

**DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL
ADDENDUM**



**Thursday, November 8, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Area Residents – Re Proposed Transmission Line on the former Rail Corridor

Listed on
the
Agenda

Correspondence from area residents regarding the proposed Transmission Line on the former Rail Corridor. (Additional correspondence)

12. CLOSED SESSION

Not Listed
on the
Agenda

12.2 Closed Session Report (Section 239 (2) (b) – Identifiable Individual

Sonya Pritchard

From: Roy Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: November-04-12 11:39 AM
To: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca
Cc: jeff.hammond@clypg.com.cn; 'Scott Funston'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Valerie Peterson'; Bill Hill (External); Sonya Pritchard
Subject: File No.EB-2012-0365
Importance: High

To The Board,

Further to the e-mail below I would sincerely recommend the board re- review the "Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facility (EB-2012-0365)" with respect to the maps for the pole and power line placement.

I am giving notice that the application is **flawed** and must be resubmitted.

The Lot numbers and positioning of them is completely wrong, I do not live on **LOT 302** and if the actual documents are flawed what else is wrong here.

My property **LOT 302** Extends all the way to the road stated as "not travelled" and is all **LOT 302**.

Having now reviewed these documents I would ask who checked the validity of the work???

I also repeat that having reviewed the locations of the proposed poles, the 230kV poles are in my back yard and will be within **40 feet** of my house rear wall. This is totally unacceptable to me and I see and have had no communication to mitigate this impossible situation.

Surely the board cannot allow this to continue with errors and such close proximity to a residential dwelling.

Any Application should be correct otherwise the proceedings should stop and they **MUST re-apply**.

I again **OBJECT** to the inconsistencies and the routing of this power line, my health is at stake here, I already have **Cancer** and I want to live not have more issues with health from 230kV power lines.

Please respond to this e-mail and advise me on the decision taken to correct this.

Respectfully

Roy Thomas

To The Board,

I would like to request the status of "**Commenter**" and "**Observer**"

As a Commenter I wish to make the following known to the Board.

I have attended all three of the public meetings in the three counties affected by the Project and I have personally voiced my concerns to Dufferin Wind Power. I would like to reiterate the issues as I see them for me personally:

This project and in particular the 230kV power line is a serious problem for me and my family. My home is built only 60 feet from the center of the existing Rail Line, by that I mean that the back of my house is only 60 feet from this old rail line. I believe mine is the closest residence that there is to the power line over the entire length.

The topography of the land behind my house is a hill rising up from my back door approximately 12 feet in elevation to a planting of trees at the top. The other side of this hill is a very steep incline down to the rail bed which is perhaps 12 feet wide. On the opposite side of the rail bed is another steep incline to the top of another hill on my neighbours property. This means that there is no possible way that the power line can be set-back off the rail bed without impacting the steep walls of this "ravine".

Any possibility of an overhead power line here would place it in my back yard and this is totally unacceptable to me as a current resident of Melancthon.

Even the fact that the vegetation under the power line would be cut back would mean that the hill would be cut down breaking the current privacy that the hill brings. I would be looking almost directly at the rail line with all the existing ATV and Snowmobile traffic now using the trail.

At present this hill provides some privacy and elimination of noise from these vehicles and that is also important to me and my family.

If the residents of Shelburne town can have the power line buried through the town to minimize, or eliminate any impact on not only the school but the houses as well, then my situation should also qualify for a buried line.

If a buried line at this location is not being considered then I object to the route and the impact and effect on my house. I do not support any approval from the board for this power line.

I would demand that an alternative route be examined at a more appropriate and safer location, impacting even less residents. Take the power line through agricultural property where there are no residential houses.

I am extremely concerned about the EMF and Corona effects of this high voltage power line as I am a current Cancer patient at Sunnybrook and I do not need any additional effect on my body to increase my problems. I value my life and country living and I already have some 13 windmills to the west of me with sufficient noise levels when it is just a little windy from the blades cutting the wind. I also do not subscribe to the beliefs that there are no proven effects. These facilities need much more study with respect to real family practitioner doctors patient impacts currently experienced by local residents from existing wind farm projects. These issues are real and these people do not make these symptoms up they really do experience some serious issues and an independent study would provide evidence.

My second objection is relative to counter effects on persons with a pacemaker.

My brother-in-law has one and he comes to visit me for 3 weeks every year from the UK. With this overhead power line at my back door he could not visit my house again and this is highly inappropriate just because Dufferin Wind Power wants to build a power line down the rail corridor.

All possible effects to human health must be taken into consideration along with impacts to residents and property before any approval is given and if necessary mitigation for all these problems must be offered in a timely manner for all residents prior to the board agreeing to the continuation of this project.

If all this is not completed for all impacted residents then the Board must deny this application until it is satisfied that all measures of safety and mitigation have been dealt with.

The last, but not least effect on residents is that the property values within a windmill location or a high voltage power line will be reduced dramatically.

It is well documented and a matter of record in MLS listings that when the last set of windmills were placed in Melancthon, Ontario Hydro purchased several houses from residents who experienced serious health problems.

These properties were then resold approximately 2 years later by Ontario Hydro at a loss of anywhere from 26 to 46% of the original value.

It is also important to place on record that complete disclosure is necessary when selling a house within the boundaries of these installations, leaving buyers questioning why they should pay full price for problematic locations.

My house is currently for sale and in over seven weeks I have not had one enquiry for a showing, last week I reduced the price significantly in an attempt to sell and presently I am having no success. My realtor Scott Funston of Taylor Made Realty can confirm this.

Dufferin Wind Power should be making offers of mitigation to impacted residents for all the above issues prior to any board approval.

I therefore request the board to reject the proposal for the 230kV Power Line as inappropriate study and consultation with impacted residents has been performed and until such time as this is complete it is not acceptable to the residents of Melancthon and me personally.

Sincerely

Roy Thomas

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Sonya Pritchard

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Subject: Dufferin Wind Public Consultation

November 3, 2010

Dear Ms. Dumais,

On October 22, 2012 my wife and I attended a meeting at the Amaranth Township office. It was one of the public consultation meetings by Dufferin Wind Project in Melancthon and to do with the transmission line that is going to go through Melancthon, Shelburne and Amaranth.

At one point during the meeting a Dufferin Wind Power representative, Mr. Hammond answering a question made reference to the current phase one and two wind project in Melancthon/Amaranth.

I would like to know if you agree with Mr. Hammond when he states in reference to the Amaranth/Melancthon project:

"I don't think I've heard anybody say that the other two projects were done properly, council members, local landowners. I don't know why they did the engineering that way. I wasn't here. I don't know why they put the turbines so close to homes. That was a mistake clearly and people paid for that. What happened through the province and what happened through the permitting process as a result of that project, setbacks were widened, noise requirements were increased. It's

a fact. That's exactly what happened. So what you're saying is just simply because someone didn't do it right over there, that means we didn't do it right over here. I disagree with that.

I'm sure you'll agree it is important that accurate information is provided to all participants and non-participants of the proposed project.

Please respond.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lormand

[REDACTED]

Mono, Ontario

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Dufferin Wind Power Inc.

Amaranth Township

Third Public Information Centre

Location: Amaranth Township Banquet Hall

Date: Monday, October 22, 2012

.....PUBLIC Your binder is about this thick. You people should know the binder was about that thick on my retirement home that I was told by a wind turbine company that I had to leave. You say that you've done your research, fine, very intelligent, well educated people, when we were forced out of our home. Why do people have to sign gag orders?

Non-disclosure: I call it a gag order. I'm supposed to have duct tape over my mouth. There comes a time when you cannot sleep if you don't open it because you know other people that are hurt, children that are hurt. You people cannot stand up there and tell me that you don't know of families. How many homes have they bought between phase 1 and phase 2 already? How many lawsuits are out there? You people should know. You're bringing more into this community. I live in Mono now. Amaranth was my home. Explain it to me. Why did I have to leave my home? Please voice your opinion. Tell me it's me. Tell me I'm a "nimby." Tell me the tests that were done by an acoustic company, rubberstamped by the MOE when they were out of compliance. Explain it to me. You tell me that you've done your research, you know about these cases. You're coming into this community, you people should know every home, every person personally that claims, because you're going to use the word "claim", that got sick, that got ill, that their animals were harmed, and then explain to me how you look in the mirror in the morning.

JEFF HAMMOND I do it every morning. I don't think I've heard anybody say that the other two projects were done properly, council members, local landowners. I

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PUBLIC The guidelines are no better to protect people now than they were 5 years ago.

JEFF HAMMOND Oh, I disagree.

PUBLIC It can go up to 51 DB, not 40, we all know that...It's a sliding scale...

TRACY EHL Please...go ahead and ask your question...

PUBLIC How can you possibly tell me that all those homeowners on that map are going to be safe, when we know in every wind farm in Ontario people are sick, even the brand new one that just started up in Grey Highlands this year, people are sick because of low frequency noise, loud cyclical noise that changes as the day, atmosphere, wind speed and direction changes. How can you tell me that's not going to happen when you've got the same basic layout going on out there?

JEFF HAMMOND I'll turn this over to Dr. Knopper but when you guys look at this, you just say offhandedly, "That's what's going to happen."

PUBLIC It's not offhandedly.

JEFF HAMMOND It is offhandedly.

PUBLIC Shame on you.

JEFF HAMMOND No, it's not shame on me.

TRACY EHL Just answer the question please.

PUBLIC Don't insult us by saying that though, that's not fair.

JEFF HAMMOND But yet at the same time you come back and accuse us of automatically trying to harm people and that's not true.

PUBLIC It's the MOE, not you. It's the MOE that's allowing you to do this and there should be a representative here from the MOE to answer questions. You will defer to them and say that the guidelines are ok, and they're not ok. I know that's what's going to happen because it happens at every meeting.

JEFF HAMMOND You have a voice in this. You've had a chance to talk with the MOE, you still do. There's a lot of people that don't feel the same way as you. There's a lot of people that do. There's a characterization that everybody feels exactly the same way as you. This wind farm was started by local landowners just like you. Every single one of them that started this project were local. They chose to put it on their land. Everyone in the project area was given the opportunity to participate and many of them did and there's still a few that didn't. And so what we did was we designed it to make sure we stayed within those regulations and those regulations have changed, they have gotten better.

PUBLIC They don't work. We welcomed turbines...

JEFF HAMMOND That's your personal opinion that they don't work.

PUBLIC We thought turbines were wonderful, but now we've seen them all over the province, literally all over the world, hurting people. Not every house, not everyone gets affected depending on the array of them, but way too many. You shouldn't have to rent another house so that you can sleep or drive away in your car because you're sick.

JEFF HAMMOND I agree.

PUBLIC What I'm saying is the MOE hasn't done their due diligence, they still haven't done their due diligence. They don't know what they're doing

with people's health. It goes from the MOH to the MOE to Arlington and back to the MOH. It's just a mess and they don't know what they're doing. I'm not saying this is your fault. I'm saying it's the MOE's fault, and you should go to them and say we need to stop right now and get the regulations corrected so they won't hurt people. Because I'm telling you, I guarantee that you're going to hurt people and one family is too many. It's enough.

JEFF HAMMOND I agree, but what I don't agree with is I don't agree with your opinion that this cannot be built safely and responsibly. We have built a lot of wind farms. That was the first wind farm that was built by a company that first came in. I even look at it from an engineering perspective and there are things that I wouldn't do.

PUBLIC Grey Highlands is brand new and there's people sick. Deer Creek, Goderich, everywhere, Ripley...every single one.

JEFF HAMMOND That, I don't agree with.

PUBLIC Have you lived near a turbine?

JEFF HAMMOND I have, actually.

PUBLIC Where? Toronto?

PUBLIC It's people all over the province that you're not connected with that are suffering, literally suffering.

TRACY EHL Next question.

Sonya Pritchard

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Subject: Dufferin Wind public consultation

To: Doris Dumais, Ministry of Environment Approvals
Cc: Dufferin County Council

Dear Doris,

I want to bring to your attention a slip up in the public consultation transcripts regarding Dufferin Wind Power's Melancthon project.

I would like the error corrected on the record and submit my concern about how a clearly stated comment came out so very different, in fact completely contrary to what I said.

As I understand it Dufferin Wind Power has been audio taping the meetings using a professional audio recording company they hired. I am not sure if there is any videotaping happening at the same time. There was no outside noise on the tape that I reviewed that would muddle the words. I understand that a consultant for Dillon is doing the transcribing.

Also FYI

Their website has an error on meeting location for the July 28, 2012 session.

It is labeled "Horning Mills Community Centre" when in fact it was held at the centre Dufferin Recreation Centre, Fiddlepark Lane in the town of Shelburne

If I am wrong on any of the above, please correct me.

Shelburne PIC, July 28, 2012 - Question & Answer Session
Dufferin Wind Power Inc. Second Public Information Centre for Melancthon Township
Location: Horning Mills Community Centre
Date: Thursday, July 28, 2012 Time: 6pm – 9pm.
Q & A from 7pm – 9pm

This is a portion of DWP's transcribed version:

" MEMBER OF PUBLIC Yes they're also experiencing vibration and this wasn't there before the turbines started up. That's a whole different thing - low frequency noise coming off of the turbines. Now when the Green Energy Act was coming into effect and the regulations were being discussed and decided upon, a lot of the wind proponents and CANWEA asked the government to lead on monitoring and measuring for low frequency

noise under the regulations. Everybody knows, it's been proven, that low frequency noise is coming off of these things causing vibration in some homes. Not everyone was affected, we all know that and yet there's no monitoring. There are no mitigation measures for people because it's a black hole, nobody's looking after it. And now you're going to put more turbines up and create the same effect for people. been proven, that low frequency noise is coming off of these things causing vibration in some homes. Not everyone was affected, we all know that and yet there's no monitoring. There are no mitigation measures for people because it's a black hole, nobody's looking after it. And now you're going to put more turbines up and create the same effect for people. "

Correct version:

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In my opinion and experience this is a significant error that could easily confuse people investigating the authoritative role in concerns surrounding the adverse health issues.

In light of this I request that all audio transcripts during public consultation, transcribed and posted by Dufferin Wind Power be considered incomplete and a temporary hold be put on them until proper time is allowed to review them for accuracy.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Re: Health and Wind Turbines

Oh dear, note correction below.

"Please, do allow any new families to be put into that position."

Should be:

"Please, do **not** allow any new families to be put into that position."

Corrected version is below.

On Sat, Nov 3, 2012 at 8:15 AM, Barb Ashbee [REDACTED] wrote:
Dear County Council Members

A new peer reviewed study has just been published by Nissenbaum et al.
I have attached it along with a list of 24 other peer review article abstracts on adverse effects and harm to human health.

The research has caught up with the government denial and I ask you again to please, listen to your constituents who are pleading with you to halt any more wind turbine facilities from being installed in Dufferin County.

The assault on innocent families is tragic and you all know families who have been affected and forced to leave their homes. Consider the hardship for these families as they try to find another place to live. Consider the financial implications of losing everything they have and consider the ones still trapped in toxic homes. People don't just up and abandon their homes without reason. They have all tried to have their problems resolved through the proper government channels following all of their protocols but nothing ever happens.

Please, do not allow any new families to be put into that position.


I trust members of council will consider all information with eyes wide open to what is happening not only in Dufferin County but across Ontario in industrial wind projects and frankly worldwide where these turbines and transmission stations have grown substantially in size and capacity and continue to be placed too close to homes.

The people who have experienced the harm are the true experts on this subject, not wind company consultants or our provincial government leaders who continue to deny the facts and first hand testimony before them.

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Please contact me if you have any questions about any of the attachments.

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<http://www.lfpress.com/2012/11/01/ontario-wind-war-widens>

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