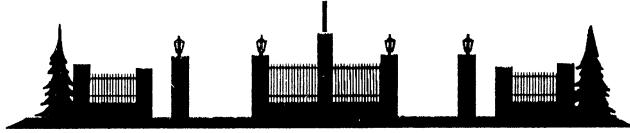


# Guildwood Village Community Association

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Hon. Dalton McGuinty  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
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Dear Mr. Premier,

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 do, nevertheless, take exception to the manner in which this proposed development has been handled, both by Toronto Hydro and by your government.

It is the duty of the government to represent its citizens and ensure their safety. Why then, in the absence of definitive research on the health impact of wind turbines placed close to heavily populated areas, and with anecdotal reports coming in daily of health concerns in areas where these turbines already exist, do members of your cabinet mock the health and safety concerns raised by citizens in this area?

**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.**

If this project proceeds it will be heavily subsidized with tax dollars. Your government has always said that it considers transparency and accountability to taxpayers to be critical. Why then

are you unconcerned that Toronto Hydro's position is that the public has no right to the detailed findings of the anemometer tests?

**We 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 government rethink its support for this project, and move immediately to represent the citizens of this area by refusing to continue 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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c.c. Hon. George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure  
Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources  
Hon. Margaret Best, MPP, Scarborough Guildwood  
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party  
Ms. Christine Elliott, Critic, PC Party