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Dear Ms. Wynne:

Re: Motion of "Not a Willing Host Community" for IWT Projects

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Middlesex has unanimously passed the attached motion that we are "Not a Willing Host" community for Industrial Wind Turbine Projects.

We are one of the many Ontario communities that have had no choice in the matter of whether we are willing and equipped to undertake having these mega projects invade and forever change the rural landscape of our community. Our municipality already has limited financial resources for maintaining our aging infrastructure and now we are being forced into straining these resources even further with having to hire solicitors, engineers and project co-ordinators, as small municipalities of our size do not have the human or economic resources to adequately deal with these highly technical projects in order to ensure our citizens are properly protected now and in the future. These projects are being forced onto communities with no regard on how this will impact these resources and more importantly the health and safety issues that are attributed to these IWT's.

We are forwarding our motion to all Ontario municipalities, local M.P.P., Monte McNaughton and local M.P., Bev Shipley, as well as Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader, Tim Hudak and Ontario NDP Leader, Andrea Howarth for their support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

Jackie Hedeman
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MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX

MOTION

DATE: MAY 6, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORNELISSEN

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MCLINCHEY

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario has recently conveyed the Governments desire to limit Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) Projects to communities that are willing hosts;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of North Middlesex has received a clear message from its residents that they are not willing to host to IWTs in North Middlesex;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of North Middlesex applauds the position taken by the Premier and the Government;

AND WHEREAS Council represents all citizens within the Municipality, both those in favour of wind projects and those opposed. As a result, Council needs to maintain a fair and balanced viewpoint;

AND WHEREAS council is very concerned that the Green Energy Act has substantially changed the rules for municipalities with respect to wind farm developments by removing municipal control over development applications through the traditional zoning requirements under the planning act approvals for wind project developments are now controlled by the Ministry of Environment through the Renewable Energy Approval process, a legislative development that the council strongly opposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 41 of the Electricity Act requires that a municipality provide to wind project developers without charge access to and use of its road for both construction and maintenance of its turbines and electrical infrastructure, including transmission lines;

AND WHEREAS future jobs of Ontario are going to hinge on efficient energy costs, by subsidizing the cost of energy by these wind projects, we are limiting the future growth of Ontario;

THEREFORE based on the consistent position of Council for the Municipality of North Middlesex and the input received from the community regarding IWT's, the Province of Ontario and specifically the Ministry of Environment be now advised that the Municipality of North Middlesex is "NOT A WILLING HOST" for IWT's;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as to the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs and to all Ontario municipalities for their support and endorsement.



Mayor