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### WIND ENERGY PROJECT OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR A CATEGORY B PROJECT EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

The **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** invites public comment on its proposal to undertake a wind energy project at Sandbanks Provincial Park, located on Lake Ontario in Prince Edward County. A Magenn Power Air Rotor System (MARS) innovative wind energy system, comprised of a single wind turbine of up to 100 kilowatt capacity and associated facilities, is proposed to be tested and operated within the park to produce green energy for in-park consumption. Development of the electric generation facility would include improvement to an existing gravel road, excavation of transmission lines and construction of storage buildings required for maintenance and operation of the facility. Some low to medium environmental effects are anticipated.

The proposal is being evaluated as a Category B project under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves. A Notice of Completion will be sent to those who submit comments or request further notice when the project evaluation is finished. MNR may proceed to implement the project without issuing a further general notice.

This project requires specific direction in a park management plan. Ontario Parks (Ministry of Natural Resources-MNR), is providing an opportunity for you to inspect the terms of reference for the proposed major amendment to the *Sandbanks Provincial Park Management Plan* to address modifications to operational and development policies and park zoning (creation of a new 29 ha development zone in an area currently zoned natural environment) as a result of the proposed project. At the same time, the boundaries of other development zones in the project area are being updated based on more accurate mapping.

The terms of reference will be posted on the Ontario Parks website at: [www.OntarioParks.com/planning](http://www.OntarioParks.com/planning). Copies are also available from the contact listed below.

You are invited to attend a public open house on **Thursday, October 2, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Picton Town Hall, 2 Ross Street, Picton, Ontario**. The open house will allow interested individuals and parties the opportunity to inspect the project file and terms of reference, view maps and discuss questions with members of the planning team.

Comments must be received within the 45-day comment period, which expires on **Monday, November 10, 2008**.

For more information on the project, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact:

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The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* and *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, however, your comments will become part of the record of consultation and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the MNR to send you information about future planning initiatives in the park area. If you have questions about use of your personal information, please contact Susan Grigg, Park Planner at 613-531-5722.