

## **Resolution 4A**

### **WIND TURBINE SETBACKS (DEFEATED)**

⇒ Town of Amherst

**WHEREAS** the generation of wind energy facilitated by the construction of wind turbines is on the rise in the Province of Nova Scotia; and

**WHEREAS** it is acknowledged that wind energy is an important part of the Province's future energy requirements; and

**WHEREAS** conflicting bodies of research exist with regard to the impacts of said turbines on human health, property values and community development; and

**WHEREAS** setback requirements in municipal land use bylaws vary from municipality to municipality in the province; and

**WHEREAS** some municipal units have instituted moratoria on the construction of said turbines; and

**WHEREAS** residents of one municipality may potentially be adversely affected by the proximity permitted by the land use bylaw of an adjacent municipality; and

**WHEREAS** developers and residents alike would benefit from consistent provincial standards,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request that the Province of Nova Scotia conduct research and hold public consultations to determine means to allow municipalities whose boundaries fall within the turbine setback of a neighboring municipality a meaningful role in the decision making process leading to a project and/or by-law approval.