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Dear Save the Toronto Bluffs Committee,

I am very encouraged to see some residents of the Guildwood Village community have come together to form the grass roots organization *Save the Toronto Bluffs*.

When Toronto Hydro first approached me with their concept to install a wind anemometer off the Scarborough Bluffs, I advised them that I did not believe my community would be receptive to their proposal. I informed them at the time that preliminary discussions would have to take place with the community before they did anything further in the process. To my disappointment this did not occur, instead an application was submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources before community consultation took place.

I will continue to keep firm with my decision to oppose the choice of Toronto Hydro to place wind turbines off of the Scarborough Bluffs due to a lack of an economic analysis, esthetics, and other unknown effects to the residents and the geographical area. It is my opinion that the community has not been properly consulted or respected.

It would be best for Toronto Hydro to search for geographical areas with the least amount of impact on communities to house the study and possible installation of wind turbines. This approach should have been taken from the onset and is still a viable solution, as we have learned any energy obtained from such projects would go directly to the power grid servicing clients throughout Ontario. Opening a transparent dialogue with Guildwood area residents to search out possibilities, would have given residents a better understanding of what wind turbines could mean to our community.

I am continuing to converse with Toronto Hydro and the Provincial government to ensure our voices are heard. Our community needs to act collectively to persuade Toronto Hydro to look at different methods to not only produce clean energy, but alternative manners to conserve produced electricity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Ainslie". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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