Bluewater Shoreline Residents Association "BSRA" bsra.ca
Presentation to Bluewater Council Aug. 27, 2013 Submission re changes to Building By-law Permit and Fees for Industrial Wind Turbines
"BSRA" representing 3500 residents along the shore of Lake Huron from Highway #83 to Bayfield
Industrial Wind Turbines “IWT” violate our Common Law Right to Quiet Enjoyment of our properties
- who is protecting the residents and standing up for our rights?
Private companies must not be permitted to collude with Government to change laws for Wind Turbines
Northland and Nextera have not 100% backed their product
Nextera threatened Bluewater publicly with lawsuits
- and now they are following through on that threat - what do you call that?

Resolutions related to Industrial Wind Turbines passed by BSRA:

INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES (“IWTs”) IN BLUEWATER
WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario have no voice and no power in determining if and where Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTS) are located in their area, and
WHEREAS many individuals living close to IWTS are developing a variety of serious health problems, and
WHEREAS adequate controlled health studies regarding the effect of IWTS in Ontario have not been carried out, and
WHEREAS IWTS provide only fractional amounts of the provincial requirement for electrical energy, and generally not at a time when demand is greatest, and
WHEREAS evidence is beginning to emerge that properties located close to IWTS drop in property value, and
WHEREAS IWTS remove prime agricultural land from production, and
WHEREAS the placement of several IWTS, particularly if they are close to settlement areas, severely restricts future development in an area, and
WHEREAS IWTS pose a serious risk for bat and other wildlife populations,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bluewater Shoreline Residents’ Association (BSRA) is in opposition to the construction of IWTS in the Municipality of Bluewater within three kilometers of residential properties and supports the Municipality of Bluewater Council in its position as an “unwilling host” to IWTS.
Motion carried: 0 opposed

INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES IN LAKE HURON
WHEREAS the current supply of electrical energy in Ontario is more than adequate into the foreseeable future, and
WHEREAS studies that outline the impact of IWTS in Lake Huron are not available, and
WHEREAS planning for construction of the infrastructure to support lake situated IWTS is not evident, and
WHEREAS the costs to design, construct, service, maintain and monitor IWTS if located in Lake Huron would be excessive, and
WHEREAS the visual effects and tourism attraction of the world-renowned Lake Huron sunsets would be negated,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bluewater Shoreline Residents’ Association (BSRA) is opposed to the construction of IWTS in Lake Huron.
Resolution moved 0 opposed

Did you see last week’s announcement “Northland Goes Offshore”? Now they have acquired the expertise!

Grand Bend Wind Farm Limited Partnership c/o Northland means it is a company set up to eliminate any liability back to Northland. They have proposed to put in place insurance policies to cover liability requirements but this won’t cover all potential losses i.e. Nov. 5, 2012 BSRA presentation to Bluewater estimated a 25% drop in property values would exceed $240 million just from the one GBWF Wind facility and Northland can walk away. Since Grand Bend Wind Farm Limited Partnership has no tie to the parent company Northland Power for liability, we ask for a corporate guarantee of liability to protect the value loss, and cover all cost for health and other issues. Nextera has a similar corporate protection set up and has many more turbines planned and potentially much more in liability. Nextera has a similar corporate protection set up and has many more turbines planned and potentially much more in liability. Nextera is a company with a market capitalization of over $35 Billion wouldn’t we insist on that as a guarantee? Why settle for a small in comparison $5 million insurance policy written for the Turbine companies, that only Bluewater may or may not be able to collect on in the future? Who is providing protection for the residents of Bluewater? What is Bluewater doing after the Liberals advised them last week at the Association of Ontario Municipalities meetings to be more aware of the economic benefits from turbines? The economic backlash of cost on our electric bills, selling off excess energy, loss of our property value were all concerns raised last week - what is being done? There are no net benefits to us in Bluewater so why accept a Billion Dollar Corporation’s reduction in responsibility?

If there are no issues for health, property devaluation, decommissioning etc. why do both companies refuse to give a guarantee unless there are risks they do not admit to us? If they won’t back their product 100% - go away!

We do not support the change to the by-law as it is written and insist that corporate guarantees of liability be provided from the publicly traded company that directly and/or indirectly owns or benefits from the Wind Turbines and request that Bluewater continue to take steps to protect the Residents from the corporations who will not take 100% responsibility for the consequences of their activities.