

April 30, 2013

The Honourable Jim Bradley  
Minister of the Environment  
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**RE: PLEASE TURN YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THIS LETTER**

Re: Board File No. EB-2013-0031  
Procedural Order No. 1

Dear Mr. Bradley:

It is a contradiction of fiscal sanity together with incompetence anyone who would approve the Station Road site to erect (2) clustered Vestas V100 – 1.8 megawatt IWT'S. The two (2) IWT's projected installations for the Station Road site lies directly within the corridor of Niagara Falls. Our current system is most cost effective and we would not benefit economically from a system outside the corridor of the Niagara Falls power authority. Once again, I repeat, there is no practicable argument which would support the two (2) projected IWT's to be built at the Station Road projected site. This proposed project is wasteful and a redundant form of energy we simply do not need here in Wainfleet.

Ostensibly, the Vestas V100 – 1.8 megawatt IWT proposed installations projected for the Station Road site in Wainfleet are to be clustered in two (2) and are to be precariously perched on the edge of a small community. In particular, anyone who looks at all the facts would clearly see this project as an "unbridled initiative".

The Station Road site in Wainfleet in particular needs to be reviewed with extreme caution as this site presents many liability issues. The Station Road site of two (2) clustered Vestas V100 – 1.8 megawatt IWT's presents with numerous concerns within its perimeter. Furthermore, this project is not going to benefit the people of Wainfleet in any way economically.

On one side of the proposed project site is our “Station Road” which is too close and dangerous to these proposed IWT installations.

On the other side of the proposed project site is an airport consisting of the Burnaby Sky Dive which has been an icon, a staple of our community for 40 + years. The parachute club was here first and obviously are a number of safety concerns should a pair of two (2) clustered IWT installations were to be allowed onto the proposed Station Road site. These two installations projected for the Station Road site have the potential to cause injurious harm and possibly even death. This is not a risk that we are willing to take. The specific IWT installations projected for the Station Road site must not be allowed to go forward!

Further, Station Road is our direct thoroughfare from Lakeshore Road which facilitates our ability to travel to work, schools, hospitals, shopping, recreation, etc. While this proposed installation may squeak by with a 550 metre setback allowance from family homes what about the setback allowance from the heavily travelled road which we have come to depend on daily?

Station Road also presents with other serious issues. There is much activity on Station Road. We have bicyclists, skateboarders, people walking, picnicking, dog walkers, hikers, nature and wildlife explorers.

In the summer, we are inundated with numerous tourists coming into the area to use the Conservation Parks located on Lakeshore Road, bringing in their RV's, campers, Boats, Jetski's, motorcyclists, ATV's, beach goers, kite flyers, remote controlled airplanes and loads of children coming into the area on a daily basis. All the above aforementioned will be travelling on Station Road in order to gain access to Lakeshore Road. Station Road also has a park and a cemetery together with a nature trail where numerous dog walkers, nature seekers and bird watchers can be seen daily. There are runners, marathons, bicycle races and fund raisers for “muscular dystrophy” held on Station Road directly adjacent to the proposed two (2) IWT installations.

These two (2) proposed IWT's are projected to be clustered onto a large field adjacent to Station Road will also be encased by surrounding homes. Our front yards, our backyards, a backyard swimming pool, our pets, our vehicles etc. In winter, the ice which can accumulate to 150 mm thick that forms on the blades

and can potentially flip off at speeds of 170 mph reaching an impact distance of up to 550 metres. Think about the potential implications here for a minute. Due to these “falling ice warnings” do we really want to divert the “ambulance driver” to “go around the long way” in order to gain access onto Lakeshore Road and do we want the ambulance driver to set forth to the hospital “the long way around” in an attempt to get the “patient” to the hospital? This is just another “liability factor” to consider when it comes to, in particular, the specific Industrial Wind Turbine projected site adjacent our Station Road in Wainfleet.

This is not a good idea people. Give your heads a shake! This whole idea is a bad idea. In my opinion, any genuine feasibility study would support that the economics for the project is not even borderline.

We have formed coalition of 425 Wainfleet residents, who do hereby submit to you that the IWT application be denied, in particular for the proposed Station Road site where it is the intention of the developer to cluster two (2) Vestas V100 – 1.8 MW. It is therefore our contention that due to the overwhelming evidence which supports our claim that the best interests of our territorial entity, being the jurisdiction of Wainfleet with particular attention noted with regards to the proposed Station Road site is not in accordance with the people’s rights and that a project of this magnitude should not be allowed to go forward in such an unstable environment which is subject to too many liabilities.

For the record, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013

Thankyou,  
Katherine Pilon

