

## Media Release

### Alternative Resource Energy Authority – Wind Energy Project

Bedford, NS, June 24, 2014 - Members of the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) met on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to formalize constating documents, creating a municipally-owned independent power producer.

AREA is an inter-municipal partnership between the towns of Berwick, Mahone Bay and Antigonish and owner of the Ellershouse Wind Farm which has recently received a Development Agreement approval from the Municipality of West Hants.

Mayor Carl Chisolm of Antigonish has been selected as the AREA chair with Berwick's John Prall as vice chair and Mahone Bay's Jim Wentzell as secretary/treasurer.

Berwick, Mahone Bay and Antigonish own electric utilities that provide electricity to their respective residents and businesses. Speaking behalf of the consortium, Mayor Chisolm said: "We are very excited to be part of AREA and to be working closely with Berwick and Mahone Bay on a wind energy project that will now be hosted by a fourth municipal unit, West Hants. This project will provide green power at a stable price for our residents, something that we've been anticipating for a long time."

As the project moves forward with development, AREA and Minas Energy, who is developing the project on behalf of AREA, remain committed to working with the community, through engagement with local groups and individuals, and the Community Liaison Committee. "We look forward to continuing to work with West Hants Council and the community of Ellershouse on making this project a success", said Councillor John Prall of Berwick.

This project will provide enough power for 4,500 homes.

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About the Ellershouse Wind Farm:

The wind farm will be a 16.1 MW, 7-turbine project to be located near the Hamlet of Ellershouse. The project received Development Agreement approval from the Municipality of West Hants in May, 2014 and Environmental Assessment approval in February, 2014. AREA will own the project and have commissioned Minas Energy to develop the project on their behalf. Construction will begin in late 2014.

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