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**Guildwood Community Benefits from Councillor Ainslie's negotiations with the Province.  
New regulations should eliminate any wind turbine projects close to shore  
such as the one proposed for the Scarborough Bluffs.**

June 25, 2010 (Toronto City Hall) – In keeping negotiations on-going with the Province of Ontario Councillor Paul Ainslie has successfully represented the community of Scarborough East. Today the Ministry of Environment announced the Province has decided on a 5 kilometer setback for offshore wind farms. This means the proposed wind farm off of the Scarborough Bluffs is not viable.

On June 4, 2010, Councillor Ainslie met with Hon. Brad Duguid, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure (Scarborough Centre) and Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion (Scarborough - Guildwood). At this meeting he again outlined the many concerns of his residents. Councillor Ainslie stressed that the Province needed to be vigilant to protect the residents, listen and answer their concerns. The Province today has shown they are listening. The Province says they are trying to balance the concerns of residents and the provinces need for sustainable energy.

Councillor Ainslie advised "I have been speaking to the Province and City Council since Toronto Hydro announced their project, stressing the Scarborough Bluffs is not the proper location for a wind turbine farm. I have been demanding standards and site specific regulations, protection for local residents, natural landscapes, especially those with sensitive eco-systems, and also historical value such as the Scarborough Bluffs".

Councillor Ainslie will continue to press the Province to define "no-go zones". He believes certain areas need protection from any present or future proposals, specifically those with environmental, historical, and aesthetic value. "I would be happier with a complete moratorium and will continue to push for one" confirmed Councillor Ainslie. He went further and said "Regardless of whether this project is halted my community will continue to advance green energy alternatives to wind turbines"

The Province has advised the 5 kilometre setback should eliminate any projects that are close to shore, including the project off the Scarborough Bluffs. No projects in Ontario can go forward until the regulations are finalized. "This is a true victory for our community. I will continue to speak to the Province and participate in the public consultations. I have kept an open dialogue throughout this process and will continue to do so. Toronto Hydro should immediately shut all aspects of this project down" outlined Councillor Ainslie.

The proposal is posted on the Environmental Registry for public comment for 60 days. The comment period will end on August 24, 2010. <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/news/index.php> . Province's environmental registry <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/> (Registry number 011-0089). Public and industry consultation sessions will also be held starting in the fall. Dates and locations will be available soon at [www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca) <http://www.ontario.ca/> .

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