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Re: Proposed wind monitoring station Toronto Hydro Lake Ontario Anemometer

I have been contacted by many residents expressing their concerns about the Toronto Hydro Energy Services plans to perform wind testing on Lake Ontario from The Don Valley Expressway east to the Township of Ajax; with the ultimate goal to install a wind farm consisting of 60 wind turbines in Lake Ontario 2 – 4 km from the Scarborough Bluffs shoreline.

To begin with, constituents I have dialogued with are concerned about the possible environmental impact of the proposed wind farm. The turbines would have a profound negative impact on the view from the world renowned and historic Scarborough Bluffs. Other factors see this large area used for pleasure sailing by local residents. There is also a negative impact on the migratory flight paths of birds, and the North American Monarch butterfly (already an endangered species).

As this proposal would affect 5 wards within our City I am requesting that Toronto Hydro find a more suitable location at the western end of Toronto not directly impacting residential communities, endangered species or disrupt an area world renowned as a tourist attraction.

Further, I am interested in obtaining information on the process used to review this specific site and disclose all the sites investigated for this particular project.

Currently the City of Toronto hosts a wind turbine at the foot of the Canadian National Exhibition property which may conclude to be a viable location to increase Toronto Hydro's goals.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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