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Greetings,

My name is Andrea Whyte. I am writing from the Mohawk Community of Kahnawake to express my opinion on the Saint-Cyprien Wind Farm Project currently being developed by Kahnawake in Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville.

It is important to me that this project has minimal, if any, negative impact on the environment and is beneficial to all the stakeholders. I feel this is true for this small 8-turbine project, as the farmers/landowners on whose land the windmills will be placed, as well as the communities of Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville and Kahnawake, will benefit economically over the next 20 or more years of operation. The land used will be reverted back to its original state at the project end. As well, the idea of using wind energy is ideal as it is a renewable and very clean source of energy.

To compare, in northern Quebec, with the development of mega-hydroelectric dams, entire communities, their environment, and their way of life were destroyed. This will not happen with the St-Cyprien Wind Energy Project. Rather, it will only bring benefits to the host region.

As someone who has concerns for the future, this project speaks to my concerns for the environment and the condition in which we will be leaving the earth for our young ones and the generations to come.

Also, as a resident of Kahnawake, I see funding shortages in our community. This project will bring in much needed dollars over the 20 or more years of operation that can be put towards infrastructure, services and the many other areas of need in our community.

With all the facts that have been presented to me, I feel I can give my full-hearted support to this project, knowing that the well-being and future of the communities, the people and the environment have been fully taken into account. As such, I believe this project should be approved as-is.

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