



Councillor Paul Ainslie
Toronto City Council
Scarborough East - Ward 43

Chair, Scarborough Community Council
Chair, Government Management Committee

Date: August 19, 2011
To: Executive Committee
From: Councillor Paul Ainslie
Re: Moratorium on Wind Turbines on Lake Ontario
Removal of Anemometer on Lake Ontario

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority on September 19, 2010 supported my motion for a moratorium of construction of wind turbines on Lake Ontario on February 11, 2011 the Province of Ontario announced a moratorium on all offshore wind projects. It is now time for the City of Toronto to do the same.

The Province of Ontario proposed a 5 km setback for wind turbines on Lake Ontario from residential dwellings followed by their announcement on a moratorium on all offshore wind projects. Residents who reside along Lake Ontario have voiced their rejection of having wind turbines installed on Lake Ontario just kilometres from their homes. It is my stand that governments should not be forcing projects on communities. Residents along the Toronto waterfront community have been working with me for the past few years to enforce a moratorium on the construction of wind turbines on Lake Ontario the TRCA has supported me and the residents in this pursuit. I am requesting that the City of Toronto represent the residents as well.

An anemometer was installed on Lake Ontario by Toronto Hydro to measure the wind for this project. In light of the Province of Ontario's current position and the TRCA's moratorium on construction of wind turbines on Lake Ontario I am requesting that the anemometer on Lake Ontario be removed.

I believe that it would be in the best interest of the communities who reside along the Toronto waterfront to have Toronto Hydro remove the anemometer this Fall. Residents and stakeholders have cited the lack of scientific information in placing wind turbines in their drinking water from the onset they have also voiced their concerns with the lack of public consultation well before projects are put in place.

Recommendations:

1. That the Executive Committee recommend that Toronto City Council approve a moratorium of the construction of wind turbines on Lake Ontario.

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2. That the Executive Committee, recommend that Toronto City Council approve the removal of the anemometer currently installed on Lake Ontario. Requesting Toronto Hydro to have the anemometer removed this Fall 2011.

Sincerely,

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