



PROTECT WENTWORTH VALLEY

**February 24, 2022**

## **PROTECT WENTWORTH VALLEY COMMUNITY MEETING**

The Protect Wentworth Valley committee has been working diligently for the last few months to understand the impact of wind turbine projects on Wentworth Valley and surrounding areas. We've read extensively, and consulted with scientists, engineers, as well as proponents of wind energy. We've met with elected officials at the municipal and provincial level and provided our concerns to the Cumberland and Colchester County Councils and to Minister Rushton (Natural Resources and Renewables), and Minister Halman (Environment).

Wentworth Valley and surrounding areas are important to the endangered mainland moose. The forest provides cover and food, habitat for breeding, and most importantly, a corridor to connect with other populations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to ensure genetic diversity. The Nova Scotia government is committed to protecting and supporting growth of the mainland moose population. Wind Turbine projects will decimate habitat, fragment existing populations, and eliminate any hope of establishing sustainable populations of the species. Our opportunity to save the mainland moose will have been lost forever.

As you know, Wentworth valley and surrounding areas are unique: the rugged beauty and wild spaces have attracted outdoor enthusiasts for many years. Those working and living in the area have a strong attachment to, and love for the land. We have seen exponential growth in residential development and visitors coming to the area to enjoy the beauty and wild spaces.

Our committee has worked hard on your behalf to investigate the issues, to synthesize the information, and to raise concerns. Based on everything we've learned we believe wind turbine projects should NOT be built in the Wentworth Valley or surrounding areas. Cumberland and Colchester counties have acknowledged that their land use bylaws are outdated and need to reflect the current state of wind turbine projects. The Nova Scotia

Government needs to designate this area as wilderness under the Nova Scotia Wilderness Areas Protection Act.

It is time for you to speak up before it is too late, before this beautiful area is forever and irrevocably altered, and before we lose our opportunity to save the endangered mainland moose. The RFP has weighting for public concern, YOUR opinion matters.

Here is how you can help now:

## **WRITE LETTERS:**

### **1] URGENT:**

1. Write to Cumberland County Council by **March 01,2022** to express your concerns and to support review of land use bylaws:

[Planning@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:Planning@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)

Template Letter link below:

[Cumberland Input | Protect Wentworth \(protectwentworthvalley.com\)](https://www.protectwentworthvalley.com)

2. Send an email to the procurement advisory office to express your concerns about the RFP process and the turbine projects: [wind.info@novascotia.ca](mailto:wind.info@novascotia.ca)
3. Sign our petition: <https://www.protectwentworthvalley.com/sign-our-petition>

2] Write Letters expressing your concerns and requesting enactment of the mainland moose recovery plan and that this area be designated as protected wilderness under the Nova Scotia Wilderness Protection Act . NOTE: there are letter templates and contacts on <https://www.protectwentworthvalley.com/write-a-letter>:

Premier Houston [PREMIER@novascotia.ca](mailto:PREMIER@novascotia.ca)

Minister of Natural and Renewable Resources, Tory Rushton: [mindnr@novascotia.ca](mailto:mindnr@novascotia.ca)

Minister of Environment, Tim Halman: [Minister.environment@novascotia.ca](mailto:Minister.environment@novascotia.ca)

NS Environment Assessment: [ea@gov.ns.ca](mailto:ea@gov.ns.ca)

3] Write to Colchester Council to express your concerns and to support review of land use by laws: <https://www.protectwentworthvalley.com/write-a-letter>

**VOLUNTEER:**

7] We need your assistance, please consider volunteering: [info@protectwentworthvalley.com](mailto:info@protectwentworthvalley.com)

**FOLLOW US:**

8] Follow us on Facebook (Wentworth and Folly Friends), Twitter (@SaveWentworth) and Instagram(@protect\_wentworth\_valley)

**SEND US PICTURES YOUR MOOSE SIGHTINGS:**

9] Send us any pictures of moose sightings or evidence of moose in the area. Please include location and date: #ProtectWentworthValley.

Sincerely,

Protect Wentworth Valley Committee

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