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April 9, 2010

Dear Residents of Guildwood Village,

On March 31, 2010 I brought forward what is called a Notice of Motion in Toronto City Council entitled "Renewable Energy in The City of Toronto". This Motion seconded by Councillor Brian Ashton, requests City Council to urge the Province of Ontario to place a moratorium on any new Industrial Wind Turbine agreements. The item was sent to the Executive Committee to be debated at a future meeting. The full text of the motion is on the reverse of this notice.

The Motion will be heard on Monday April 19, 2010 in the Executive Committee Meeting which commences at 9:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for us together as a community to voice concerns over Toronto Hydro's proposal for wind testing off of the Scarborough Bluffs, for the purpose of installing wind turbines.

Your voice is needed at this meeting to show to the Executive Committee the vast majority of our neighbourhood does not support this project.

In order to send a letter, email or speak at the April 19, 2010 Executive Committee you must communicate with the City Clerks office before April 16, 2010 4:30 p.m. Please contact Janette Gerrard Committee Secretary, City of Toronto Telephone: 416-392-6627, Fax 416-392-1879 or email jgerrar@toronto.ca.

The Executive Committee is comprised of Mayor David Miller, Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone, Councillor Shelley Carroll, Councillor Janet Davis, Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, Councillor Paula Fletcher, Councillor Norm Kelly, Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Councillor Pam McConnell, Councillor Joe Mihevc, Councillor Howard Moscoe and Councillor Kyle Rae. Their contact information can be found on the City of Toronto website in the "Councillors" are www.toronto.ca.

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda item for Moratorium on Wind Turbines

Monday April 9, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Committee Room 1

Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to speak on your concerns and questions on this very important issue.

Sincerely,
Your Councillor Paul Ainslie
City of Toronto
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Renewable Energy in The City of Toronto

Moved by:	Councillor Paul Ainslie
Seconded by:	Councillor Brian Ashton

SUMMARY:

The Province of Ontario has enacted the Green Energy Act, 2009 with the stated goals of building a stronger, greener economy, creating well-paying green jobs, better protecting our environment, combating climate change and creating a healthier future.

A persistent and growing number of Ontarians have expressed serious and numerous concerns regarding the impacts of Industrial Wind Turbines on their health, lifestyle, the operation of their businesses and on their property values.

More than 50 municipalities throughout Ontario, many of them rural, have passed resolutions expressing significant concerns that the goals of the Green Energy Act, 2009 to provide safe, economic and environmentally responsible renewable energy may not be achieved through the deployment of Industrial Wind Turbine technology.

The Green Energy Act, 2009 has excluded these municipalities from acting in any direct way to address concerns relating to the public interests in comprehensive municipal planning, public health, infrastructure expansion and environmental assessment and thereby limiting their ability to manage the impacts of wind power projects on their communities.

The Province is in the early stages of deploying Industrial Wind Turbine Technology which, at present is contributing a limited benefit to Ontario's total renewable energy needs and as such is at an opportune point to pause further deployment to investigate these public concerns. Any potential loss of green house gas emission reductions can be realized through existing zero emission generating capacity;

The Act now places the onus on concerned Ontarians to demonstrate the validity and the severity of their concerns rather than on the Province or the applicant in matters of appeal. The Province has shown limited acknowledgment of these concerns through the long term funding of a research chair to monitor and research possible health impacts of renewable energy.

The County of Simcoe has passed a resolution in support of a moratorium on wind energy projects until a health study has been completed by an independent third party. It would be a responsible route for the City of Toronto to take and support.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The City of Toronto urges the Province of Ontario to place a moratorium on any new Industrial Wind Turbine agreements and on the issuance of new permits to operate Industrial Wind Turbine facilities until a comprehensive, public, science-based study of the adverse health effects now being reported by Ontarians can be evaluated and their potential harmful health effects fully understood.
2. The necessary regulations be put in place to ensure no Ontarian is further subjected to determined harmful health hazards in the proximity of Industrial Wind Turbine installations including but not limited to such mitigating measures as mandatory, precautionary setbacks.
3. The City of Toronto consider how best to open timely communication with the Province of Ontario on IWT's to ensure that its Ministries acknowledge the seriousness of the concerns expressed herein and that serious consideration be given to the need for a moratorium.
4. This resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the various involved Ministries and Agencies of the Province of Ontario, the office of the Prime Minister of Canada, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local MP's and MPP's and area municipalities.

Date: March 31, 2010