

Credibility

Who are the so-called “Friends” of Wind Power who run ads in this paper?

According to the *Meaford Express*, this pro-wind lobby group was “created” by Robert Knox who, along with partners Roger Short and Malcolm Hamilton, founded Chinodin Wind Power. (Chinodin subsequently “sold to Canadian Hydro Developers” which now operates the Melancthon Wind Farm.)

This pro-wind lobby group advertises that it is “using the wind to build our communities”. Yet its assertions are clearly aimed at dividing our community. A more accurate positioning line would be “using the wind to line our pockets”.

Simply put, the “Friends” claims belie credibility. That’s because they are entirely self-serving. They don’t and can’t stand up to knowledgeable scrutiny. You’ve heard about brainwashing – this is called “greenwashing”.

They say (in this paper): “There are established standards that limit noise from wind turbines based on years of scientific studies.” This is untrue. Until the recently passed Green Energy Act, there were no standards. And what are they referring to? **All studies referenced by the industry are nameless.**

They say: “Ontario’s design standards meet or exceed world standards.” Nonsense. The standards on setbacks alone, even the proposed new ones, are a fraction of those required worldwide or recommended by distinguished scientific and medical authorities.

They say: “There have been no health problems proven to result from wind turbine noise anywhere in the world.” Tell that to Barbara Ashbee who slept in a tent because she couldn’t stay in her home. Tell that to Glen Wild, whose entire family has suffered from proven medical problems since wind turbines were erected near his home. Tell that to Helen and Bill Fraser, to Carmen Krough or Leo Mendoza, or the 77 Ontario victims who report serious health issues arising from nearby turbines.

These are real people with real health problems. Yet the pro-wind lobby says “it’s all in your head”. Well, down the road you too may regret buying the hogwash these “Friends” are trying to feed you.

Finally, these “Friends” have the audacity to tell those who disagree with their for-profit propaganda that they “don’t care” about our community. Ask yourself this question: where do the people who want to line their pockets with green actually live? Next door to one of these 35 storey towers or elsewhere? Ask those who run AIM PowerGen or any other company that will benefit at your expense whether they really care about this community.

Better yet, ask yourself. Ignore the spin and learn the actual science of wind energy. Go to www.gwag.ca Get involved before it’s too late.

A public service message paid for by citizens who seek to preserve the quality of living in Grey Highlands.