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Wind Turbine News

Summer
2014

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

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Dates to watch for

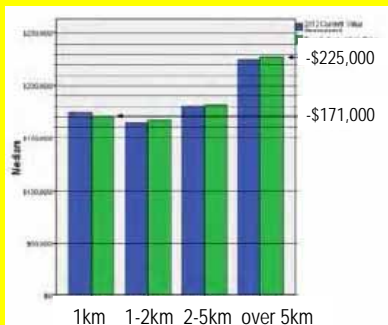
September 22 & 23 Stay Hearing for
St Columban, K2 & Armow Projects
with Falconer LLP

November 17, 18, 19 Co-joined Ap-
peal at Divisional Court for Canadian
Charter of Rights Challenge - St.
Columban, K2 & Armow Projects.

MPAC Releases report but not their Study !!! Apr. 2014

The MPAC Report confirms 24-26%
property devaluation within 5km of
Wind Turbines. How will this affect
you? MPAC is denying this informa-
tion in doing assessments in this
area. North of Grand Bend 69% of
properties have been selling less
than assessed value in the past 2 yrs.

Are You Happy paying Extra Taxes



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Support - Industrial Wind Turbine Free Central Huron

**The Rush to build Industrial
Wind Projects by Wind devel-
opers and the Ontario Govern-
ment continues** in neighbouring
communities (Bluewater & ACW)
affecting property values in Cen-
tral Huron as well, according to
MPAC report

Welcome to
Bayfield



It is time to protect your rights and
freedoms living here in Ontario,
Huron County, and Central Huron.
Many Leaseholders in Central Huron
as well as other communities were bullied and sold a bill
of goods as to the effectiveness and safety of Industrial
Wind Turbine developments back in 2003 and 2004 when
many of the Lease Options were originally signed.

Many Leaseholders around Ontario wish they would have
had the opportunity to get out of their leases after they
became aware of the devastation a wind project brings to
the community where they are constructed. In Central
Huron some leaseholders got out of their leases in 2009
and 2012 when many leases had to be re-signed.

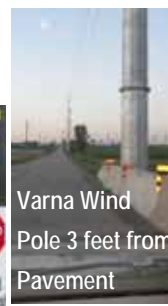
On June 20th, 2014 Central Huron Leaseholders were
notified that they would have their third and maybe last
opportunity to **NOT** sign the amending lease option pro-
posed by Leader Resources on behalf of Mesa Power
Group and thus terminating their leases.

Hopefully Leaseholders will think about
the property devaluation and various
health & safety effects suffered by their
neighbours with the pro-
posed turbine project.

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Bornish Project
REMOVING
6-9 LEANING
Turbines
July 4, 2014



Varna Wind
Pole 3 feet from
Pavement

328 ft.



57
STORIES
HIGH
Largest
In
Ontario



JUST OFF THE PRESS for Central Huron Residents

We have recently learned that the wind turbine leases for the projects known as Twenty-Two Degrees and Summerhill are planning to be amended to keep control of future development of the leaseholder properties by Leader Resources for their benefit. If you sign the amended agreement you will not have control as to when and how **your** property will be developed and how it will affect **your** children, neighbours and community. Leaseholders are aware that this is being done to cut the costs for Leader Resources and Mesa Power Group and not to benefit leaseholders. As well leaseholders were advised that this had to do with Leader Resources and MPG not getting a contract and now there is no line space available for the new procurement process for the 2014 and 2015 bidding rounds.

LIBERALS MAKE OUR FUTURE UNCERTAIN

This, of course, could change at any time at the whim of the current majority Liberal government or as projects to the north and south of us are completed. We are sitting in one of the best wind areas remaining on the Lake Huron coast and between two of the biggest wind developers in the province NEXTERA & SAMSUNG/PATTERN.

MESA POWER GROUP STILL WANT OUR DOLLARS

Mesa Power Group LLC, the company owned by wealthy Texas oil magnate T. Boone Pickens and the financial backer/partner with Leader Resources, has become a registered lobbyist in Ontario with an interest in "Energy generation applications under the Feed In Tariff (FIT) program." This would indicate that he has not completely given up on the prospect of making millions in Ontario either by a wind project or by the \$775M lawsuit against the Government for shuffling their original projects to the bottom of the pile.

Leader Resources/Mesa Power Group are cancelling their final annual payment (2015) to save expenses for the developer. In turn they want to amend the lease options to keep them in effect (controlled) for possible later use without any payments in the meantime. **At no cost to Leader Resources they are keeping leaseholders on the hook indefinitely or until they find an opportunity to sell the leases to another developer.**

CENTRAL HURON RESIDENTS WORKED HARD

Central Huron has been extremely fortunate to have escaped, at least for now, the turmoil that has accompanied wind projects in other municipalities. We have watched in disgust the disruption that they have caused to family, neighbour, business and government relationships. There is also the physical long term disruption to land, community and natural wildlife. There is no doubt that Industrial Wind Turbine Projects have very little to do with the environment or with saving the planet and everything to do with the almighty dollar.

A FEW LANDOWNERS CONTROLLING OUR COMMUNITY

A few landowners in each wind project will make some extra income, at the expense of everyone else in the community. Communities will get some tax money and possibly some money from the so-called "Vibrancy Funds," if the council

capitulates to the desires of the wind companies. The sad reality is that every penny they get from a wind developer first came from a taxpayer or electricity customer. It remains to be seen how this will compare to the lost tax revenue as the value of homes in or near wind turbine developments erode and the population of rural communities continues to decline, thus putting increased pressure on existing businesses just to survive.

WE WERE ALL PRETTY NAIVE

When the wind developers first showed up on our doorstep we were all pretty naive. Wind energy seemed intuitively to be the answer to global warming, climate change, and increasing levels of green house gases and all we had to do to make some easy cash was give up a few acres of our farms. Wind developers had a relatively easy time signing up landowners to host wind turbines and our provincial government made sure that they made a good profit on their investment. The Liberals have also done everything they can to facilitate projects even when they were clearly in conflict with health, safety, property values and environmental concerns.

WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY NOW!

Yes, landowners were all pretty naive, but there is no excuse to be naive now. We have watched the problems with subsidized wind energy in other countries exacerbate the problems of struggling economies while our own provincial government continues down the same path. Wind energy has failed to live up to any of the early promises.

Central Huron is the only municipality on the eastern shore of Lake Huron, from Sarnia to the Manitoulin Island, where a wind developer does not have a contract. We have learned from the hard lessons other communities have endured. We have a unique opportunity in Central Huron to keep our municipality "Turbine Free" and to enjoy all the benefits that will bring to our community. We want Central Huron to be a place **where people want to move to, not away from.** Industrial Wind Turbine Projects should not be the "elephant in the room." Talk to your neighbours because...

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP A WIND TURBINE PROJECT AND SAVE OUR COMMUNITY IS FOR ALL OF US TO NOT RE-SIGN A LEASE or LEASE OPTION

Website Showing IWT Projects by County, etc.

Go to windpowergrab.wordpress.com

In May 2011 it indicated existing & proposed turbines for Ontario as 5776. Nov 2011 6148. August 2013 6733

Now May 2014 there are 6882 turbines for Ontario

Legal Actions on the Rise (leaseholders included)

Below is a quick summary of legal actions that have resulted from Ontario's power policies. More articles can be found here: In 2011 17 legal actions, August 2013 75 legal actions, now in 2014 has grown to 121 legal actions



NextEra's Varna Wind Inc.

In Final stages of Construction

The devastation to prime agricultural land & roads has been far greater than most of the community expected. Some people leased to be good neighbours and wished they hadn't. Some people have made plans to move and others have already left their homes to protect their health and welfare and are attempting to start their lives over again after their families had been in the community for 3 generations or more. Some leaseholders found that they had leased their farm and had lost control of where roads and turbines were built on their farm. Other farmers have found that the turbine developer controls where the farmer can build future agricultural livestock facilities. After receiving unreliable information from developers and being bullied by Lease Agents they wished they could have gotten out of their leases. Central Huron Leaseholders have been given another opportunity to not resign their leases with the announcement of the termination of the lease payments this year. **Neighbours will thank you.**

Ontario's New Provincial Policy Statement

May 1, 2014

3.0 Protecting Public Health and Safety

Another common issue with writing a Municipal Official Plan is that it cannot aggravate the Huron County Official Plan, or the Provincial Policy Statement. It is my understanding that the new PPS has shown the following Provincial responsibility for public health and safety:

A - Ontario's long-term prosperity, environmental Health and Social well-being depend on reducing the potential for public cost or risk to Ontario's residents from natural or human made hazards.

B - Development shall be directed away from areas of natural or human made hazards where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage, and not create new or aggravate existing hazards.

These statements on protecting public health and safety fly in the face of what the Ontario Liberal Gov't has been doing by forcing IWTS into communities across Ontario without any consideration to non participating land owners, local municipal councils and Ontario residents. The OPA has recently released a new framework for future large renewable energy contracts which indicates there will be more public input. Support agreements would be required from both municipal councils and non participating landowners in the project area. New projects must not supersede the new PPS as quoted above.

WHAT'S IN OUR FUTURE?

STATUS OF PROJECTS

WITH EXISTING FIT CONTRACTS

Full Approval, Non-Operational 15 projects 841.6 MW
Approved, Under Appeal 12 projects 800.1 MW total
Under Technical Review 20 projects 959.5 MW total

Applications Received (screening for completeness)

4 projects 90 MW total

Moving forward, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) will now secure large renewable energy projects (>500 kW) through a Large Renewable Procurement (LRP) process. The OPA has been directed to secure 300 MW of wind energy in both 2014 and 2015. Any capacity not secured in this timeframe will be secured in 2016. This new process also requires wind energy proponents to be qualified through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

The proposed schedule for this LRP 1 procurement is:

April 2014	Post Draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
June 2014	Post Final Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
September 2014	Request For Qualification (RFQ) Closed
October 2014	Post Draft Request For Proposals (RFP)
November 2014	Notification of Qualified Applicants
January 2015	Post Final Request For Proposals (RFP)
June 2015	Request for Proposals (RFP) Closed
August 2015	Announce Successful Proposals
August 2015	Similar Process for LRP 2 to Commence



T. BOONE PICKENS Charges Canadian GOV'T

A recent article in the Financial Post proclaims Mesa Power Group, owned by Texas oil billionaire T. Boone Pickens, who also owns the 22 Degree and Summerhill wind projects in Central Huron is suing the Canadian Federal Government for 775 million dollars under the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) citing favoritism and unfairness during the allocation of industrial wind turbine connection contracts. Mesa did not get connection contracts for either projects in Central Huron.

At the same time, Wind Concerns Ontario has released a bulletin stating Mesa Power Group has retained two lobbyists in Ontario, Martin Green and John Perenack from the Strategy Corp. Inc. They will lobby the Ontario government on renewable energy contracts that they did not get while they continue to sue the Federal Government.

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS!!

It would appear Pickens has still not given up in Ontario.

ONTARIO'S WEST COAST?

IS THIS HOW YOU WANT HURON COUNTY TO CHANGE?

Since last summer the Varna Wind Project is nearly completed. The K2 project has progressed quickly with the Switch Yard partially built. Some roadways are completed and some bases have been poured. No Contract for Twenty Two Degrees and Summerhill. St Columban little construction yet.

The various regulators, the Municipality, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, and several Provincial Ministries have not been holding the wind developers responsible for their activities such as illegal diverting millions of gallons of water from the switch yard located at K2 project in ACW.



The Ontario Power Workers Union advertisements during BLUEJAY'S Games states that IWT'S " DO NOT PRODUCE 70% of the Time"!

Central Huron Appeal of Huron County Official Plan Update.

The Official Plan for Huron County was appealed by the Municipality of Central Huron by motion on Jan 19th, 2012. As of press time there has not been a resolution to the appeal. The 2 issues are Industrial Wind Turbine Development and Commercial Water Taking. Discussions have been taking place "In Camera". We are waiting on the results.

Federal Aviation Board Orders 8 Turbines Removed

The Federal Aviation Board last year requested 8 turbines removed near the Chatham Airport but recently ordered them removed. This issues also relates to Decommissioning Reports for end of use of a turbine project. The wind developer has said in this case it is not their responsibility since they got a legal permit to build them. Mayor Hope wants an exemption made so they don't have to be removed. **WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT? The Farmer, the Wind Developer (LLP), The Municipality, The Ontario Gov't, The Federal Government, or the Aviation Board for allowing them to be Built?** We need to watch this closely. The turbine is on the property owners land for which they received money for the lease, then they may be responsible for the cost of removal which may be close to the value of the property or more no matter what the leasing agents say. **If the developer walks away from a project the farmer may be responsible for taxes, for removing the wind turbine, and paying the cost for maintenance of the aviation lights until the turbines are removed.** Remember the TTD Project Map shows Central Huron has a turbine proposed in line with the runway at Goderich Airport.

UNITE THE FIGHT

CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS CHALLENGE

The move to "Unite the Fight" has advanced another step. The Falconer law firm successfully argued to have the Divisional Court Charter Challenge appeals co-joined for three local wind groups, SWEAR (Safe Wind Energy for All Residents), HEAT (Huron East Against Turbines) and HALT (Huron-Kinloss Against Lakeside Turbines). The groups have been fighting against the construction of wind farms near Goderich, St. Columban and Kincardine respectively. Dates to hear this appeal have been set for November 17, 18 and 19, 2014 in London. Falconers LLP is also moving forward with a co-joined stay of the K2, St. Columban and Armow wind projects prior to the appeal in November. The Hearing of Stay will be in London on September 22nd and 23rd.

The work of putting this case together has been ongoing since May 2011. A substantial record of evidence has been created to date.

Groups from across the province have and continue to come together to support this Charter Challenge. SWEAR, HALT & HEAT report that they have been successful in their fundraising to date. They note that they have come a long way and they want to keep going – right to the Supreme Court of Canada if necessary. The groups express thanks to all who have supported them in the past. Members of the public can get more information or donate to this action by contacting one of the following:

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Gerry Ryan: **HEAT** gerkar@tcc.on.ca 519-345-2620

Kevin McKee: **HALT** crowningtouchfarm@gmail.com 519-396-8110

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