

TRUST SHAKEN BY WIND FARM DECISION

As a resident of Eastern Kings, I know that I am blessed with living in one of the most beautiful places on Prince Edward Island. The quality of life and sense of community are unsurpassed.

For these reasons, I am mystified why the provincial government is so intent on altering forever my community. Can anyone explain this to me?

The provincial government has been tone deaf to concerns and recommendations regarding the wind turbine expansion in East Point. Concerns have been expressed by community groups, environmental organizations, its own standing committee, private citizens and, perhaps most importantly, the Council for the Rural Municipality of Eastern Kings, our local governing body, which speaks for the residents.

I will grieve the loss of wildlife habitat, the disruption of migratory bird patterns, the quality of life for residents, especially those in East Point, the beauty and stillness of this area as the construction of these giant wind turbines marches forward, despite all the voices against this “development.”

But the biggest loss is surely the loss of trust in government and belief that democracy is alive and well on Prince Edward Island.

Shame on you, Premier Dennis King, Minister Steven Myers, and all those around the cabinet table who voted in favour of changing regulations so that the minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Action could circumvent the wishes of a rural municipality in order to impose his will.

What is being lost far outweighs the provincial government’s “win” here.

Rural municipalities take notice:

This loss of the democratic process affects everyone and can happen to you, too.

Prince Edward Island deserves your response, Premier King and Minister Myers. Susan Sherwood, Red Point, P.E.I.

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