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Subject: Memoires

RE: Wind Turbine Project for St. Valentin & St. Paul-de-L'Isle-aux-Noix, QC.

Dear Sirs/Madames,

It was in December 2010, during a municipal meeting we were invited to in St. Valentin, a neighboring town, that I first discovered the existence of this project, already underway, to install 7 wind turbine towers IN St. Paul and in close proximity to my home. As we in St. Paul are not openly privy to the edicts or decisions of neighboring towns, and were not included in their 'door to door survey' NOR have access to their town meetings. This discovery, to say the least, was horrifyingly disturbing!

There are many reasons why, after 10 long years of diligent researching and many disappointments, I chose to purchase my home in this area 6 years ago! But the most important was (and still is) my physical health! Due to a somewhat rare medical condition called "Electro Sensitivity" I cannot live in close proximity to where there is any kind of 'electrical output' larger than that of a solitary home(although still suffer some minor, but tolerable, effects), thus minimizing my choices of locations AND my need for moving even farther away from larger communities. IF the Wind Turbines are allowed to be installed, I will regrettably be forced to forfeit my home, and health! Neither of which hold any interest to me, especially after already investing much time and money, and reaping the rewards of improved health!

Another of my reasons for moving here was to give my children a place for them to finally call home. Being an unsupported single parent for the past 16 years has carried many hardships. If that wasn't enough on its own, I was hit by a car in 1999 and was told I would be paralyzed for life, I've also fought Cancer for 17 years, and beat it, all the while having to care for my 2 children full time AND keep a roof over our heads. Then one unforgettable cold winter day I visited 'potential house number 42', this time in the quaint little town of St. Paul de L'Isle-aux-Noix, one of the areas included in my children's current school district. I hesitated as I approached the front door, preparing myself for yet another disappointment, but upon crossing the threshold, I was overwhelmed with a warm sense of belonging! I KNEW I was finally HOME! This is not a feeling you can purchase OR move to another location!! My long tedious search had thankfully come to an end, a lifetime dream had finally been realized, I had found my own little piece of heaven where I could finally lay my head! All my hard work, efforts, sacrifices and determination, had finally paid off! Not only had I overcome horrible odds, but I had single-handedly secured an ideal location for my family, and solved one of my more serious health issues as well! After spending several months at our new home, I discovered another life-saving benefit! The environment of the area was relieving even more of the stresses of urban life, allowing to further advance my recovery from the car accident! I was liberated from using a cane in 2009 and could now walk confidently on my own! Not a small feat considering back in 2001 doctors and specialists had said I'd never walk again, I stand before you today, owing much of my tenacity to being a Proud Quebecer and Canadian!

It's now been over 6 years that I've been living peacefully and comfortably in this wonderful little corner of Quebec. Although I am Anglophone, I've chosen to remain in this great province because of what Quebec, and its people, stand for. We are a nation, within a nation, because we've chosen a way of life wherein we stand up for what is right! Allowing for one mans greed to be imposed on not only ONE community but FIVE, are 'socialistic' actions I could never believe Quebec would tolerate!

Then of course, there's the wildlife in this area! Being spring, we have several migratory bird

the local fields to mate, including several species presently on Canada's Endangered lists. They would have issue with landing or even returning on their 'regular migratory path' if this project were to come to fruition! Not only would the workers disrupt the natural flow of land bound wildlife, encroaching on their already diminishing territory with heavier traffic flow and the removal of trees etc to create the roads to access the work sites, but it would also disrupt our feathered friends 'natural order' as well!

That said, I am hereby requesting the BAPE and the Environment Minister of Quebec to vote against this socialistic act brought upon the proud Quebec citizens of our area! It gives me great comfort to see the mandate of your office is one wherein you are sworn to protect the people, and allow us a voice in the decisions affecting our lives and our communities, especially where it concerns our overall health, our 'natural' surroundings, our well being, and our chosen way of life!

I am also hereby requesting the opportunity to present my memoirs personally during the sessions starting April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Thanking you in advance, for your kind considerations in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely,



Barbara Corcoran