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Dear Guildwood Neighbours:

Many residents have been contacting my office to discuss Toronto Hydro's proposal to construct an anemometer within Lake Ontario. Residents have been requesting additional clarification and information since the November 24, 2008 meeting. The community will have an opportunity to speak to Toronto Hydro in January 2009.

Toronto Hydro has confirmed that they will host a second meeting for only community residents to attend. A meeting notice is to be delivered to all residents by Toronto Hydro through Canada Post. I along with many residents waited in line for two hours to reach the microphone on November 24th, at which time I demanded another community meeting take place.

At this time residents need to provide their input to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Toronto Hydro's consultant about the proposed anemometer not wind turbines, as the current proposal is to install an anemometer. Comments on wind turbines at this point may be ignored by Ministry officials, as they are only collecting data on the anemometer application. Comments on the anemometer are to be sent to:

Ian Dobrindt, MCIP, RPP
Gartner Lee Limited
300 Town Centre Blvd, Suite 300
Markham, Ontario L3R 5Z6

Mark Patterson
Ministry of Natural Resources
50 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8

It should also be noted that the authority to provide Toronto Hydro with the approvals to install a wind testing anemometer lies with the Provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.

The moratorium placed on offshore wind power was lifted on January 17, 2008 by the provincial government after a study was undertaken to look at the potential environmental impacts on wildlife, aquatic species and bird migration routes. Further information on wind power may be viewed on several provincial sites: www.mnr.gov.on.ca, www.energy.gov.on.ca, www.canwea.com, www.powerauthority.on.ca, as well as a host of other sites.

To further express your comments on this matter to your government representatives I have provided a list of Provincial authorities.

Sincerely,

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Some of the inquiries I have been receiving include:

If the wind anemometer testing proves positive will power obtained from wind turbines be sufficient to offset the costs to build the offshore wind power?

What is the projected life expectancy of an offshore wind turbine unit within a Canadian/North American climate?

When the life expectancy of a unit has passed would the wind turbine be removed? What is the cost to have the units removed? Is there a policy in place to remove units which are not in use and what is the policy?

Will it be more expensive to build off shore wind turbines within Lake Ontario as the winter months will provide layers of ice for the units to contend with?

Will the Ministry of Natural Resources be considering the natural Scarborough Bluffs Landscape with its Carolinian forest, rich history as well as its significant characteristic of East Scarborough as a deterrent for this project?

If Toronto Hydro decides to pull away from this project can another energy provider make an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for this site?