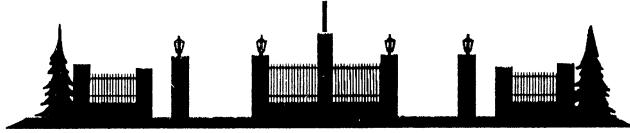


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Hon. Donna Cansfield
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Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Guildwood Village Community Association, which represents more than 12,000 citizens living along the Scarborough Bluffs in east Toronto. The Executive has sought feedback from our membership regarding the prospect of a commercial wind turbine project in Lake Ontario along the Scarborough Bluffs. This community is overwhelmingly opposed to the placement of an anemometer for testing purposes, and any commercial wind development of the kind proposed by Toronto Hydro. The position of the Executive of this association is unanimously in opposition to this project.

We do not take this position lightly because of our awareness of the need for clean energy sources. We are a community that cares about the environment as demonstrated by our commitment to reusing and recycling, our annual community clean ups, and our care for plants and animals in the area. We take pride in our gentle footprint on this earth.

We are asking that your Ministry refuse permission for the anemometer testing and any further work on the Scarborough Bluffs commercial wind generation proposal.

It is the duty of the government to represent its citizens and ensure their safety. There is an absence of definitive research on the health impact of wind turbines placed close to heavily populated areas, and there are daily anecdotal reports of health concerns in areas where these turbines already exist. It is your responsibility to ensure safe use of our natural resources.

We insist that until definitive research on health impact exists, your government refrain from approving placement of an anemometer as a first step to wind farm development just off the heavily populated Scarborough Bluffs. Residents in this area, some of whom have lived here for over 40 years, deserve to continue to remain safe in their own homes, and not have to fear the actions of their own government.

No doubt Toronto Hydro has represented that it has provided the public consultation mandated to get approval from your ministry for this project. The public consultation by Toronto Hydro and its commercial arm was nothing more than a public relations exercise. Their spokespersons did

not answer most of the very serious questions raised by citizens of our community. They quashed questions related to anything but the placement of the anemometer, regardless of the legitimacy of such questions. They obfuscated, in the name of commercial enterprise, when asked about details of the anemometer findings and refused to allow follow up questions. The entire community consultation process was seriously flawed and inadequate, regardless of what they may have written in their proposal to your Ministry.

We, therefore, demand that the anemometer placement be halted immediately because of our concerns about the lack of transparency and accountability by Toronto Hydro and its commercial arm.

Economic viability is another of our critical concerns. Our province's record of investment in the energy sector is less than ideal. The very small part of Toronto Hydro's Business Plan that was shared with this community showed that we can expect higher electricity costs, coupled with significant public subsidies to ensure enough capitalization for this project.

Our community has done its own research and found that this project does not provide viable net production of electricity. Continuous power generation, through coal, natural gas and nuclear will be necessary for there to be any hydro production at all from wind. This is unacceptable, since it reeks of wind turbines being used as political symbols rather than effective energy sources.

We demand an immediate moratorium on this project, from anemometer to turbine placement unless a viable and sustainable business case can be made by the developer.

On behalf of the 12,000 residents living in Guildwood Village, we are asking that your Ministry not support this project, and move immediately to represent the citizens of this area by refusing to support a plan by Toronto Hydro that does not meet even basic economic criteria, is ill conceived and takes too lightly the health and safety and other concerns of those who would be directly affected by this project.

We are asking for your response, in writing, to our concerns by April 20, 2009.

Yours truly,

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