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The Province of Nova Scotia
c/o Procurement Administrator
1690 Hollis Street. P.O. Box 2664
Halifax, NS B3J 3P7

RE: Letter of Support for Proposed Red Spruce Wind Energy Project

To whom it may concern,

This letter is intended to illustrate the Municipality of East Hants' support of the proposed Red Spruce Wind Energy Project (the Project) being co-developed by SWEB Development LP (SWEB), its affiliates and community partners. The Municipality of East Hants was approached by SWEB at an early stage of the Project's development and has intentions to continue engaging with our councilors and staff throughout the proposed project's development, construction, and operational phases. The ongoing two-way communication will allow us to develop a firm understanding of the Project, while ensuring that our interests are being recognized and addressed.

The Municipality of East Hants is particularly interested in how the Project will create multifaceted benefits for our community. The East Hants region is keen to continue developing new and sustainable economic activity, and this Project will provide an opportunity for our community to receive a sustained monetary benefit from business activities that respect our natural environment. The revenue generated from the Project would substantially impact our community as it creates opportunities to fund new employment, infrastructure upgrades, and other initiatives that are aimed at making our community an attractive area for Nova Scotia residents to live and work. Further, a project of this size will contribute significant tax revenue to the region, further enhancing our long-term prosperity.

Over the short-term, the Municipality's concern is to guarantee transparent information about the Project to its population before the Project reaches commercial operation. SWEB has addressed these

concerns by organizing a public engagement session, a Project website as well as providing a designated contact for its Nova Scotia-based staff developing the Project. SWEB will continue to address concerns via its Project website, additional public engagement sessions, and other means of stakeholder engagement.

SWEB currently operates three community-scale wind energy projects within East Hants. With a local development and operational services team, the Municipality is able to directly engage SWEB's staff with any questions or concerns related to the existing projects. These operational projects provide local community benefits to unique community liaison committees for each project in addition to project-specific tax revenues. Our community is excited to host another renewable energy project that enhances the Province's energy security whilst also reducing Nova Scotia's impact on climate change via its energy sector.

Sincerely,



Warden Eleanor Roulston