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# Wind Turbine News

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are not telling YOU!**

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## Summer Edition 2013 - The Time is Now!

### The Rush is on....

by **INDUSTRIAL WIND DEVELOPERS**  
and **The ONTARIO GOVERNMENT**

As we can see locally Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) have been coming in fast the last few months. We have 23 existing Turbines in Huron County with REA's being issued for 192 more in the last 3 months. They are presently in various stages of the appeals process.

Suncor says they cannot build any turbines with a 2km setback. K2 has told ACW Council that at a 1000 metre setback their original project of 150 turbines would drop to only 6. In several areas the turbine developers are taking Municipalities to Court over permit fees, setback distances, and other issues.

SWEAR has started & received support from the Superior Court to launch a Section 7 Charter challenge at upcoming Environmental Review Tribunals (ERT). In addition, the Court has ordered Dr. Arlene King, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health to attend Court to answer questions about her literature review which is being used by Wind Developers Worldwide to support their projects.

**THE TIME IS NOW — Help us Help You!**

### Good Time Golf Tournament

**SWEAR**—First Golf Tournament Fund Raiser for Legal Action

**Friday August 23, 2013—11am**

**Woodlands Links Golf Course**

Hwy 8 37858 Huron Rd., Clinton Ontario N0M 1G0

Tee Off Time 11am—Shot Gun Start—Dinner 5pm

Golf, Cart, Steak Dinner with Silent Auction \$120

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## Are You up to speed?

Sometimes life gets busy and things happen without your knowledge. Many people don't believe they can make a difference. You Can! And with your support, both financially and/or in person, we have and can make a difference! Next summer Huron County will look a lot different without our vigilance and action. Electricity Bills going up while property values go down. **KEEP UP TO DATE!**

## 550 Metre Setbacks

are not the safest in N. America as the Ontario Government boasts. Not 25 but 70+ jurisdictions are safer including Quebec & Saskatchewan.

**Now the Quebec Government has approved a 2km setback from homes for wind turbine project approvals.**

**Planned Confusion?** Direct or Indirect Adverse Health Effects?

Dr. A. King, CMOH, says **no to Direct**. Robert. Hornung, CANWEA, possible Indirect Adverse Health Effects.

**Adverse is Adverse Effects!**



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**49  
STORIES  
HIGH  
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In  
Ontario**



## Central Huron Appeal of Huron County Official Plan. What happened?

In 2007, 2008, 2009 fifty three plus (approx.) meetings were held under Huron County Official Plan Review and Sustainable Huron Sessions. Supposedly 1700 people attended. The Huron County Planning Department refused to supply information as to the presentations given, the list of locations of the meetings, or any verification of the numbers of people attending or how many people went to more than one meeting.


**The Official Plan is supposed to be a vision of the community .**

June 2, 2010 Huron County Council approved the Huron County Official Plan. It was then sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for their review.

**May 11, 2011 Huron County Council (HCC) passed the HCOP with 41 provincial changes to our vision**

June 1, 2011 HCC had a delegation and passed support for a Moratorium on Industrial Wind Development with four councillors declaring a conflict of interest. **Later in the same meeting the minutes of May 11th were approved including the Official Plan permitting IWT development in Huron County with no County Councillors declaring a conflict of interest.** The HCOP was sent again to the province for their approval ( **HCC on May 11th requested to be notified when the Provincial Approval was received**

Jan 4th, 2012 the province approved the official plan however, Huron County Council was not notified by the County Clerk or the HC Planning Director. **The HC Councillors were not notified so the Municipal Councillors were not notified or by extension the ratepayers.** There is a 20 day appeal period that was missed by all Municipalities except Central Huron.

Jan 19, 2012 Central Huron Council held a Special Council meeting and was informed that the HCOP had been approved Jan 4th. CH Council agreed to appeal the HCOP on five grounds: Renewable Energy, Commercial Watertaking, Petroleum Extraction, and Aggregate Extraction and any other concerns that CH may have. The last 3 disappeared. Ratepayers could not find out what was happening to the appeal. Later in May ratepayers found out there had been a meeting of reps from CH, HCPD and MMAH on May 3, 2013 to see if the parties could agree and not have an appeal. No minutes were taken however the HCPD reported to Council in July that the HCOP be left as is and more restrictive wording could be 

included in the CH Official Plan. For the next year Ratepayers made delegations but no action seemed to be taken until late spring 2013.

June 3, 2013 was set for the OMB Hearing in Goderich

Early in May CH council was without a Planner since their Planner was a County employee and couldn't comment on the appeal. As well Central Huron's regular lawyer decided to act for the County as he was their lawyer too. CH hired a Planner to review the appeal and he said he couldn't support Central Huron's position.

Before June 3rd CH found that Huron County would not agree to an adjournment of the OMB while CH found a new planner. When HCC voted on their position 6 HC councillors now declared a conflict of interest.

June 3, 2013 OMB hearing was held and CH with the support of ratepayer representatives an adjournment for 120 days was granted by the OMB chair

July 2, 2013 a Motion to discontinue the appeal was made on behalf of some councillors and a very few proponents. No proponents provided delegations; however, 3 ratepayers provided delegations, a Municipal Legal Specialist offered to provide a second opinion on behalf of ratepayers. Council accepted the offer for a presentation early in August.

**This experience brings into question "Our Democratic Rights" and how residents are being represented. Who is looking after the public interest and how ratepayers have to get involved to protect their democratic rights? It appears we can't leave it to the elected officials. Who is in charge of the Hen House, elected officials or staff and who are they working for the province or the people?**

**Website Showing IWT Projects by County, etc.**

Go to [windpowergrab.wordpress.com](http://windpowergrab.wordpress.com)

In May 2011 it indicated existing & proposed turbines for Ontario as **5776**. It was updated - Nov 2011 as **6148**. Now it shows approx. **6733** turbines for Ontario

**Legal Actions on the Rise (leaseholders included)**

Big chunks of ice aren't the only things that are flying because of wind turbines. Lawsuits are flying as well. Below is a quick summary of legal actions that have resulted from Ontario's power policies. More articles can be found here: More information on the **17 legal actions that now has grown to over 75**

Go to: [windpowergrab.wordpress.com/legal-actions/](http://windpowergrab.wordpress.com/legal-actions/)

## NextEra's Varna Wind Inc.

### Environmental Review Tribunal

During the NextEra Varna Wind Inc. ERT, which took place in Seaforth July 2 and July 10, 2013, new health and safety issues were raised to the Tribunal in regard to inadequate setbacks between a large number of the Nextera's IWTs and the existing Hydro One Network Inc. (HONI) 500 kv hydro corridor that passes through the Nextera Varna and Goshen wind projects.

HONI policy requires a setback of 500 metres between IWTs and their easement for the 500 kv line. Many of the turbine locations do not comply with the HONI policy requirements.

The second health and safety issue raised was that Nextera IWTs are also being placed too close to the recently approved Bayfield/Stanley high pressure underground natural gas storage facilities. It was pointed out that this issue would present itself in the Nextera Goshen wind project and the proposed Zurich underground natural gas storage facility.

**CHAT will be closely watching this Tribunal on these two issues as both are present in the draft plans for the development of the 22 Degree Wind Project in Central Huron.**

### CHAT Petition Against Industrial Wind Turbine Projects

In April of 2012, Dalton McGuinty made the following statement while being interviewed:

"Communities who express a favourable demand for renewable energy will be awarded the bulk of contracts under the new points system, that would place communities without majority support, like the county, at the "back of the line."

"I've got all kinds of communities that want them, I don't need the headaches that are associated with them going into communities that don't want them."

We always thought that we knew how the residents of Central Huron felt about the IWT projects planned for our area but to be sure, we went door to door in the Twenty-Two Degree project area. Even we were surprised at the response to our petition. Most residents couldn't wait to sign our petition and many thanked us for doing it. When we called it off last summer we had collected over 500 signatures. For the most part, these signatures represent the friends, neighbours and in some cases the relatives of the 34 leaseholders of the 60 turbines that comprise the project. Yes, some residents did not want to sign and, sadly, the most common reason given is that they did not want to upset a family or business relationship.

**We feel very confident saying that the majority of residents of Central Huron do not want an Industrial Wind Turbine Project.**

### THREE APPEALS OF THE Decision!

Ostrander Point Environmental Review Tribunal Right at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, three appeals were launched against the recent decisions of the Environmental Review Tribunal relating to Ostrander Point. Garth Manning Chair, CCSAGE Wellington

Read More [windpowergrab.wordpress.com/legal\\_actions/](http://windpowergrab.wordpress.com/legal_actions/)

## Turbine Lease Holders – Know Your Rights (Before Signing or Resigning)

If you are lucky and vigilant you may get another chance. The Wind Developers and the Ontario Government are still trying to misrepresent "their Product". Know your date of your Lease Option. Your neighbours are counting on you. Be Ready! Developers will try to pressure you into resigning. In our area several farmers have gotten out of their leases. Tell your neighbours—they will be pleased.

Like "Joni Mitchell" says in her song, **"You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."**

**Municipal and County Councils** should heed Joni's advice as well before it is too late. There are actions you can take—Join together with other Councils, Investigate other legal actions such as **SWEAR** Legal Challenges. It can save your residents money as well as reduce electrical costs in the future. **NEGOTIATING WITH THE PROVINCIAL OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS A THING OF THE PAST.** **Ask other councils how it has worked for them !!!**

# ONTARIO'S WEST COAST?

**IS THIS HOW YOU WANT HURON COUNTY TO CHANGE?**

Map updated with 3 Renewable Energy Approvals and starting the appeal process. Varna — Bluewater waiting on decision as to whether Human safety is related to Human health for evidence purposes at time of printing. **Who is responsible for the Health and Safety of Huron County Residents?**

*The Province? Huron County? Central Huron?*



## Liaison Committees ???

Wind Developer Liaison Committees are the latest attempt by the Liberals to salvage some type of support for all the unwanted projects. What they are, of course, is just an opportunity for the wind developer to bribe the local council and few citizens into touting the perceived benefits to the community.

No one from CHAT will be participating and we encourage anyone who is asked to decline the invitation. ANY participation will be perceived as acceptance of the project. These committees are just as useless as the so called public consultation meetings. The wind developer will tell the committee how it's going to be and then ask them how many soccer teams they would like them to sponsor. **We do not want their turbines. We do not want their money. We just want them to go to h... I mean away. Yes, AWAY!**

## Wind Energy Fails to Deliver On all Promises

- Unable to replace conventional power sources.
- No reduction in carbon emissions.
- No reduction in green house gases.
- No green job revolution.

## No Time to be complacent!

Central Huron received a Wind Turbine reprieve when the last round of contracts were handed out, much to the dismay of Leader Resources. As a result, Central Huron remains the only municipality on the east shore of Lake Huron where a wind developer does not have a contract. That means that Central Huron is now a prime target and with Kathleen Wynne firmly committed to the goals laid down by her predecessor, that could change any day. Talk to your neighbours. Make sure they know where you stand.

**The easiest way to stop an IWT project is to not sign a lease. Without leases, wind developers cannot do a darn thing.**

## **CENTRAL HURON**

### **NOT A Willing Host**

Approximately 90 communities have been the targets of Industrial Wind Projects. All have passed various resolutions calling for a halt to further development until serious questions regarding the implementation of these projects are answered. Over 60, along with Central Huron, have declared themselves to be "NOT Willing Hosts" and the number continues to grow. **To date Kathleen Wynne cannot name one municipality that is or wants to be a willing host.**