

Munn's Road, Souris, PE
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Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings
85 Munn's Road
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Dear Deputy Mayor and Councillors,

I am pleased that RMEK has sought legal counsel to assist in their consideration of the PEI Energy Corp. proposal(s). It will certainly enhance the decision making process.

In reading the Subdivision and Development Bylaw, I have noted two items:

1. The 'preliminary' application by PEIEC for a Special Permit for the proposal(s) is governed by RMEK Development Bylaw 5.33, Wind Turbines. Section 5.33.13 subsections a.-g. of the bylaw has seven documentation requirements necessary for application. None of these seven requirements have been met. The correct response of RMEK would be to return the 'preliminary' application to PEIEC marked as 'incomplete, as noted'.
2. Also for your consideration is Bylaw 4.5, Special Permit Uses. This bylaw states, in part, that Special Permit Uses **'would not be contrary to the general intent and purpose of these Regulations, the Official Plan, and to the public interest'**

Since January, Council has been listening to PEIEC proposals and to concerns of the public. Sometimes Council discussions have been closed to the public. In-camera sessions may be appropriate and necessary, but at this point in the process it would be advantageous for all to eliminate lingering clouds and strive for as much transparency as possible. It is time to actively engage the public and to receive the views of all residents.

I believe it is the responsibility of Council to respect the interests of the whole of Eastern Kings, to maintain the interests of the many over the few, and to anticipate future interests. I encourage RMEK Council to meet PEIEC in good faith and present concerns. Discuss on your terms. Be wary of making commitments. Despite the requests, assertions and persistence of PEIEC, the decision of RMEK Council will prevail.

Sincerely,

Don Humphrey on behalf of the Eastern Kings Community Association