



Town of
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September 22, 2012

Honourable Dalton McGinty
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Honourable Premier McGinty:

RE: WIND TURBINES

At the regular meeting of Council held on September 18, 2012, the Council for the Town of South Bruce Peninsula passed resolution R-642-2012 with respect to wind turbines. A copy of the resolution is attached for your information.

While the Council for the Town of South Bruce Peninsula supports the Provincial government in its bid for renewable energy, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula must inform the Province of Ontario that it does not wish to have wind turbines located within our community. Council would respectfully request that the Province will stand behind statements made whereby communities not wishing to see wind turbine development will not have to endure such development.

Our Council has received a number of petitions from residents requesting that the Province make a decision that would not see wind turbine development within the Town of South Bruce Peninsula boundaries or on the Bruce Peninsula. The resolution adopted by Council supports the position of these residents. The residents are concerned for their health, property values, effects on the environment and effects on taxation.

In anticipation, we thank you for considering the wishes of the Council of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula and its residents.

Yours very truly,

Angie Cathrae
Clerk/CEMC

cc: Doris Dumais, Director, Ministry of Environment; Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of Environment, MPP Bill Walker, MP Larry Miller, Bruce County Municipalities

Enclosure (1)



**EXCERPT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 – September 18, 2012**

16. DELEGATION-ANA VUKOVIC, GEORGE HEIGENHAUSER-PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF WIND TURBINES ON THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Mayor Close welcomed Ana Vukovic and George Heigenhauser. Mrs. Vukovic indicated that two months ago, a group became aware of a plan to build more than 200 wind turbines and the transmission lines. She displayed a map of the proposed locations on the Bruce Peninsula. She indicated that a group held a public meeting in August at the Hepworth Legion. More than 200 people attended. Every Council member was notified of the meeting and invited. She personally delivered a recording of the public meeting to Council members. The group is concerned about decline in property values, effects on health, effects on the environment and effects on the tax rate. She indicated that the towers would be visible for many miles. It is not felt that the turbines would be worth the cost of their installation. Mrs. Vukovic explained that she had letters from Bill Walker and Larry Miller. She feels that Council has an option and is not held up by the Green Energy Act. She indicated that a number of municipalities have passed resolutions that turbines are not wanted. She asked Council to pass a similar resolution; the resolution should state that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula would not permit any wind turbine development in the Town. Mrs. Vukovic gave the Council a petition with 289 names. She further gave petitions which were sent to the Legislative Assembly with 136, 327 and 301 signatures from South Bruce Peninsula respectively. She indicated that the turbines would have a negative effect on interference with the Wiarton airport. She is aware of someone who is renewing a mortgage who was denied because they had a turbine. She further explained that there could be an impact on the aquifer when the turbines are built. She wondered what happens after 20 years to the components of the turbines. Mrs. Vukovic passed around a resolution for Council to consider.

Mayor Close indicated that the disc provided by Mrs. Vukovic would be placed in the Town records.

When asked, Mrs. Vukovic indicated that she only wants a resolution passed stating that wind turbines are not wanted in South Bruce Peninsula.

Councillor Jackson thanked Mrs. Vukovic for bringing this to the people. She indicated that she was horrified by what she saw and heard at the public meeting.

Mayor Close asked about consultation and accommodations with First Nations and if this is ongoing. Mr. Heigenhauser indicated that there is ongoing negotiations with the First Nations. He asked if the Town has been contacted or if the Mayor has been contacted by developers. Mayor Close indicated that he had been contacted by a developer but they are under no

obligations to consult with the municipality until the Province has issued a permit. Mrs. Vukovic indicated that the negotiations with the First Nations has been ongoing for a long period of time and is still ongoing.

Council asked Mayor Close about the meeting with the developer. Mayor Close indicated that it was for information purposes. No support was given.

When asked, Mrs. Vukovic indicated that under the Green Energy Act, the Town cannot do anything. The resolution is to send a message to Premiere McGuinty to uphold his promise that wind turbines would not be located anywhere that a municipality does not want them.

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It was **MOVED** by M. Bowman, **SECONDED** by K. Klages and **CARRIED**

THAT Council states that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula state that we do not support wind turbines;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter be sent to Premier McGuinty and the Ministry of Environment.