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Subject: Benefits Agreement for Municipality of East Hants: Melvin Lake Wind Project (Mount Uniacke Area)

To Whom It May Concern:

ABO Energy Canada is submitting the Melvin Lake Wind Project into the Green Choice Program for approval on June 28, 2024, and anticipates learning the result of this in September 2024. The Project would place 20 wind turbines on private land south of Highway 101 and west of Pockwock Lake.

A Letter of Support was recently provided by the Municipality of East Hants to ABO Energy for this Project, with an understanding ABO Energy will still need to see municipal approval for the Project through the East Hants Land Use Bylaw's site plan approval process for large scale wind projects.

Benefits Agreement for Communities in Close Proximity of the Project:

In accordance with our commitment to communities directly benefitting from our projects, ABO Energy will establish an East Hants community benefit fund in conjunction with our Melvin Lake Wind Project, pending a successful outcome through the Green Choice Program.

This fund will be used specifically in the Mount Uniacke area, considering this is the area of the Municipality most impacted by construction and operation of this wind farm:

- ABO will contribute a **one-time \$55,000 amount to initiate this fund**, which will be launched on the Commercial Operational Date of the Melvin Lake Project and will be administered by a local committee comprised of residents of the Municipality.
- The intention of the fund is to financially support community betterment initiatives that promote positive social interaction of residents, in areas closest to this wind project.
- The Municipality acknowledges this offer and will continue dialogue with ABO Energy regarding this funding. If possible, the Municipality of East Hants will consider providing one representative on the Committee once this is in place.
- This amount is separate from the \$20-\$25 M provided to municipalities from ABO Energy over the lifetime of the Project through the mandated *Wind Turbine Facilities Municipal Taxation*



Act. ABO Energy also provides other community donations outside of this specific Benefit fund.

Signed,

NAME / TITLE [Eleanor Roulston, Warden] OR [CAO Kim Ramsay]
Municipality of East Hants

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