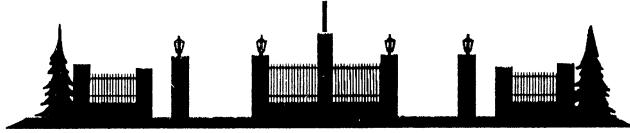


# Guildwood Village Community Association

Founded in 1958



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March 15, 2009.

Mayor David Miller,  
Toronto City Hall,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
100 Queen Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Miller,

I am writing on behalf of this Association which represents 12,000 members living in east Toronto on the Scarborough Bluffs.

Our members are strongly opposed to the proposed placement of an anemometer to measure wind speeds just off the Scarborough Bluffs, as well as to any proposed placement of wind turbines in this location. This position is based on overwhelming feedback from our members and approved by unanimous vote of our Executive Committee.

Our concerns are economic and health related.

Toronto Hydro has not presented a reasonable business plan for this project, nor has it engaged in a transparent process concerning the economics involved. Whenever citizens of this area have requested specific information, Toronto Hydro has either stated that they do not know the answers or that the response would be “commercially sensitive” and therefore not available to the public.

This organization has done its own research on wind turbines, and the jury is out on health effects of wind turbines placed close to populated areas. Until definitive research is available on health effects, the placement of wind turbines close to highly populated areas like ours, just offshore is completely unacceptable.

Furthermore, wind turbines have not been shown to have much impact in reducing the carbon footprint, nor have they proven to be very economically viable in other jurisdictions. Poor energy production, high production and maintenance costs, and the requirement that wind energy continue to be backed up by coal plants, natural gas and nuclear reactors does not make them an ideal source of green energy.

We are a community that cares about its environment. We engage in yearly community clean ups, hold a yearly garage sale to promote reusing and recycling, and we are a garden community that cares for its wildlife. We are not anti-environmental or simply NIMBY as we have been portrayed by some politicians. We want to see green energy projects that make economic and environmental sense while not jeopardizing the health and safety of those located near them.

This community has had to endure considerable stress as a result of decisions made by city government and its affiliates in recent years. The continuing deterioration of the Guild Inn, including the recent fire on the grounds, has been a source of frustration for residents of this area for a very long time.

Now Toronto Region Conservation Authority officials are proposing that dump trucks filling in the bottom of the bluffs to prevent erosion should be allowed to travel through Guildwood Village, past schools and old age homes – as many as 20 trucks a day for five years. This is being proposed when other routes that do not go through residential neighborhoods are available.

Add to this Toronto Hydro's proposed wind turbine development just off our shoreline and it should be clear to any observer that no community should have to undergo this kind of stress imposed by its own city government.

Our residents feel like they live in a community under siege.

We are asking, on their behalf that you and City Council immediately approach Toronto Hydro to terminate its plans for the placement of an anemometer which, in our view, would be the first step towards the placement of wind turbines, too close to our community.

Our Executive Committee would appreciate a written response to these concerns by April 20, 2009.

Yours truly,

Lori Metcalfe  
President  
Guildwood Village Community Association

CC.: Councillor Paul Ainslie  
Councillor Brian Ashton