

November 27, 2009

Mr. Bob Bailey, M.P.P.  
Sarnia-Lambton Riding  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Re: Local Concerns - Green Energy Act Regulations

Members of the Plympton-Wyoming Council wish to collectively express to you, our representative and spokesperson at the Provincial level of government, their utmost concern regarding the content of the recently announced Green Energy Act regulations, and the ensuing devastating effects on our local communities.

Council is in full agreement that the Province's ongoing promotion of Green Energy throughout the Province is being accomplished at the expense of local communities, blatantly removing the rights and voice that citizens and municipal Councils once had at the table pursuant to the Planning Act. Council is concerned that local concerns and issues will be overlooked in the new approval process, and wants assurance that the quality of life in the respective communities be safeguarded as logically and reasonably as possible.

Council feels the Province needs to ensure that local municipal Councils will continue to have input into local wind turbine project proposals. The regulations restrict Council's opportunity for direct influence and involvement to the same entry level as any member of the public at a public meeting. Council is extremely concerned that the approved Regulations do not provide a more specific, formal method of consultation with the municipality directly. Following are issues and concerns that were discussed by Council, and are being referred to you for your consideration on our behalf:

- some items, such as a shadow flicker analysis, are not being required in the submission process, which are currently standard practice in the municipality
- the standard form being offered to the municipality to gather infrastructure information should allow opportunity for the municipality to provide additional general comments
- municipal comments submitted as part of the general public consultation meeting need to be carefully considered, as well as any comments sent directly to the Provincial body
- municipalities should be allowed to view the proponent's revisions to their proposals that have resulted from public consultation

In summary, Council finds it imperative that you seriously review and consider the concerns expressed in this letter. Members of Council would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss what further action Council can take in addressing this situation.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Yours truly,

Lonny Napper, Mayor  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: Maria VanBommel, M.P.P.  
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