

Letter of intervention

My name is Kevin O'Brien I am a resident of Grey Highlands

My letter of intervention is regards to a Notice of Application and Hearing by Plateau Wind Inc. file EB-2010-0253 re: application for determination of location of distribution facilities within certain road allowances owned by the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

I have serious concerns with the health effects of the proposed wind turbine developement. Specifically elctromagnetic fields and infrasound both known to have adverse affects on human health. I have a childhood ear infection and have particular concerns with the potential effects on my inner ear. I had heightened concern when I heard Professor Magda Havas of Trent University say on CBC radio that there are potential anomolies in the magnetic fields in hilly or uneven terrain and that further investigation to understand these phenomena is of vital importance. I attach a study that indicates the Vibrational Auditory Disease can result from industrial wind turbine developement. I further know of 4 properties that were purchased by the wind developers north of Shelburne due to such causes of illness with the contract containing non-disclosure clauses prohibiting these Vendors from publicly discussing the reasons for selling their properties. I am particularly concerned with the lack of study and regard of the effects of low frequency vibrations as they can affect human physiology in particular the heart and inner ear including balance. As is evidenced in the experience of noted scientist Carmen Krough of Ottawa former Editor of Health Canada's book that tells Doctor which drugs can be prescibed with others and which cannot, a serious responsibility indeed. Her evidence is very compelling and I will ask her to represent me at the hearing.

The opportunity of important experts like Carmen to present evidence in person and the fact that this developement wil force people out of longheld families homes make this a matter of great importance and that is why an ORAL HEARING is vital. Some people seeing the arbitrary power of the Green Energy Act have already sold and moved on. If I was forced to sell my property due Vibrational Illness I could not due so in clear conscience without a disclosure to any potential purchasers.

My farm rises from east to west with the western portion being one of the highest points in the area. It has a panaramic view of the proponents wind turbines. My farm is a leisure farm, and having consulted the Royal Lepage Realtor who sold me the farm he indicated that it is worth approximately \$550,000.00, and that since most people would buy it for the views that if the proposed wind turbines are installed that my farm would be worth approximately \$400,000. Since I am aware of sensitivities to electromagnetic fields the developement of the wind turbines would neccessitate the sale of my farm. The costs associated with selling and replacement would include real estate commissions and paying the H.S.T. for a new farm, would total approximately \$100,000. Add that to the depreciated value of the farm and my total costs could exceed \$250,000.00. These costs I would seek from the proponent as they incurred as a direct result of their industrial wind turbine developement.

Your Sincerely,
Kevin O'Brien