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- 1) Do you live in the Municipality of the County of Cumberland on a seasonal basis? Yes / No
- 2) If you are a Cumberland County resident do you live in (circle one);  

Amherst	Oxford	Parrsboro	Springhill							
or which electoral district	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
- 3) How well do you believe you understand topics related to wind turbines? (check off the appropriate box)
  - Expert in this area
  - Good knowledge in this area
  - Little knowledge
  - I have no knowledge of wind turbines
- 4) What source(s) of information on wind turbines have given you your current knowledge on the topic? (circle all the appropriate sources)  
Newspapers / TV or radio news shows    Magazines    Documentaries    Word of mouth    Internet  
Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Are you aware the Nova Scotia Government is promoting renewable energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Yes / No
- 6) Did you know that the County has bylaws regulating the placement of large scale turbines? Yes / No
- 7) Do you think the current bylaws are sufficient? Yes / No
- 8) What three main factors should determine the bylaw for an appropriate wind turbine setback?  
1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Are you familiar with the following classification of wind turbines and power generated?  
\*\*\*\* 1 megawatt (MW) = 1 000 kilowatts \*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\* 1 kilowatt = 1 000 watts\*\*\*\*  
-Personal backyard turbine (purchased from a hardware store)? Yes / No  
-Net Metering (up to 1 MW)? Yes / No  
-Small scale commercial/community owned/distribution scale (under 2 MW)? Yes / No  
-Commercial/transmission/utility scale (multiple 1.5 MW [and up], turbines generally producing more than 2 MW)? Yes / No
- 10) Should the same setbacks apply to all classifications of wind turbines regardless of size/scale? Yes / No
- 11) If you answered no to the question above;
  - Should there be land use regulations for personal backyard turbines? Yes / No
  - Should there be land use regulations for Net Metering (up to 1 MW)? Yes / No
  - Should there be land use regulations for small scale commercial turbine projects (less than 2 MW)?  
Yes / No
  - Should there be land use regulations for Utility scale projects (multiple turbines producing over 2 MW)?  
Yes / No
- 12) Should areas for multiple turbine development be pre-determined by special land use zoning? Yes / No

13) Who do you feel should make the final decision on wind turbine location for each classification?

(Circle all the appropriate answers)

-Personal backyard turbine (for sale at hardware stores)

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-Net metering (up to 1 MW)

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-Small scale commercial/community owned/distribution scale (under 2 MW)

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-Commercial/transmission/utility scale (multiple turbines producing 1.5 MW and up)

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14) To date do you feel that the public has been given an opportunity to voice their opinion where wind turbines should and should not be located in Cumberland County? (check off the appropriate box)

- I feel that the public has been given many opportunities to voice their opinion
- I feel that the public has been given some opportunities to voice their opinion
- I feel that the public has not been given any opportunity to voice their opinion
- I have not paid much attention and I am not aware if the public has voiced their opinion

15) Do you think the public should be consulted for each classification of wind turbine?

-Personal Backyard turbine (purchased from a hardware store) Yes / No

-Net Metering (up to 1 MW) Yes / No

-Small scale commercial/community owned/distribution scale (under 2 MW)? Yes / No

-Commercial/transmission/utility scale (multiple turbines producing 1.5 Mega Watts and up) Yes / No

16) Do you think the County should invest in wind energy to offset operating costs of community facilities such as arenas and fire halls? Yes / No

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

17) Would you feel comfortable if wind turbines were proposed in your area? Yes / No

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18) After taking this questionnaire / attending our open house, are you interested in further educating yourself about wind turbines as a renewable source of energy? (check off the appropriate box)

- Yes I am very interested and will continue (or start) to educate myself
- Yes I am interested but will not likely spend the time to educate myself
- I am only slightly interested and will not likely spend time to educate myself
- I am not interested in educating myself about wind turbines

19) Would you be interested in further information / updates as this project progresses?

Yes / No (please include your contact info) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*Contact information will be kept confidential and will only be used to contact those individuals interested in further information and updates related only to the progress of this project.

20) General Comments or Questions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for completing our questionnaire. Your feedback is appreciated and will help inform the Municipality of potential wind turbine site considerations.