

WHAT TO DO WHEN A WIND PROJECT IS PLANNED FOR YOUR AREA:

As a Community:

- Start your own Wind Action group. It may start with as small a number as 2. Don't feel overwhelmed. It WILL grow over a matter of weeks and months. A group will allow you to share the workload, organize action plans, notices, meetings, collect and manage donations, etc. See Toolbox.
- Join OWA to show provincial unity
- Keep a group emailing list for support and help.
- Hold a public information meeting for your area. For suggestions on organizing a meeting, See Toolbox.
- You and as many neighbours as you can engage can post signs: STOP the WIND TURBINES, *message also very applicable to any areas with existing turbines*, as the sign then means 'shut the turbines down, you are hurting us!'. Signs available at cost and shipping from gaylenezahara@hotmail.com
- Engage media early if possible, ie letters to editor, articles. 'see Toolbox'
- If you have someone with the expertise to do so, start a webpage for your local area to keep people informed of latest developments.
- Send health information to local council and MPP and MP. Meet with Council, MP, MPP, keep them informed of latest information so they can make decisions from knowledge.
- Send emails MPs, MPPs
- Information notices in neighbour's mailboxes re turbines, health, leases, etc.. See Toolbox.
- Go to all wind company 'open house' meetings and try to ask questions as a group so that all can hear questions and answers or so that all can hear the wind company refuse to answer.
- Get a copy of the Environmental Screening Report that went to your township office. .

Personal:

- Keep a journal to notice sleeping, noise, general well being before turbines are operating and continue after turbines are operating. It can be as elaborate or as simple as time allows.
- Physical checkup of all family members before turbines so there is a record of your health pre turbines operating.
- Baseline measurement for noise at your home (document day, time, repeat if possible)-take recordings of noise before turbines. If one can afford it, get an engineer to take decibel and low frequency noise readings.
- baseline measurement of electrical pollution in your home
- Get a property value assessment.
- Take pictures of your view and home; it's your pre- turbine visual record..