

From: colin seeley [[mailto:](#) [REDACTED]]
Sent: July-22-19 9:50 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

Dear Sir/Madame:

I wish to express my concerns with recent proposals to have the Rockwood Park zoning by-laws changed/amended which would allow wind/solar developments within park boundaries. It is my opinion that these energy projects are for the most part built, owned and operated by private developers for profit. And as such are no different than any other developer (residential/commercial/other) wishing to develop within park boundaries.

I stand opposed to any zoning By-law changes/ammendments which would permit such activities within Rockwood park boundaries.

Please forward my opposition to those concerned. in dealing with these By - Law amendments.
Thank you and sincerely

Colin Seeley

[REDACTED]
Black River NB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: July-22-19 2:58 PM

To: External - CommonClerk

Subject: Proposed rezoning amendment to allow wind and solar projects in parks and natural areas.

Although I support projects that bring us clean green energy and commend the city of Saint John for trying to move to solutions for the climate crisis, placing wind and solar projects in parks and natural areas is a bad idea. The fastest and most economical means to address climate change and global warming is to plant thousands of trees. Cutting down trees to make a road into the wind or solar farm and to clear a standing area for placement would defeat the very purpose for a solar or wind project. Please withdraw any references to parks and natural areas from this amendment.

Joan Pearce [REDACTED] Road Saint John NB

From: Peggy Campbell [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: July-18-19 6:47 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: proposed changes in by-laws

To: common clerk
Saint John

In a recent letter to three councillors and the mayor, I expressed concern about one section of the proposed municipal by-law changes now being discussed as a result of the Dillon report. This letter to you is also in relation to that same issue. Specifically, I am concerned about the section relating to "Parks and Natural Areas." I am NOT opposed to other Green Energy plans in the Dillon report; I have been in favour of wind and solar power generation for quite a long time. I am only concerned here about Rockwood Park.

Although the suggested by-law states that "Parks and Natural Areas" are "not appropriate locations for development," there was a caveat: "Due to the large provision of Park and Natural Areas in largely inaccessible areas of the city, Green Energy Developments...are appropriate."

In my original letter I said that my concern is that many people both in and out of government consider parts of Rockwood Park to be "largely inaccessible." (This is a misconception, but we won't discuss that here.) Because of that "largely inaccessible" phrase above, where does Rockwood Park fit in the overall scheme of things?

A recent widely published paper - look it up!! - stressed how important trees are in combatting climate change: "Best way to fight climate change? Plant a trillion trees" by Seth Borenstein, July 4, 2019, AP news. The paper contains many statistics on the serious amount of CO2 being absorbed by trees. Six nations are cited as having the most room for new trees, and Canada is one of them. One scientist quoted in the paper added, " This is by far - by thousands of times - the cheapest climate change solution."

Now: Rockwood Park probably doesn't have a trillion trees, but it certainly has a lot. Given where it is - in the middle of a highly industrialized city - the presence of all those trees becomes even more important. Construction of any Green Energy facilities in the Park would require destruction of many trees, thereby reducing the over-all CO2 absorption capacity, not increasing it. Rockwood Park is already doing a great deal to help cope with climate change in Saint John. It does not need wind turbines or solar displays in it. Please either drop the "Parks and Natural Areas" section from the proposed by-law, or have the by-law clearly state that Rockwood Park is excluded from these kinds of Green Energy Developments. Just leave it alone.

Thank you for your attention.

Peggy Campbell
[REDACTED] Saint John

From: Peggy Campbell [<mailto:>]
Sent: July-25-19 3:43 PM
To: External - CommonClerk; Melanson, Ken
Subject: proposed changes to by-laws

I wrote previously to express concern about a part of the "Parks and Natural Areas" section of the Dillon report and the resulting proposed new by-law wording prompted by the report. Again, to quote my other letter, "Although the suggested by-law states that "Parks and Natural Areas" are "not appropriate locations for development," there was a caveat: "Due to the large provision of Park and Natural Areas in largely inaccessible areas of the city, Green Energy Developments...are appropriate." In that previous letter, my concern was the term "inaccessible," since many people (including some on city staff) seem to consider parts of Rockwood Park to be "inaccessible."

Well, it gets worse. The city publishes a map of all the trails in Rockwood Park. These trails are grouped into four sections: the Trans Canada Trail; wide gravel trails; double track trails; and - the largest group by far - single track WILDERNESS (emphasis added) trails.

Now; not only do many apparently consider parts of the Park to be inaccessible, but the city itself calls the majority of the trails "wilderness." (a total misnomer, but again we won't discuss that here...) I can just hear some eager developer saying, "Hey! That's a whole inaccessible wilderness area! Let's put wind turbines there!"

The trails are NOT inaccessible and the area is NOT (by any stretch of the imagination) a wilderness. The Park is NOT appropriate for large scale green energy development. Please clearly indicate in the by-law that Rockwood Park is to be exempted from any such development. Thank you for your attention.

Peggy Campbell
 Saint John

From: Stephanie Avery-Gomm [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: July-29-19 9:47 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Comments about Green Energy Projects in Saint John Parks

Dear Common Clerk,

I am writing to express concern that the Municipal Plan may be changing the zoning of Saint John parks to permit wind and solar projects. Although I write as a concerned citizen, I am trained as a conservation scientist. I understand the need to support Green Power but do not support trading the ecological, social and community values for the economic profits of a wind or solar project in the park. Wind and solar power projects are often lower impact than other energy projects but do have associated habitat disturbance, noise pollution and habitat clearing associated.

I anticipate significantly organized opposition to any such large-scale projects in the park. Save us the effort, and don't rezone parks in Saint John to allow wind and power projects.

Stephanie Avery-Gomm, MSc
[REDACTED], Saint John, NB [REDACTED]

From: Elaine Geary [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: July-30-19 9:23 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Green Energy Development

Attn: Jonathan Taylor

It has come to my attention plans are being made to amend policies related to Green Energy Development. I would strongly recommend excluding Rockwood Park from the proposed municipal plan. Our beautiful Rockwood Park needs to be protected from any and all development, this treasure would be vastly diminished by having wind turbines installed. They are very noisy and would disrupt the peace and tranquility of our beautiful park. Please leave Rockwood Park alone.

A concerned citizen,

Elaine Geary, E2K
Phone:

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Adrienne McIntosh <[REDACTED]>
Sent: July-27-19 5:59 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park development

It seems that the park exists for the public only until someone comes up with a scheme. Recently there was a proposal to build condos along Sandy Point Road. The proponents said they would be very nice, completely overlooking the intention of the landowners who originally donated the land for the park, that it would be set aside for a park in perpetuity. Large scale green projects will mean large areas will be cleared, whittling away at our city's inheritance. Don't approve something that , once lost, can not be regained. Andrew McIntosh

From: mary milander [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: July-31-19 4:06 PM

To: External - CommonClerk

Subject: Proposed zoning amendments to municipal plan to allow wind & solar projects in parks & natural aareas

I am opposed to large scale green energy projects, including solar and wind, in Rockwood Park and other park lands. Such projects would involve construction of roads to move project parts into the park, clearing of land for the actual projects and placement of transmission lines. This construction would amount to destruction of the park. Rockwood Park's trails, lakes, campgrounds, berries and EVERYTHING are enjoyed in all seasons by thousands of people.

Please protect Rockwood Park and surrounding areas from yet another assault!

Mary Milander

[REDACTED]
Saint John, NB
[REDACTED]

Taylor, Jonathan

From: donna kasdan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-07-19 10:23 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

I am opposed to any large scale Green Energy project in Rockwood Park for the following reasons ;

1. we don't know what these projects would be . . . being "Green" covers too many thi
2. the natural environment is the most important thing about the park . . large scale projects are disruptive.
3. there is always pressure to "improve" the park and the problem of funding to keep it the same.

I live across from the park and walk there nearly every day. My family regularly uses the park and knows it well.

Please consider carefully any decisions , , they are rarely reversible.

Respectfully, Donna Kasdan, [REDACTED] Hawthorne Ave. Extension

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Ben Speers-Roesch <bspeersr@unb.ca>
Sent: August-06-19 7:27 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Opposition to proposed zoning amendments to Parks and Natural Areas

Dear Common Clerk,

I am writing as a Saint John resident, with regards to proposed zoning amendments that will allow wind and solar projects in Parks and Natural Areas, including Rockwood Park.

I am opposed to this amendment, unless it is revised to exempt Parks, especially Rockwood Park.

I am not opposed to green energy projects -- they are crucial to combatting the climate crisis. However, Rockwood Park and other parks are not the place for large scale green energy projects. There are several reasons why: habitat disturbance, infrastructure clearing, noise, pollution. Planting thousands of trees -- or keeping the intact forests that already exist in the Park -- is cheaper and the most economical solution to the climate crisis. In my opinion, energy generation infrastructure should be developed far away from high density urban and suburban areas and their parklands, to minimize impacts on our citizens.

Please don't develop my Parks!

Sincerely,
Ben Speers-Roesch

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Taylor, Jonathan

From: jill jollineau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-07-19 6:03 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

Dear Common Clerk,

I am writing as a Saint John resident, with regards to proposed zoning amendments that will allow wind and solar projects in Parks and Natural Areas - including Rockwood Park.

I am opposed to this amendment unless it is revised to exempt Parks - especially Rockwood Park.

I am not opposed to green energy projects - they are crucial to combating the climate crisis. However, Rockwood Park and other parks are not the places for wind or solar projects. There are several reasons why: habitat disturbance, infrastructure clearing, noise, pollution. There are many sites more appropriate for the development of green energy projects.

Please don't develop my Parks!

Sincerely

Jill Jollineau

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Trish Williams <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-06-19 4:20 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Destroying the essence of Rockwood Park

Importance: High

I know that any construction operation, building, access maintenance, disturbance of any area traditionally or figuratively known or referred to as Rockwood Park at any standards, inspections, operational codes, maintenance or environmental protections are insufficient to hint at any sort of minimal impact on the site itself or the surrounding area.

I know that there have been absolutely no human developments, projects, research, or explorations that have not suffered from mistakes, human error, intentional disregard, or sudden discovery of an endangered special breeding ground that has previously been protected for thousands of years with the complete ineffectual current knowledge base as to the long or short term effect of any mechanical movement, reverberation, or noise on the then already environmentally contaminated sites.

The city and Mr Irving are quite well aware government lands, or privately held lands in and around the vast area of saint john - especially far east on the windy ocean front.. and in it perhaps on a man made floating island, or IN the ocean itself that would be prime realstate the city, government, and private land holder can confer unto them selves any wind or tidal power production.

NO development of any kind in Rockwood Park.

Patricia Williams

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Heather Scott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-07-19 9:05 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: parkland & green energy

Dear Common Clerk,

I am writing with regards to proposed zoning amendments that would allow wind and solar projects in Parks and Natural Areas - including Rockwood Park.

I am opposed to this amendment unless it is revised to exempt Parks.

I am not opposed to green energy projects - they are crucial to combatting the climate crisis. However, Rockwood Park and other parks are not the places for green energy projects. There are several reasons why: habitat disturbance, infrastructure clearing, noise, pollution, and health problems associated with wind turbines which place those both visiting the park and living in the vicinity, at risk.

Please leave the parks as they were intended - as park land, and look for places to put wind turbines which are not near populated areas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Heather Scott

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Sue Dunham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-06-19 8:14 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

I understand that The City of Saint John is considering changes to zoning for the natural areas and parks.

It is my understanding that this property was willed to the citizens of Saint John so that they will always have a safe place to enjoy the natural surroundings that it has provided for all of the years that it has been there. It was meant to provide a quiet location for animals in their natural environment even as industry and business have developed all around it.

It provides a location to go swimming, hiking, biking, golfing, fishing and even go to the barn to see the horses. The location of Rockwood Park is convenient for those who reside in all locations of the City of Saint John. There have been ducks in the pond for as long as I can remember.

There used to be an area that had bears and deer in their enclosed spaces. This area has been taken over by a RV and camping grounds.

I do NOT agree with any more development to this property.

S. Dunham

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Gary Cole <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-06-19 7:46 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

Just heard that Council is considering allowing wind and solar power installations in the Largest Urban Park in Canada which incidentally was my back yard and playground a few decades ago. Nobody is greener than me but this would be a huge disruption of a priceless beautiful eco-system that just is not worth the cost. Let's promote this indredible place to eco tourists and put the wind and solar stuff on the roof tops other built places.Lets also mae the most of the river and bay as power sources.

Taylor, Jonathan

From: CAROL RING <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-07-19 9:53 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park

Dear Sir/Madam:

Regarding energy projects in the parks:

I am not opposed to green energy projects; in fact I think green energy for the city, province , and all of Canada should be the focus of our efforts due to the impending speed of climate change.

Parks , especially Rockwood park, however , are not the places for large scale energy projects. There are many reasons for this. Parks are places set aside to protect wildlife, trees , and natural flora and fauna. Large scale projects of any kind would involve clearing large treed areas, habitat destruction, noise, air pollution, to name a few detrimental effects of such a project. Areas where there are already different types of infrastructure for other projects in place could be areas where windmills and solar farms could be located.

Also, planting thousands of trees wherever possible is an excellent economical solution to help combat climate change.

Although I live just outside the city , I and my family and friends are frequent visitors to, and admirers of, Rockwood Park.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Carol A. Ring

[REDACTED]
Rothesay NB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

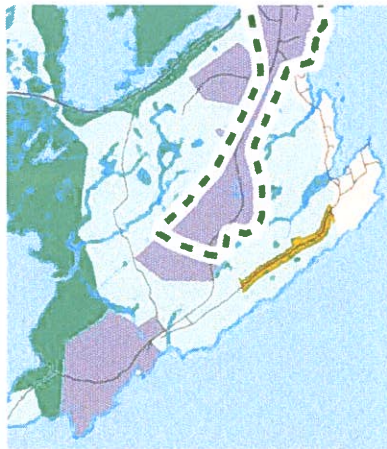
Carol A Ring 

Saint John Green Energy Policy Framework

Natural Forces Comments

The City of Saint John Municipal Plan

Natural Forces has two comments about the existing Municipal Plan and the “Proposed Municipal Plan Amendment RE: Policies Related to Green Energy Development” from the City of Saint John Common Council Meeting Agenda dated Monday, July 8, 2019 (6 pm).

Comment	Solution
The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment states that Green Energy Developments will be appropriate, following approvals, on lands designated as Rural Resource, Heavy Industrial, or Parks and Natural Areas. The proposed amendment to the Municipal Plan does not include mention of Green Energy Developments being appropriate in Heavy Industrial Areas.	<i>Explicitly state in the Municipal Plan that Green Energy Developments, as defined in the City’s Zoning Bylaw, are appropriate in Heavy Industrial Areas.</i>
Natural Forces is concerned about the existing Future Land Use map (schedule B of the Municipal Plan). The proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw explicitly states that Green Energy Developments will only be permitted on lands outside of the Primary Development Area (PDA) on lands designated as Rural Resource, Heavy Industrial, or Parks and Natural Areas following rezoning to Green Energy. The issue arises from the lands that have been identified for the upcoming Saint John Energy wind farm development. A large portion of these lands are designated as Heavy Industrial within the PDA.	<p><i>Mobilize policy LU-75 of the Municipal Plan to remove these lands from the PDA. The lands are those Heavy Industrial lands at the most western portion of the PDA, near Lorneville, as shown below.</i></p> 

The City of Saint John Zoning Bylaw

Natural Forces has a number of comments about the “Green Energy Development: Municipal Policy & Regulatory Amendments” report prepared by Dillon Consulting, which was submitted on May 28, 2019. This document was accessed from the City of Saint John Common Council Meeting Agenda dated Monday, July 8, 2019 (6 pm). Comments in this section are limited to those recommendations made by Dillon Consulting about the Zoning Bylaw amendments.

Section	Comment	Solution
14.10(3) Zoning Standards: Setbacks (LWT)	There exists some ambiguity here in the meaning of ‘property lines external to the project’.	<i>Natural Forces considers all property lines that are shared with parcels that are part of the project to be internal. This means that all property lines for any parcel that has a lease, easement, or neighbor agreement as part of our project is considered internal, regardless of whether the adjacent parcels have any of these agreements.</i>
14.10(6) Zone Standards: Height	Setting the maximum height for a Large-Scale Wind Turbine to 200 m is too low. The standard height for large-scale wind turbines is currently 220 m. Turbines are currently being installed across Canada at this height. The use of these turbines requires an Environmental Assessment, which thoroughly examines the impact of the height of turbines at a given site. This process would limit the height of a turbine based on impact, which makes it unnecessary to set height restrictions in the Zoning Bylaw.	<p><i>Remove any height restrictions on Large-Scale Wind Turbines.</i></p> <p><i>This maximum height should also be removed from the definition of ‘Large-Scale Wind Turbine’.</i></p>
14.10(7) Conditions of Use & Operation	A development permit should not be required for a Temporary Test Tower Facility. This requirement would be inconsistent with the Zoning Bylaw Section 2.11(b), which does not require development	<i>Since the largest type of Temporary Test Tower Facility is physically similar to a telecommunication tower (example photo included below table) and they are all</i>

	<p>permits for telecommunication towers or temporary structures. Furthermore, the test towers used for wind projects are already regulated by Transport Canada and NavCan. Given that the location of the current project is on Crown land, this requirement would also duplicate the development permit required for wind exploration on Crown land.</p> <p>The term 'Temporary Test Tower Facility' is not defined. There is some ambiguity in the definitions of 'Temporary Test Facility' and 'Wind Test Tower' and the term used in this clause, being 'Temporary Test Tower Facility', which is not formally defined.</p>	<p><i>temporary, the requirement for a development permit should be removed. This would also prevent duplicating federal and provincial requirements.</i></p> <p><i>The term 'Wind Test Tower' should be removed and the definition should be added to the definition of 'Temporary Test Facility' (as below), which should be the term used throughout the Zoning Bylaw amendments. It should thereafter remain that 'Temporary Test Facilities' are permitted in all zones (as in the amendment to Section 9.19 Uses Permitted in Zones), and do not require development permits.</i></p> <p><i>Suggested definition: 'Temporary Test Facility means a temporary measurement tower, instrument, or mechanical device used for the assessment of potential wind energy resource.'</i></p>
14.10(8) Development Permit Application	<p>Requiring a copy of the Environmental Assessment and all Federal and Provincial approvals for the development permit application should be removed. Because the Environmental Assessment process is so long, the development permit application should not be dependent on approval in order to avoid unnecessary delays.</p>	<p><i>The development permit and environmental assessment processes should be separate and parallel. Conditional approval of a development permit, requiring EA approval, could be implemented instead.</i></p>

Taylor, Jonathan

From: Irene Keleher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-08-19 11:30 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rezoning Rockwood Park

I strongly object to any changes in the zoning of Rockwood Park to allow for wind turbines or solar energy providers. I believe it should be left in its natural state as it was intended, to be enjoyed by hikers, etc.

Irene Keleher

[REDACTED]
Saint John, NB [REDACTED]

Evans, Richard

From: helenew <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-06-19 4:01 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rezoning of Rockwood Park

I do not want any rezoning of Rockwood Park, I feel that it should be left undisturbed, and protected against any similar future proposals.

Helene Williams

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®4

Betty Lizotte

Saint John NB

Phone:

August 5, 2019

Common Clerk
City of Saint John

commonclerk@saintjohn.ca

As a member of Friends of Rockwood Park, it is a rare day when I do not find myself worrying about when the next proposed "development in the park" plan will rear its ugly head. I am not alone. When that happens, hundreds of Saint Johners rise to the "Save-Rockwood-Park" call, and anger is most often their first reaction – anger that the City would again attempt to sell off and/or destroy any part of Rockwood Park.

I am in favour of green energy development and feel that Saint John has many appropriate areas better suited to that need. Rockwood Park is one of Saint John's greatest assets and must be protected from all development that is unrelated to park use.

Betty Lizotte

[REDACTED]
Saint John, N.B.
[REDACTED]

August 5, 2019

RE: Proposal to amend Municipal Plan and Zoning By-law to 'facilitate future and anticipated green energy development within the City of Saint John'

Dear Mayor and City of Saint John Councillors,

I have reviewed the Dillon Consulting report on 'green energy development' in Saint John. I am not in favour of by-law and planning changes that would allow for 'green energy development' within Rockwood Park or any other municipal park. I suggest that municipal park land be excluded from development because this is the essence of a park. Unfortunately, the city of Saint John seems to need to be reminded of this fact on a regular basis.

'Green energy' is a misnomer. These are industrial projects requiring major land changes to install the infrastructure, including access to the electrical grid. The public will be restricted from accessing the sites. And once 'some development' is allowed it is a slippery slope towards allowing more development. This is why framing the development as being 'green' is somewhat deceptive. In the end it is taking park land away from the public and giving it to private users.

This is not to say that I oppose the development of 'green energy' projects. But I think that is a separate issue from whether municipal park land should be available for such projects.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tom Inkpen

[REDACTED]

August 6, 2019

TO : Mayor Don Darling and members of Common Council
c/o Common Clerk
City of Saint John
PO Box 1971, Saint John, NB E2L 4L1

**Proposed Municipal Plan Amendment and Rezoning
Re: Policies Related to Green Energy Development**

I support the city's effort to be proactive on development of green energy.

I am concerned however that the proposed amendment is recommending to allow green energy development in "Parks and Natural Areas", along with "Heavy Industrial Areas" and "Rural Resource Areas".

"Parks and Natural Areas" includes Rockwood Park, Irving Nature Park, and many other known parks in the city. These parklands should not be considered as a site for green energy projects.

I have attended the information meeting between FORP (Friends of Rockwood Park) and the city staff (Mr. Brian Irving from Develop SJ, Mr. Ken Melanson from Community Planning and Mr. Corey Cooper also from Community Planning) held in Saint John Free Public Library at Market Square on Tuesday, July 23, 2019. The city staff was aware that there was no safeguard for public parks written into this proposal, and encouraged attendees to send in letters asking for an exclusion of all known parks from "Parks and Natural Areas".

The current language in the proposal looks at "Parks and Natural Areas" as a whole.

I would like the Mayor and members of Common Council to consider adding an exclusion;
"Parks and Natural Areas, excluding Rockwood Park and any other known parks in the City".

Respectfully,

Atsko Nose
[REDACTED]

Saint John, NB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Evans, Richard

From: David Hazen Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-02-19 4:11 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Rockwood Park possible commercial green renewable energy projects

Dear Mayor and Council:

Regarding the recent report by Dillon Consulting, titled "Green Energy Development - Municipal Policy and Regulatory Amendments," this report recommended the possibility of green energy projects being located in city parklands, including Rockwood Park.

I am opposed to commercial renewable energy projects such as solar and wind being located in any undeveloped parts of Rockwood Park.

The undeveloped lands in Rockwood Park contain significant natural habitat for many species, including a number of uncommon species to this area. These undeveloped areas are all used for low impact recreational activities such as hiking, nature observation, photography, and educational activities. Numerous pathways and low impact trails exist for use throughout the undeveloped sections of the park. These undeveloped sections of the park are largely forested areas forming an important carbon sink within the city. This is an area where people wishing to escape within the city can find a significant area of solitude not available in many urban communities.

The park is located close to the university, and the undeveloped areas of the park are used for important biological research projects.

The undeveloped areas of Rockwood Park should be kept in their current, natural, undeveloped state. Rockwood Park must be kept as a place for low key recreational needs of the community and for habitat for the species that exist there. Commercial development, including green energy projects must not be permitted in Rockwood Park. Furthermore, I believe the city should move to enact legislation which would protect Rockwood Park from threats of commercial, residential, and industrial development in perpetuity.

David H. Thompson

[REDACTED]
Saint John, NB [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Evans, Richard

From: Jim Sulis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-03-19 8:27 PM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: proposal to locate wind turbines in designated park areas

Common Clerk for the City of Saint John

Sir: I would like to go on record as opposing the possibility of locating wind turbines within the bounds of designated parklands in Saint John.

Sincerely,

James Sulis
[REDACTED]

Saint John, NB [REDACTED]

Ernestine Rooney

Saint John NB

Phone:

August 5, 2019

Common Clerk
City of Saint John

commonclerk@saintjohn.ca

I am writing further to hearing of City plans to update the municipal plan. Apparently, this will fill in the blanks relative to green energy development within Saint John. One of the areas included is Park and Natural Areas.

I have no problem with green energy development within the City limits except when it comes to Rockwood Park. The Park is the people's heritage. It provides *a place close by* for all to enjoy, a place to get away from the noise and pollution of industry and the bustle of daily life. Rockwood Park needs to be reserved and preserved for the people of Saint John, our surrounding communities and our visitors.

Ernestine Rooney

Evans, Richard

From: Pamela Ross <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-06-19 9:45 AM
To: External - CommonClerk
Subject: Possible commercial green renewable energy projects at Rockwood Park

Dear Mayor Darling and Members of Council;

Regarding the report by Dillion Consulting, recommending the possibility of green energy projects being located in parklands and Rockwood Park, I would like to express my opposition to this for the following reasons.

I do not approve of commercial renewable energy projects(solar or wind) in any of the undeveloped parts of Rockwood Park.

It is my feeling that undeveloped lands within Rockwood Park provide a natural habitat for many species, as well as areas used by hikers, nature enthusiasts, and recreational vehicle exploring. . This undeveloped land is considered by many to be a retreat for solitude, not available in other urban areas.

Undeveloped sections of the park are for the most part forested areas, which form important carbon sink within our city.

As our elected officials I appeal to you to keep our undeveloped areas of Rockwood Park in their current, natural, undeveloped state.

In closing I request the city should move forward on enacting legislation to perpetually protect Rockwood Park from commercial, residential, and industrial development.

In appreciation ;
Pamela Ross
Saint John,NB

Sent from my iPad

Taylor, Jonathan

From: PHILLIP BLANEY <pcblaney@rogers.com>
Sent: July-28-19 9:49 PM
To: Beamish, Patrick; Darling, Don; Reardon, Donna; Sullivan, Gary; Norton, Greg; McAlary, Shirley; Casey, Sean; Strowbridge, Ray; MacKenzie, John; Merrithew, David; Armstrong, Blake; David Hickey; Hickey, David; External - CommonClerk
Subject: Sustaining Saint John a 3 part plan
Categories: Red Category

In sustaining SJ in background you talk about a series of inter-connected challenges. Yet this plan seems to focus mainly on fiscal sustainability. I see no actions regarding environmental sustainability or democratic and demographic sustainability.

I'm going to try and combine my concerns with Sustaining Saint John with my concerns with Proposed Municipal Plan Amendment Re: Policies Related to Green Energy Development and where you may see a problem I see potential for opportunity.

Concerns 1 Your neo liberal response to single out labor as the main reason for SJ fiscal crisis. When it is Neo liberalism 40 year failed experiment in social engineering that is to blame. If you work with labor there are solutions to be found. 2 Your action on city borders I agree for our population a city this size is unsustainable if we continue with the model of our past re economic development. Yet here again we have an opportunity if we are willing to learn from our mistakes. correct the problems and make disadvantages into advantages. 3 Saint John Energy concern I fear the possibility of any p3 plans SJ energy needs to be kept in public hands.

If you click on the Econous link and go to the video titled Building a fair economy from the ground up. they will have Councillor Matthew Brown from Preston UK as their first speaker via video. He talks about stopping money leakage, anchor institutes, working with unions and surrounding communities. and reinvesting monies back into the community. In one year they kept 75 million pounds in the community. I would advise council to look at communities like Preston to do something other than what we have always done. Because to me Sustaining SJ looks to me as just another version of what we always do.

The second link is in response to Proposed Municipal Plan Amendment Re: Policies Related to Green Energy Development. First off Let me say I am in favor of Green Energy Projects. But not if they are in our Parks. Our Parks serve many purposes energy development is not one of them. They provide far more value for our individual and collective physical and mental well being. Trees are far more of an economical way to store carbon and fight climate change.

So what would I suggest and this is where we tie into sustaining SJ, population density our municipal borders anchor institutes and union pension investments as well as working with provincial and federal governments. And considering that it was both Federal and Provincial governments that made our current folly possible re urban sprawl and being nearly 10 times the size we were in the 1950's.

We keep our border where they are. We don't abandon our fellow citizens who have been paying their share. We correct the mistakes of the past, by buying them out. On condition they move into our core development area's within Plan SJ we can't afford to lose more people. Now those area's of SJ on our borders where we had development, roads, homes, and infrastructure. This is where we put our Green Energy Development. The former infrastructure can serve green energy development. A lot of the formerly developed area's the infrastructure can be torn up and we can plant forest to absorb more carbon and help battle climate change.

Areas along our coastline that are developed with infrastructure that will be lost, because of climate change and sea level rise. We offer people in these locations the same deal as we offered those in our borderlands. Here we build on shore windmills that with sea level rise will become off shore windmills. We can build solar where it warrants it. Tidal, bio fuels based on algae. Get rid of the causeway build a bridge. So as to protect those area that can be protected.

Our Anchor institutes invest in building Green Energy development ,new infrastructure, building public housing ensuring local purchasing, along with union pensions and top up funding. Again see Preston model. Federal and Provincial governments also invest in this as does the Canadian Pension Plan and the Bank of Canada. As well the Federal and Provincial governments and Federal institutions do not invest or support any developments that threaten said Green Energy Development .

The third link helps to explain the role central banks can play in fighting climate change .

As I read this over I can't help but think this sounds like madness. But then I reflect on what Saint John has been doing for over 60 years, and that's insanity. If we keep doing the same we'll get more of the same.

Evans, Richard

From: Harold E. Wright <[REDACTED]>
Sent: August-02-19 11:15 AM
To: External - CommonClerk; Taylor, Jonathan
Cc: harold e. wright
Subject: Proposed zoning amendments to the Municipal Plan to allow Green Energy projects in Parks and Natural Areas

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Proposed zoning amendments to the Municipal Plan to allow Green Energy projects in Parks and Natural Areas.

I would like to add my concerns for this proposed amendment. First I want to acknowledge the need to move toward green energy and applaud the City of Saint John for recognizing the urgent need to move to many alternate power sources.

However, I am concerned that this initiative would have a disastrous impact on Rockwood and Dominion Parks, if such alternate power projects were placed in either of those parks. There are several reasons.

Parks by definition are for:

"a large area of land with grass and trees, usually surrounded by fences or walls, and specially arranged so that people can walk in it for pleasure or children can play in it" (Cambridge English Dictionary);

"a piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation; or "an area maintained in its natural state as a public property" (Merriam Webster Dictionary);

"A large public garden or area of land used for recreation." (Oxford Dictionary).

I have studied the development and use of these two parks for almost forty years. The above definitions apply in full to both Rockwood and Dominion Parks. Neither park was developed nor intended for industrial uses.

Both parks are used extensively by residents and visitors for the exact reasons the parks were developed - recreation, both passive and active, and also to enjoy nature without destruction. The huge volume of vegetation, especially the trees, are necessary in our fight against climate change.

The two areas are home to a large number of species of animals, birds and various

plants. As we continue to disturb and destroy their habitat we are not only risking the survival of a species, we are forcing those animals (here I refer to deer) into our subdivisions and onto our streets.

As was posted by the *Washington Post* and other leading North American newspapers lately, if we wish to slow down climate change, we need to plant trees, about one trillion of them. We in this City can do our part by not only stop cutting down trees (which would be needed for any destruction in the two above mentioned parks), but we should be planting more trees in areas which have already been cleared. Planting thousands of trees is cheaper and a more economical solution to the climate crisis.

Our Industrial Parks are suited for such industrial green projects: the infrastructure is already in place - cleared sites, paved roads, nearby power distribution systems, emergency services, contractors and customers. Part of the reason we need alternate power sources and why climate change will be so damaging to us as a civilization is because we have continued to damage and destroy our natural resources.

I ask that you remove from this proposal all initiatives to damage and destroy our natural parks for industrial purposes. Thank you.

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Councillors

Regarding: Proposed amendments to municipal plan to allow for solar and wind green energy projects in Heavy Industrial areas. Light industrial areas and Parks and Natural areas

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Let me state the obvious; Rockwood Park is a “park” and not appropriate for industrial construction projects. Parks are for the citizen’s and not large industrial corporations. The allowance of the pipeline through the park was (and is) not appreciated by many citizen’s; who I might add are taxpayers and “own” the Park. I own a very large piece of real estate immediately across the street from Rockwood Park and have planned appropriate residential development that would be positive for the City. I have always considered the Park as an “amenity” and putting wind turbines through the park would be a “disamenity”; thereby decreasing the value of my investment in the City of Saint John. I do not want any further industrial projects (such as wind turbines) anywhere near my real estate or in the Park.

I know that many places have wind turbines (Nova Scotia) and relatives (from that province) have told me there are many negative consequences of these machines. First, they do not make for any “green energy” because the cost of making them, installing them, and then tearing them down (when decommissioned) is not factored into their total value/total energy costs. When all of these costs are accounted for; there is very little “green energy” benefit?

They are also known to kill many birds. I may also state the obvious-there are many bird species that live or migrate through Rockwood Park. Ecologically, these machines are malignant predators.

The noise of even one turbine is unwanted noise. Again, I will mention that Rockwood Park is a quiet, natural park and people from this industrialized city go to the Park to get away from continuous noise. These machines are noisy and there are detrimental health hazards that have not been adequately studied or analyzed.

There are many other negative consequences of these destructive machines that I am sure that others, smarter than myself, will bring attention to during this conversation.

Further industrial construction/destruction of Rockwood Park is not desired and I do not want want turbines in or around Rockwood Park. I say this as a citizen, homeowner, taxpayer, corporate investor, and owner of more than 100 acres of potential residential real estate in the immediate vicinity of the Park. We have been in similar conversations before regarding inappropriate ideas/plans with respect to park lands. Surely, the City would want to move forward and not back to the same destructive behaviors that have caused so much angst, in the past. It is hard for any person to have a positive investment future in the City when so many inappropriate ide-

as are floated on a regular and consistent basis. Change and planning for the future means that you go forward in a positive manner and not destructing relationships and amenities left to us by our deceased but previously honored citizens. I think that any discussion or plans about wind turbines in (or around) the Park should immediately be quashed and more reasonable ideas put forward for the future of the City.

Sincerely,

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