



February 7, 2012 Grey County Council supported the Arran Elderslie motion regarding a moratorium on wind turbine construction

March 6, 2012

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

RE: REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON WIND TURBINES
FILE NO.: E05.GE

At a meeting held on March 5, 2012, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GPA-184-12:

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture which is Ontario's largest farm organization has asked Premier McGuinty and the Provincial government to suspend the building of Industrial Wind Turbines across the province as of January 20, 2012;

WHEREAS dozens of municipalities across this province have repeatedly asked for a moratorium on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines until questions such as health concerns of people living in proximity to the Industrial Wind Turbines, proper setbacks of Industrial Wind Turbines, devaluation of neighbouring properties, decimation of the rural landscape, and destruction of wildlife habitats are properly studied and addressed;

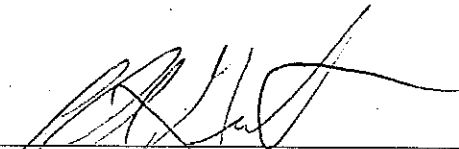
WHEREAS many of these municipalities have asked for the province to hand back the planning authority of Industrial Wind Turbines, but to no avail; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Auditor General has even tried to explain to this government the serious errors being made under the *Green Energy Act* with regards to more jobs being lost than created, the consumer and taxpayer subsidizing the Industrial Wind Turbine projects to create huge profits for large off-shore companies while making electricity very expensive for the citizens of this province, of the implications of decommissioning Industrial Wind Turbines twenty years from now;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Clarington, along with all other municipalities across this province who share these concerns regarding the damaging and devastating repercussions within our communities, hereby request that the Premier invoke an immediate moratorium of one year, with yearly extensions as required on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines within the Province of Ontario until the concerns noted above are properly studied and addressed; and

FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to AMO, to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario, Premier McGuinty, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Energy and the Minister of Environment.

Yours truly,



C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO
Deputy Clerk

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- c. The Honourable Christopher Bentley, Minister of Energy
- The Honourable James J. Bradley, Minister of the Environment
- John O'Toole, M.P.P.
- Jerry Ouellette, M.P.P.
- Christine Elliott, M.P.P.
- Wayne Arthurs, M.P.P.
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- All Ontario Municipalities
- D. Crome, Director of Planning Services