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Dear Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of May 1, 2013 regarding wind power, the City of Ottawa and recent Court decisions. First I would like to apologize for the delay in responding, as I receive a great deal of correspondence on a daily basis and some, such as your submission, require analysis by City staff.

The City recognizes that the case law pertaining to wind power developments is evolving. This has deferred the analysis of this issue to allow for the application of the provincial regulatory regime set out section 47.3 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19 and the associated Ontario Regulation 359/09 "Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation." This PROVINCIAL regulatory regime is quite onerous and requires any proposed wind power development seeking a provincial "renewable energy approval" to provide all relevant information and conduct consultations with stakeholders and local authorities, including that with the municipality in question.

As such, should a wind power developer seek a renewable energy approval in Ottawa, the City will review all documentation and information relating to the proposed development and fully participate in any such consultative process. Subsequently, the City will be in a better position to assess its response to any proposed project and will be in a better position to address any concerns and needs of the public that might arise.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Jim Watson
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