

Chat and Heat—Huron County

October 17, 2010

Important Dates

Last All Candidates Meeting for
Central Huron Tuesday 7pm
October 19 Holmesville Hall

Leader Resources Presentation
to Huron County Council
October 20, 9:45
Court House, Goderich, Ontario

Residents of Ontario are asked
to comment on proposed changes
to Green Energy Regulations MOE
before **Nov 21, 2010**

Municipal Election—Oct. 25th

In attending Central Huron meetings some candidates have said that they haven't decided where they stand on Industrial Wind Turbines. Present councilors have been discussing this with developers since 2004 and have had a chance to attend info sessions recently so hopefully they will have a position before the election.

We are happy to report Huron East Candidates have made their decision to oppose or strongly oppose turbine development in their municipality

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Wind Turbine News

LEARN - What Your Government and Wind Developers are not telling YOU!

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Ontario Liberal Government proposes changes to the Green Energy Act Regulations for Developers

Recently on the North American Windpower Website was the following headline:

“Assessing Ontario's REA One Year Later in rolling out the Renewable Energy Approval for wind projects, Ontario's Ministry of the Environment promised a streamlined process. However, the early returns suggest that some kinks remain”

Interestingly, about October 6, 2010 we see that the Ontario Government announced proposed changes to the Green Energy Act Regulations.

“This amendment is intended to provide greater flexibility to the Director in the processing of applications and reduce unnecessary burden where appropriate.”

It appears these changes are in answer to criticisms like that those explained on the NAW website.

Before this the regulations removed the 550 metre setback for homes on leased land and now they want to remove buildings like hunting and trapping cabins that are not for long term use. **Does a seasonal cottage fall into this category?**

These proposed changes are to reduce the number of noise receptors and make it easier for developers to site more turbines and it appears to reduce the rights of landowner to plan the use of their land in the future.

There are many other significant regulation changes that you are encouraged to review and share your comments with the Ministry of the Environment before Nov 21

Type in <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/business/green-energy/> then click Comment

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Landowners with Leases and Non-Leased Landowners have concerns!

We have had recent reports from non-lease holders that the Industrial Wind Turbine Company has been trespassing on private land and in some cases damaging crops in their fields without their knowledge. In other cases the developers are not identifying themselves to the landowner before they go on to their property leased or not

As well Wind Turbine lease holders are finding the developers have been on their land without notification and damaging crops where they had not expected.

You can not lock up a farm like a house or factory in the city. Farmers have had concerns in the past about who is on their land without permission or knowledge. Most hunters and snowmobilers now realize it is in their best interest to consult with landowners prior to going on to private land. Hopefully landowners still have rights.

Thank You to Landowners without Leases

Many of the Leases were originally sign before many of us in the community were aware of the Adverse Health effects on farmers and their neighbors. We know farming has had it's challenges financially for several years. Therefore it was unfortunate that our governments and developers were less than honest with our communities when explaining the issues with Industrial Wind Turbines. The negative effects have been known to some degree in countries who have had turbines for several years but are still being denied. The Ontario Government seems unwilling to acknowledge the negative effects and learn from other countries

Many times we focus on Industrial Wind Turbine Leaseholders. We forget to thank farmers and other land owners that considered the effects on their families and neighbors. Consider this our

THANK YOU for not signing wind turbine leases. You are a part of the majority.

Websites for Information
On Industrial Wind Turbine

www.windconcernsontario.org
www.windvigilance.com
www.windturbinesyndrome.com/videos/html

Final Site plan for Holmesville Industrial Wind Project is completed

We have received recent information that the site plan map for the Holmesville project has been completed. Residents of Central Huron have not been able to find out what sites have been selected. We understand that you can contact the developers office in Kincardine that you maybe able to see the map but copies may not be available.

Did you know ?

that for every \$ spent on wind turbines, that if you spent the same dollar on compact fluouresent bulbs, you would save 5 times more electricity in 5 years than you would produce from wind turbines in 20 years?

Why the Rush?

The cost to consumers \$1,646,510,000 +

Who Benefits from 100 turbines in 20 years.....

Turbine developer \$1,006,261,500
All leased farmers.....\$20,000,000
Municipal Taxes.....\$2,200,000

The calculations were made from the information available—estimated as close as possible