

**Important Date:**

If you own recreation, vacation, seasonal, or investment property, the proposed changes will make it **EASIER** for wind developers to get approval to erect Industrial Wind Turbines on neighbouring properties and reduce the rights of landowners to plan the use of their land in the future. They also give the Director of MOE tremendous discretionary power to provide project approval without any of the required consultation or documentary disclosure research. The summary in Column 2 includes comments from CHAT.

**Comments to the Ontario Government must be received before Nov. 21.**

**For full document and Comments Go to:**

<http://www.windconcernsontario.org>

Look for "Proposed Amendments to O.Reg 359/09" then click on "Click Here to Submit Comment" Next, click on "Submit Comment" to get to the actual Comment Page.

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**First International Symposium**

**The Global Wind Industry and Adverse Health Effects: Loss of Social Justice**

The Society for Wind Vigilance brought together an excellent group of Resource Speakers from the UK, United States, Australia & Canada on October 29-31, 2010. The Waring House in Picton, Ontario was full with 125 people including Municipal Councillors, Doctors, Engineers, & Victims of the Wind Turbine Developments here in Ontario. Acoustician Rick James compared the symptoms of people suffering from "Wind Turbine Syndrome"

to the identical symptoms reported in the 1970's & 80s by those working in so called "sick buildings". The latter problem was eventually identified as due to infra low frequency sound (ILFN) transmitted through ducting. **Dr. Rick McKittrick** reported that **pollution has declined steadily since the 1960s and that Industrial Wind will not have any positive effect on this.** **Dr Alex Salt** explained how **the body hears (ILFN) without us being aware of it.** **He says a setback of 550M is insane.** **Dr.R. McMurtry** said **Proponents have influence and money and we have fantastic people and the Truth.** For more info go to [www.windvigilance.com](http://www.windvigilance.com) & [www.windconernsontario.org](http://www.windconernsontario.org).

# Wind Turbine News

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

### Summary of Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 359/09

The proposed amendment contains several changes of interest, some of which raise concern, others of which are positive or don't relate to wind turbines. Below I highlight the changes of interest.

#### 1. Noise Receptors

##### a) Definition of Noise Receptors

The proposed amendments reduce the scope of what is considered to be a "noise receptor". Currently, any structure used for overnight accommodation is a noise receptor. The amendment proposes that instead, a noise receptor should be the centre of a building which contains one or more dwellings. The term "dwelling" is defined to mean one or more habitable rooms used or intended to be used as a residence by one or more persons and usually containing cooking, eating, living, sleeping and sanitary facilities.

The effect of this amendment would be to remove buildings such as hunting cabins from the definition of noise receptors. It is arguable whether or not seasonal homes would still qualify as noise receptors; and the argument would likely have to be made on a case-by-case basis depending if the seasonal home in question contained a kitchen, washroom, formal bedroom, etc.

##### b) Location of Noise Receptors

In reference to vacant lots, the proposed amendment changes the assumed location of a noise receptor. Currently, if a vacant lot is zoned to permit a building, which if built would be a noise receptor, then one treats the centre of that vacant lot as if it were a noise receptor. Instead of treating the centre of a vacant lot as a noise receptor, the proposed amendment says one should hypothesize at where an actual building would be built on the vacant lot, and use that hypothetical build site as a noise receptor. *Continue page 2*

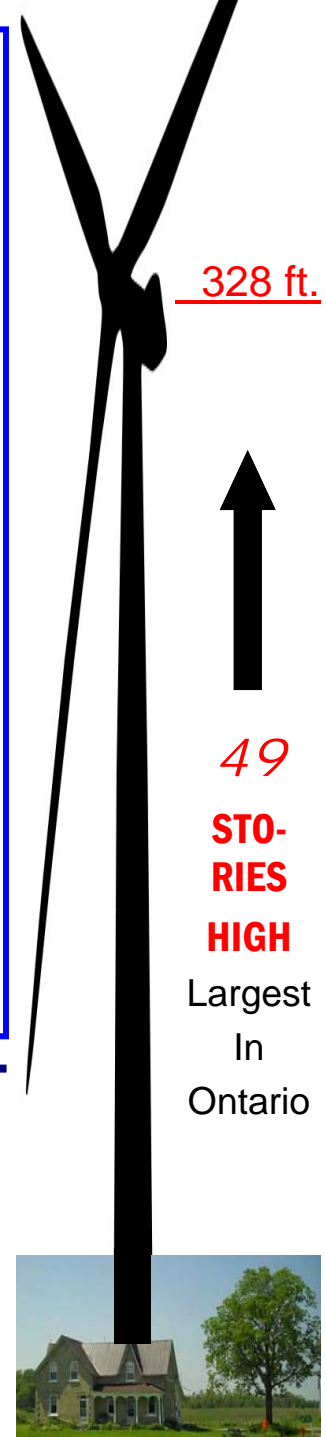
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Largest In Ontario



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To determine the location of a hypothetical build site, the amendment says one would examine the existing by-law rules, and the pattern of typical building locations in the area.

I would imagine this amendment would lead to a lot of argument. A wind farm developer is going to push for a hypothetical build site that is close to the road, and thus will point to nearby properties that have homes close to the road. Someone opposing the wind farm is going to push for a hypothetical build site as far back into the property as possible, and thus will point to nearby properties that have homes near the middle of the property. An argument on the facts could be made for either location, thereby leaving a lot of discretion in the hands of the Director (MOE).

*(The centre of a vacant lot, if, i. the vacant lot has been zoned to permit a building or structure mentioned in paragraph 1 or 2, and ii. no approval or building permit mentioned in paragraph 3 has been issued in respect of a building or structure mentioned in paragraph 1 or 2 on the vacant lot.)*

### 2. Renewable Energy Approval – Director's Discretion

**This section is a big red flag.**

Currently, in order to have a renewable energy project approved, one needs to do consultation with the public and prepare an application with a large variety of documentation such as: Construction Plan Report, Consultation Report, Decommissioning Plan Report, Design and Operations Report, Noise Study Report, Project Description Report, Specifications Report, etc. The proposed amendment allows the Director discretion to approve a project without all of these documents or any **This section gives the Director tremendous discretionary power, by permitting project approval without any of the required consultations or documentary disclosure/research consultation.** The Director could approve a project if the Director decides any of these documents/consultation are not necessary to demonstrate "adequate understanding of the negative environmental effects", or to demonstrate "satisfactory consultation."

### 3. Noise Receptor Setback

Wind turbines can't be built within 550 meters of a noise receptor. Currently, one looks at noise receptors that exist at the time of wind-farm construction.

The amendment proposes to limit this, by only considering noise receptors that existed at the time the Application/Proposal for the wind project was made. Once the wind farm proposal is made, any future buildings on abutting land won't be considered noise receptors for the purposes of calculating setbacks.

### 4. Positive Changes

- For the purposes of consultation with the public, notice of the proposal now must be given on all abutting land owners
- For the purposes of consultation with the public, at least 30 days before the first public meeting, the draft project report must be made available to the public in each municipality (currently it just must be posted on the website)
- Any proposed Class 3, 4, or 5 wind facility now needs to prepare a plan to monitor its effect on the bird/bad population.

## **Websites for Information**

### On Industrial Wind Turbine

[www.windconcernsontario.org](http://www.windconcernsontario.org)

[www.windvigilance.com](http://www.windvigilance.com)

[www.windturbinesyndrome.com/videos/html](http://www.windturbinesyndrome.com/videos/html)

### **A draft site map for Holmesville Industrial Wind Project is available**

We have now received the Draft map and can see where Industrial Wind Turbines are planned. However there have been some changes since the map was produced. Also we have an idea where the new transmission lines are being planned down the road allowance close to our homes.

The transmission lines in other communities are suspect for stray voltage that affects humans and farm animals. In some other Industrial Wind projects this has not been resolved in the past three years.

### **New Proponents Media Campaign**

The Wind developers and the Ontario government are concerned that the community will learn the real facts about Industrial Wind Development and provide more opposition to their scheme.

Recently, SUSSEX -Strategy - Toronto & Ottawa prepared a plan for the government and developers planning towards the provincial election next year.

They are mounting a media campaign to counter citizen opposition based on research facts. **"In this, it will be critical to 'confuse' the issue in the political/public/media away from price.... To jobs, clean air, farm income, etc."** Research shows very little pollution if any from Ontario Coal plants. They are asking all developers to contribute \$15000-\$30,000 for the \$300,000 seed money for the media blitz. **They do not want people to know the facts.** For full confidential report dated October 18, 2010 go to [www.windconcernsontario.org](http://www.windconcernsontario.org)