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Re: EBR 012-1279 White Pines Wind Project

We wish to register our strong objection to the application by White Pines Wind Project (WPD) for a Renewable Energy Approval (REA).

We own the single family home directly north across the road from Mount Tabor. From this vantage point our view of this cultural and Designated Heritage historical building, constructed in 1865-67, will be totally overwhelmed by the monstrous scale of one of the proposed industrial size WPD wind turbines. Visualize for example, one of these 50 storey high wind turbines being erected in Queens Park Circle, directly north of the Ontario Parliament building and then look at the effect this would have on the view of the Parliament Building from the intersection of College Street and University Avenue. It would be hazardous to say that virtually nobody would consider this a tolerable situation by historical, heritage or environmental respects, an industrial structure towering perhaps ten times higher than Ontario's Legislature building; and the Mount Tabor building is older than the Parliament Building!

Similarly, the WPD turbines, T01-T06 will dominate the entire town of Milford, including the Historically Designated Town Hall, constructed in 1862, a myriad of other historical and culturally important buildings, Mount Tabor, the Community Centre, Ball Park, Fairgrounds, the historical Manse for the Mount Tabor church and the Dingman Pioneer Cemetery; all dominated and overshadowed by these proposed industrial wind turbines.

The town of Milford was settled by United Empire Loyalists long before Ontario became a Province of Canada, so there can be no debate on its cultural and historical significance.

Let me confirm unequivocally that Milford is also directly in the path of hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, many of them endangered. In the spring and fall migration periods it is not unusual to see 500 to 1000 Canada Geese arriving and departing DAILY to and from the Milford Mill Pond – a designated Conservation Area I might add. Our property abuts this pond. Mount Tabor is also within 70 m of the Mill Pond. The Milford Fairgrounds are currently and have been for years the home for Osprey. Osprey and herons are seen daily. Also, we frequently enjoy migratory Mute Swans. Only yesterday a Swan that was circling the Mill Pond accidentally hit a streetlight adjacent to the Mill Pond dam, and survived. This would not have been the case if had encountered a rotating or stationary industrial wind turbine.

Visualize if you will, these industrial size wind turbines dominating the landscape adjacent to the Historically Designated former church, Mount Tabor, its Manse and the adjacent Cemetery. Then, picture an equivalent panorama in the City of Toronto with one or more of these 50 storey wind turbines located in Mount Pleasant Cemetery close to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and Christ Church Deer Park on Yonge Street just north of St Clair Avenue (within 100 m of your offices). Would not that be the same desecration of these important cultural and historical landmarks as being proposed by WPD for the Town of Milford? At least in this Toronto location there are existing precedents for 50 storey buildings close by.

To us, the decision, on the basis of these reasons alone is clear. The application by WPD should be dismissed. Added to all of the above are the overriding health issues, of low Frequency/Infrasound on people and animals, shadow flicker, ice throw, flashing warning lights at night, dirty power from transmission lines, detrimental effects on millions of migrating birds, serious implications for threatened birds and Blanding Turtles.

Finally, we, and all residents within this wind farm area will be faced with serious land and property devaluations and potential economic hardship. This is a proven fact.

Respectfully submitted

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Jim Bradley, MPP Minister of the Environment

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