

# Concerned about Industrial Wind Turbines?

This is a Public Forum to support the growing opposition to Industrial Wind Development on Manitoulin Island and its waters.  
**It is not too late to be heard.**

## Pros and Cons of the Wind Industry on Manitoulin Island

### Pros:

- creation of jobs for local contractors during construction phase (roads, transmission lines, turbine foundations)
- contribution to tax revenues for local municipalities
- creation of turbine service and maintenance jobs
- lease payments to landowners brings money to a community

### Cons:

- depletion of local aggregate resources
- potential loss of tax revenues to local municipalities due to home and property devaluation
- loss of land use in and around wind farms will limit economic development
- wind industry has a low full time, long term job density for host communities
- property devaluation (evidence for this is piling up across the province)
- negative impact on human health for those forced to live near turbines (evidence for this is piling up across the province)
- loss of right to use and enjoy property for landowners who are adjacent to properties leased for turbines
- burdening local roads and commuters with excessively heavy equipment and oversized loads
- noise pollution and the subsequent loss of Manitoulin's peaceful and non-industrial aura
- light pollution and the subsequent loss of Manitoulin's renowned dark sky
- killing of insects, birds and bats
- adverse impacts on livestock and wildlife
- destruction and fragmentation of important ecosystems
- destruction of habitat known to contain species at risk, threatening the officially recognized high biodiversity of our Island
- burdening our community with unnecessary power infrastructure that could lead to instability in our electricity (hydro) service
- high potential for negative impact to the tourism/seasonal resident/retiree economy that is vitally important to Manitoulin

We acknowledge that the wind industry and the provincial Liberals would have lists that

look different from ours, and that our hundreds of supporters would have lists that look quite similar to ours. Creating lists of pros and cons is very much a subjective exercise: it is our hope that these lists will inspire readers to create their own. Whatever your opinion regarding the possible impact of the wind industry on Manitoulin (and especially if you have no opinion), it is important that you continue to inform yourself on both sides of the issue so that you can contribute to this ongoing discussion. Motivated by the incredible support we have received from our community, we will continue to research the issues surrounding industrial wind farms so that we can uphold our commitment to public education on this topic.

### MCSEA News

#### Canadian Wind Energy Association changes its message on health

In an October 12th interview on Global Television, the president of the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA), Robert Hornung, stated, "wind turbine sound ... can have potentially indirect health impacts". This is a seismic shift in the organizations stance on wind turbines and human health as CanWEA has long held that wind turbines have no affect on humans.

#### New report available: "Learning from Evidence of Sound Experienced from Wind Turbines"

This report investigates the relationship between sound from wind turbines and adverse health effects, and is available at:

[http://windconcernsontario.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/caa\\_conference\\_palmerw1.pdf](http://windconcernsontario.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/caa_conference_palmerw1.pdf)

#### Residents left to suffer consequences of industrial wind farms: no recourse but lawsuits for folks with turbine issues

Government and industry are ignoring problems that residents are experiencing as a direct result of wind turbines. Read about one families experience with wind turbines at <http://www.chathamdailynews.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3322263>.

**Comments and letters are welcome**  
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