

Proposed Amendments to the Digby Municipal Airport Secondary Planning Strategy

The Digby Municipal Airport Secondary Planning Strategy is amended by:

1. Inserting the following after **Section 3.9 Transportation**:

“4.0 Domestic Wind Turbine Development – Setback Requirements

The term domestic scale wind turbine refers to turbines which serve to generate electricity for use directly on the site where they are located. The ‘user’ may be a residential, commercial, industrial or institutional use. These turbines range in both height and energy generation potential.

Most of these turbines are installed “behind the meter” and are tied directly to the building’s electrical system or indirectly to a battery reservoir system. NSPI restricts the size of these turbines to 100 Kilowatts (kW) and has established technical requirements for their installation and connection to a domestic power system.

The Council believes that individual property owners should be permitted to erect domestic scale turbines on their properties provided that they are located so as to not create an unacceptable level of noise as experienced by adjacent property owners. However no turbine will exceed the height restrictions established in the Land Use By-law.

Utility scale wind turbines, which are intended to provide energy to support the Nova Scotia Power grid system, are of a much greater height and are typically developed in larger numbers on a wind farm. As such utility scale turbines shall not be permitted in the planning area

Objective

To provide for the development of domestic wind turbines on the Digby Municipal Airport Lands subject to the height restrictions of the Land Use By-law.

Policy Statements

To achieve the above objective Council shall:

Policy DWT-1: Allow the development of only domestic scale wind turbines in all zones and to regulate the location of these turbines by establishing setback requirements from all property lines. The objective of this policy is to regulate the location of domestic turbines such that the noise level at the property line will not exceed a prescribed threshold.

Policy DWT-2: Not permit domestic wind turbines from exceeding the height restrictions established in the Land Use By-law.

2. Deleting "Municipal Planning" wherever it appears in the document and substituting "Secondary Planning".

This is to certify that the Amendment of which this is a true copy was duly passed at a duly called meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby, held the 25th day of January, 2010.

Given under the hands of the Municipal Clerk and under the seal of the Municipality of the District of Digby this 26th day of January, 2010.

Linda Fraser, CAO/ MUNICIPAL CLERK

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