

Update on Wind Turbines Proposal Offshore Scarborough Bluffs by Toronto Hydro

The serious questions the public has raised have delayed the fast-track schedule that Toronto Hydro originally proposed. In fact, our two banker's boxes of data containing researched information on important issues such as public health, lake toxicology, environmental degradation, viability, etc., is a 600 page independent assessment submitted to MOE and MNR for consideration.

So far Toronto Hydro has NOT been able to install the proposed offshore anemometer, as an MNR permit approval has not been granted.

Issues of Concern:

- The latest and ever-increasing body of scientific knowledge, especially from European sources, has been largely ignored by Toronto Hydro.
- The public was informed in August 2008 of Toronto Hydro's offshore plans and given 30 days to respond. Through the Freedom of Information Act, we discovered that planning has been ongoing since 2003. The reports and environmental assessments by developer THESI (Toronto Hydro Energy Service Inc.) without an independent 3rd. party review were biased and misleadingly incomplete.
- With regard to offshore development, THESI will not disclose to the public any pending or forthcoming legal contractual agreements. (Remember, the City of Toronto spent 35 million tax dollars to cancel the Island Airport bridge).
- THESI will not disclose what minimum capacity winds that it deems viable for offshore development (2008 Helimax Report recommends 35-40% capacity).
- THESI will not disclose to the public the records of power production and wind capacity of the CNE waterfront wind turbine.
- The new location for the anemometer, only 1.2 km. offshore, would be useless since it is outside the proposed 2-4 km. offshore wind farm site. If the anemometer is approved, THESI will not disclose to the public the wind information data collected or their methodology for computer modeling and extrapolations.
- Setback distances for offshore wind turbines have not yet been determined by the provincial government.
- The breach of the Ontario Privacy of Information Act by THESI has not been resolved.

With the support of all government agencies (MNR, MOE, Ontario Green Energy Act, Provincial 20 yr. guaranteed subsidies) as proponents of green energy projects at all and any costs, we expect that Toronto Hydro will continue their offshore venturing.

There are new developments relating to Toronto Hydro Energy Services ability to finance this project. Save The Toronto Bluffs is seeking intervener status from the Ontario Energy Board and hopes to be a full participant in this. Please watch your inbox for more information, as we will all need to respond to this once more information is available.

Currently, the volunteers from Save the Toronto Bluffs continue to monitor the issue and are staying in contact with government officials who are aware of our input. We thank everyone who has helped our dedicated group for your questions and comments, for your interest, and for your continued support.

We will keep everyone informed as soon as new developments unfold.

Thank you very much,

The volunteers at www.SaveTheTorontoBluffs.com