C Lovitt".

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