



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

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January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To All Municipalities in Ontario

**Re: Request Support**

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Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, at its meeting of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, passed the following resolution and your support would be appreciated:

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Mark Davis  
Seconded by: Councillor Steve Hammell

*Whereas*, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture which is Ontario's largest farm organization has asked Premier McGuinty and the Provincial government to suspend the building of Industrial Wind Turbines across the province as of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012; and

*Whereas*, Dozens of municipalities across this province have repeatedly asked for a moratorium on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines until questions such as health concerns of people living in proximity to the Industrial Wind Turbines, proper setbacks of Industrial Wind Turbines, devaluation of neighbouring properties, decimation of the rural landscape, and destruction of wildlife habitats are properly studied and addressed; and

*Whereas*, Many of these municipalities have asked for the province to hand back the planning authority of Industrial Wind Turbines, but to no avail; and

*Whereas*, The Ontario Auditor General have even tried to explain to this government the serious errors being made under the Green Energy Act with regards to more jobs being lost than created, the consumer and taxpayer subsidizing the Industrial Wind Turbine projects to create huge profits for large off-shore companies while making electricity very expensive for the citizens for this province, or the implications of decommissioning Industrial Wind Turbines twenty years from now; therefore

*Be It Resolved*, That the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, along with all other municipalities across this province who share these concerns regarding the damaging and devastating repercussions within our communities, hereby request that the Premier invoke an immediate moratorium of one year, with yearly extensions as required on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines within the Province of Ontario until the concerns noted above are properly studied and addressed; and further

*Be It Resolved*, That this moratorium be put in place before the ROMA/OGRA 2012 Conference starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012; and further

*Be It Resolved*, That if the moratorium is not announced prior to the start date of the conference, that all municipal officials in attendance at the conference representing municipalities in opposition to the autocratic and dictatorial processes utilized by the government in establishing the *Green Energy Act*, shall leave the room immediately when the agenda reaches the point that the Premier or his designate addresses the conference, in a show of solidarity to once again demonstrate to our provincial government our frustration, anger and disappointment over their complete and total mishandling of the *Green Energy Act* and Industrial Wind Turbines in particular; and

Further, That this motion shall be forwarded through AMO to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario, Premier McGuinty, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Energy and the Minister of the Environment."

Yours truly,  
MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE  
Per:

*Original Signed by*

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