

Questions in Search of Answers

About Wind Power in Grey Highlands

Question: *Where are the standards and regulations governing the construction of wind turbines as we have in place for virtually every other construction activity?*

Answer: *Despite increasing evidence of harm to human health and the environment, provincial standards based on independent and objective research simply do not currently exist. It is left to local governments to determine what these standards should be and they therefore vary from one community to the next.*

Dr. Robert McMurtry, FRCSC, former Dean of Medicine, University of Western Ontario, confirms that (contrary to what "Friends of Wind" claim) specific regulations regarding wind turbine setbacks and noise do not exist in this country. The Deputy Director, Renewable Energy Technologies, Government of Canada (in Nov./08) and other independent authorities also confirm this fact.

Based on publications of the World Health Organization and other experts, Dr. McMurtry points out further that the Ontario Environment Ministry's existing regulations regarding acceptable noise levels "are flawed as they fail to measure low-frequency noise". He states that "it is not possible to develop authoritative guidelines for setbacks (of wind turbines) if low frequency noise is not taken into account."

Your Municipal Council has determined that wind turbine set-backs from residences in Grey Highlands should be 400 metres. This despite recommendations of medical professionals and distinguished scientific bodies that set-back distances should be a "minimum" of 1.5 to 2 kms.

Are you willing to let politicians ignore this professional advice when your health and safety are at risk?

Isn't it time you asked some hard questions about the impact of wind turbines on your family, your business and your community? Get involved – start asking questions of those who are making decisions that affect your future welfare.

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