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THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE

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**The Board
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Attention: Board Secretary**

Dear Secretary:

Please take notice that the Town of Shelburne objects to the proposal by Dufferin Wind Power Inc (DWPI) to construct a 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line within the Town of Shelburne, for the following reasons:

1. DWPI has not provided sufficient information or analysis to demonstrate that the proposed transmission line route within the former rail corridor through the Town of Shelburne, which is an urban area, is preferred over other routes or alternatives that avoid this urban area.
2. DWPI has inappropriately based their preferred route on the following:
 - The number of poles and spacing required as compared to the 69kV power line option, without duly considering the impacts of introducing a new power line corridor versus the efficiencies of optimizing the use of existing infrastructure through the upgrade of existing transmission line corridors, which would address the current needs of those existing power line corridors and seize the opportunity to resolve existing deficiencies;
 - Incorrect assumptions that the Town's planning is based on the use of the former rail corridor for utility purposes and re-introduction of an active rail line when in fact the Town's planning for this corridor is based on open space and passive recreational use;

- Unsubstantiated conclusions that the 230kV option will have a lower overall impact to the community than the 69kV power line option which would be located outside of Shelburne, with no specifics provided on how the 230kV option would have a lower impact based on a comparative analysis of the number of existing and future dwellings and other sensitive land uses potentially impacted by each option;
 - Failure to consider the application of appropriate setbacks from existing sensitive land uses located along the corridor and whether those setbacks can be met;
3. The proposal does not conform with the Town of Shelburne Official Plan;
 4. The potential health impacts of a 230kV transmission line and related risk management protocols have not been fully considered or established in the documentation, including potential EMF health impacts to children and other recreational trail users of the corridor and implications for future planned residential development along the corridor.
 5. DWPI has not incorporated any substantive benefits to the Town of Shelburne in this proposal. We agree that the underground transmission line has benefits when compared to the original proposal for an overhead transmission line through Shelburne; however, neither proposal provides any benefit over the existing conditions where no transmission line is present within this corridor. As noted above there are several disadvantages to Shelburne including concerns about potential health impacts and future recreational trail use of the corridor by children accessing the local schools and other trail users, construction and maintenance impacts to existing and future residences and other sensitive land uses along the corridor, introduction of new infrastructure within the urban area where it is not needed to service the urban area, and failure to optimize the use of existing transmission line infrastructure outside of the urban area.

Please find enclosed with our comments a copy of the resolutions of the Council of the Town of Shelburne and previous correspondence submitted to the County of Dufferin in respect of this proposal.

We also wish to note our concern that the Ontario Energy Board notification does not make specific mention of an underground transmission line.

The Town of Shelburne hereby requests notification of any decisions or further deliberations regarding this matter."

Regards,



John Telfer CAO/Clerk
Town of Shelburne