

December 18, 2009



Re: Renewable Energy and Wind Generated Power

On December 18, 2009, at a regular Board of Health meeting for Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Board considered the attached resolution from the Corporation of the County of Grey regarding renewable energy and wind-generated power. The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2009-113

***THAT*, the Board of Health support the resolution from the Corporation of the County of Grey regarding renewable energy and wind-generated power and *THAT*, it be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper; Environment Canada; Health Canada; Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty; Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; Ontario Ministry of the Environment; Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure; all Ontario Medical Officers of Health; Grey and Bruce County MP's and MPP's; the Association for Municipalities of Ontario; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Building Healthy Communities Together,

Original signed by:

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Copies to: The Right Honourable Steven Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
Environment Canada
Health Canada
The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation
The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Environment
The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy & Infrastructure
Dr. Arlene King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The Association for Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA)
Larry J. Miller, MP Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound
Ben Lobb, MP Huron-Bruce
Helena Guergis, MP Simcoe-Grey
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November 26, 2009.

At the November 24, 2009 session of Grey County Council, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey has expressed concern over Bill 150 being the Green Energy and Green Economy Act which is now in force and effect;

AND WHEREAS the need for renewable energy sources is recognized at the federal, provincial, municipal and local community levels;

AND WHEREAS wind-generated power is an established source of renewable energy being created globally;

AND WHEREAS discrepancy exists on the health effects potentially created by the presence of industrial wind turbines;

AND WHEREAS this discrepancy on the potential health effects is proving to be destructive and divisive to the social and cultural fabric of rural communities;

AND WHEREAS other Ontario municipalities have passed resolutions expressing concern with the health effects association with wind turbines;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Grey requests that the Federal and Provincial government agencies responsible for public health, energy creation and energy management complete the following:

1. Dedicate resources to the necessary scientific research to consider the impact of
 - a) low frequency noise, and
 - b) electrical and electromagnetic disturbances in areas of industrial wind turbines with the intent to confirm/deny public health implications;
 - c) technology and infrastructure being used; and
2. Create and provide authoritative regulations and guidelines for the locating of wind turbines to municipalities and wind energy developers;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded with a request for action to: The Ontario Ministries of Health, Environment and Energy, Medical Officers of Health at Public Health Units, Environment Canada, Health Canada, Grey County MPPs and MPs, The Premier's Office, The Prime Minister's Office, The Association for Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Yours very truly,

Sharon Vokes, C.M.O., D.P.A.,
 County Clerk/Director of Council Services