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Mark Phillips
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Dear Mark Phillips:

**Re: West Hants Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law amendments re
Large Scale Wind Turbine Setbacks**

Approved by the Council of West Hants Regional Municipality: September 26, 2024

MATTER REFERRED TO MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

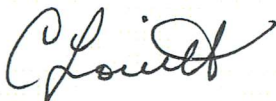
Pursuant to Section 208 of the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA), I have completed the mandatory review of the above-noted documents and have determined that the documents are subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, under subsection 208(3).

Specifically, the planning documents appear to affect the provincial interest (MGA Subsection 208[3][a]) outlined in the Climate Change Plan for Clean Growth, Clean Power Plan, and the Green Hydrogen Action Plan to implement legislated goals in the *Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act*.

If no decision is made by the Minister within 60 days of the date of this letter, the documents are deemed to be approved on the 61st day, and the notice requirements of Section 208(7) of the MGA shall apply.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact either Saira Smith (Saira.Smith@novascotia.ca / 902.424.2394) or me.

Kind regards,



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