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Premier King
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Dear Premier King,

Please see the attached press release issued on January 15, 2024.

I am requesting you attend an open public meeting in the Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings to debate the issues outlined in the letter herein. I would propose that we agree to have the press , either Paul MacNeil of the Eastern Graphic or the CBC news team to arrange the date and terms of the debate.

I look forward to your response.

Thank You,

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Democracy is blowing in the wind on PEI.

In a fitting end to 2023 on PEI, northside winds tore the blades off an industrial wind turbine in Hermanville thereby doing to the turbine what Premier King did to democracy on PEI in 2023. Democracy is not defined as absolute authority of an individual yet in complete disregard for democracy, by granting the Minister of Energy absolute authority to build any energy project anywhere in the Province, the Premier has eliminated the authority and credibility of every municipal government on PEI. The Minister of Energy has no requirement to consider any concerns of any municipality, environmental group, citizen group or citizen. It is terrible governance laying the groundwork to further incompetence and potential corruption.

Gross incompetence is in full view. At the 70 million dollar Hermanville industrial wind turbine failure the carbon footprint is negative. It's a grey project, not a green project. An easy investigative review finds published reports of problems with the equipment at the time it was purchased. Why buy equipment known to have problems? It stinks. Further reports in 2022 by DNV Canada cited turbine blades with a "severe degree of damage or defect such that there is a high risk of imminent failure."

In a perfect justification for incompetence, Frontier Power Systems provided a report that states "With current generation limitations, ensuring this facility remains productive may be more important than simple financial optimization." This sentiment is well suited to the consultant benefitting from project after project but breaks every principle of financial responsibility.

Interestingly, the consultant who was engaged for the failed Hermanville project is given \$755,082 as project manager in a bigger turbine project, in a windier environment at East Point which is very environmentally fragile. What could possibly go wrong? Rather than investigate and repair incompetence and potential corruption, the Premier has multiplied it.

Something smells rotten and needs to be examined. An inquiry should be held to identify the players and processes responsible for this embarrassing and concerning failure. It's time to stand up and be counted or risk our democracy being blown away in the wind like the failed turbines in Hermanville. In the words of Winston Churchill 'we must defend our Isle, whatever the cost may be.' There are things that are worth paying a high price, industrial wind turbines are not one of them, our democracy is.

If there is any validity to rationale discarding our democracy then at the very least the Premier should come to Eastern Kings and have the courage to tell his story to the people. I publicly challenge him to do just that. I publicly ask Premier King to debate me in public as to why the use of absolute power is being imposed on Prince Edward Island and why he believes discarding well established democratic processes is better for PEI.

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