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Projet de parc éolien Saint-Cyprien à Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville

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Mémoire BAPE de Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville
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I am a citizen of Saint-Valentin, where I have lived with my husband for more that 50 years and raised our children. For many years we had a succesfull business with many employees. We have always liked our village, where everybody knows each other and where it is peaceful and serene.

We were very pleased to hear that the wind project of Saint-Valentin was canceled in 2011 because we were certainly against it. There was a lack of transparency and information at that time, but we still had our reasons to be against any wind turbines in the Montérégie because of the great agricultural potential of this area and the beautiful countryside scenery around Saint-Valentin. We feared for the value of our lovely house and we were worried about the social impact on this small rural community.

Therefore we could not believe that the wind project of Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville was still on the table! It was on the national news that the project of KSE was moved to Sorel! We know that the former mayor of Saint-Cyprien, Mr. Tremblay and the majority of the population were from the beginning very much against wind turbines in their municipality! We are bewildered that just on the other side of the road the people have to go through the whole exercise again because those who want to defend their opinion against a wind turbine project have to do a lot of work and after all it is almost about the same arguments, the same people and the same region. The message was loud and clear, 4 years ago and I think it didn't change today!

There is a difference between now and 2010-2011 though. I must say there is a lot less information about the Mohawk-project and the BAPE in our local door-to-door newspaper "Le Coup d'oeil". There never was any news about this big and invading event as a wind-project on the front page! No photographs, a few articles, but always at the end of the newspaper. A project that touches so many people should have been brought to the attention of those who have to live with it for the rest of their lives.

I am not sure who is responsible for the information and the publication of the events, but they didn't do a lot of effort!! A few insignificant articles in French, but never any news whatsoever in English. I think it is a shame to leave the local community in the dark about something so overwhelming as a wind turbine project!

I am against the project of Saint-Cyprien-de-Napierville out of solidarity and for all the same reasons that I was against the project of Saint-Valentin!

Thank you for your attention,

