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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Dear Energy Board,

I'd like you to consider more carefully families living in proximity to Industrial Wind Turbine projects and not build until we are certain there are no directly caused health impacts or reductions in Quality of Life to these people.

There is much we do not know about IWTs at this stage. Canada's federal government has launched a study to try to find a correlation between health and quality of life issues reported by many real people who lived near IWTs as noted here <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/nr-cp/2012/2012-109-eng.php>.

Note that results of the study will be published in 2014.

Meanwhile, real people who lived around IWTs are screaming to us to stop their construction based on what IWTs caused them. Here is one site which tracks nearly 2,000 Wind Resistance groups which are led by area residents who have researched the feedback. Area Residents are not as organized as corporations because they work at something else all day.
<http://quixoteslaststand.com/worldwide-anti-wind-groups/>

Please note: such turbines which caused this amount of resistance are Significantly Smaller than what is planned throughout Ontario and Niagara! May we suspect such health and wellness impacts will only increase?

While many studies have been undertaken, this situation may remind us of the race to find a direct proven cause between smoking and cancer. Until the 50's, after several decades of doctors not finding direct links, now we know over 50% of people who smoke regularly die of a smoking related illness such as cancer. Science is not perfect and we should give more weight to the people who have lived near these IWTs and not benefited financially. We are finding some hosts actually complain too, but usually anonymously.

A legal appeal has been launched funded directly by area residents concerned about the nearby HAF project in West Lincoln. We are a single income family and cannot spend a lot of money on lawyers. I move that such construction on area projects be STOPPED until more is known and we can create appropriate guidelines. Australia has instituted a 2 km setback, USA 1.5 km, again, based on smaller IWT's than what you plan to circle families with. Infrasound has been recorded in a home located 7 km away from an IWT. Would you like your children's eardrums rattled at regular intervals while they try to sleep?

There are parameters which may have been missed. All infrasound (0-20 Hz or higher - 50 Hz) and various weightings should be considered such that if any show issues, we feed back into our insufficient 550 m setback.

Most of us protesting these IWT projects are in favour of renewable energy, but it has to be done right and the benefit of the doubt should not work against people's health and well being.

On one hand, there are studies of varying % correctness. On the other hand are the experiences of people who lived near IWTs which say they are seriously detrimental from both health and Quality of Life perspectives.

We want you to stop approval and construction of these large IWTs until further studies have been done and fed back into our small 550 m setback guideline.

I hope IWTs do not cause my family any health issues or decrease our quality of living. On a quiet country night, if we cannot sleep with our windows open as we do today, we will be upset. Should any of us encounter health issues, I would not want to be in the position of a "claimant" who despite limited resources has to prove scientifically in court what we would already know.

Again, our family moves that you stop planning IWTs close to homes until more is known about them.

Small 60' or less turbines and solar panels we would be happy to host any time. We feel our tax dollars may be being used against us here.

Thank you,
Mike Jankowski with family.