

THE REPORT IN BRIEF

Mesgi'g Ugju's'n 2 Wind Farm Project in the D'Avignon MRC

INQUIRY AND TARGETED CONSULTATION MANDATE - MARCH 11 TO JUNE 11, 2024



Photo : Mesgi'g Ugju's'n

Mesgi'g Ugju's'n 2 Wind Farm Limited Partnership (MU2), composed of Mi'gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation (MMBC) and Innergex énergie renouvelable inc., is proposing the creation of a MU2 wind farm, comprising up to 24 turbines for a total capacity of 102.24 MW. The initiator of the project would install these turbines on the periphery of an existing wind farm, Mesgi'g Ugju's'n, on public lands in the unorganized territory of Rivière-Nouvelle, located in a forested environment and forming part of Gespe'gewa'gi, the traditional Mi'gmaq territory. It aims to commission the wind farm by December 2026 at the latest, and to operate it for 30 years. The estimated cost of the project is \$250 million.

Targeted Consultation

The Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Antoine Morissette, was asked to examine :

- The impact of infrasound and low-frequency noise on wildlife;
- Cumulative effects on wildlife habitats;
- Wind farm dismantling.

Opinion of the Commission of Inquiry

Based on its analysis of the project and the 10 observations it has made, the Commission of Inquiry has issued the following opinions :

- ▶ Undesirable effects on wildlife passing through the Mesgi'g Ugju's'n 2 wind farm are possible; consequently, the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs (MELCCFP) should keep a scientific watch on the effects of wind farm noise on terrestrial wildlife, including those of infrasound.
- ▶ Given the precarious nature of resident bat populations, and the sensitivity of migratory bats to wind power development, the MELCCFP should require the application of its flanging measure to the MU2 wind farm.
- ▶ The MELCCFP, in collaboration with Recyc-Québec and wind turbine manufacturers in Quebec, should establish requirements for the materials used in the manufacture of wind turbine blades, with the aim of encouraging, if not promoting, a rigorous application of the 3RV-E hierarchy and favouring a model based on the circular economy when these blades reach the end of their useful life.

The targeted consultation in brief

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to better
understand
the project
and express
opinions

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findings

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Citizen Participation

Chapter 2 reports on public concerns and opinions. It discusses :

- ▶ Regional support for the project;
- ▶ Renewable energy production;
- ▶ Project impacts, including the effects of low-frequency noise, and infrasound on animals and humans.



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