

Town of Amherst

Special Council Meeting

Minutes

Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 28, 2012
 Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Mayor Robert Small
 Councillor George Baker
 Councillor Robert Bird
 Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop
 Councillor Terry Rhindress

Members Absent: Councillor David March
 Councillor Robert Angel

Staff Present: Greg Herrett, CAO
 Roger MacIsaac, Director CED
 Rebecca Purdy, Executive Assistant
 Jason MacDonald, Director of Planning

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Small called the special meeting to order at 5:35 PM

2. **Waive Notice of Meeting**

Moved By: Councillor George Baker
Seconded By: Councillor Terry Rhindress
 That notice of meeting be waived.

Motion Carried

3. **UNSM Resolution re Wind Turbines**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Dale Fawthrop
Seconded By: Councillor Robert Bird
 That the following resolution be referred to the UNSM on behalf of the Town of Amherst, to be included in the Fall resolutions:

Whereas the generation of wind energy facilitated by the construction of wind turbines is on the rise in the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Whereas it is acknowledged that wind energy is an important part of the Province's future energy requirements; and

Whereas conflicting bodies of research exist with regard to the impacts of said turbines on human health, property values and community development; and

Whereas setback requirements in municipal land use bylaws vary from municipality to municipality in the province; and

Whereas some municipal units have instituted moratoria on the construction of said turbines; and

Whereas residents of one municipality may potentially be adversely affected by the proximity permitted by the land use bylaw of an adjacent municipality; and

Whereas developers and residents alike would benefit from consistent provincial standards;

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Therefore be it resolved that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request that the Province of Nova Scotia conduct research and hold public consultations to determine an appropriate setback for wind turbine projects throughout the province.

Motion Carried

4. Adjourn

On motion by Councillor Rhindress the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Approved:

Gregory D. Herrett, CA
Town Clerk and CAO

Robert Small
Mayor