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***WATT\$ Wrong with WIND and the Green Energy Act?  
What our Provincial Government won't tell us.  
Industrial Wind Turbines and Their Impact on  
YOUR Electricity Bill, Environment, and Health.***

*Three groups of concerned Lambton County citizens, (WAIT-PW, CORE and MLWAG) have recruited experts on energy and energy policies, and those most affected by these policies, to present information all residents should know on:*

- 1. The impact of industrial wind turbines on your electricity bill.*
- 2. The long-term financial implications for energy costs in Ontario.*
- 3. The environment implications on wildlife, as well as the impact on residents living in proximity to the industrial wind turbines.*

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 31, 2013

**TIME:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**PLACE:** The Imperial Theatre  
Christina Street  
Sarnia

**EXPERT SPEAKERS:**

- 1. Professor Ross McKittrick (via video)**
- 2. Parker Gallant**
- 3. Barb Ashbee-Lormand**
- 4. Esther Wrightman**

Further information on the speakers and topics can be found on the following pages.  
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**OUR SPEAKERS:**

## **Professor Ross McKittrick**

Professor McKittrick is widely-cited in Canada and around the world as an expert on global warming and environmental policy issues. He has been interviewed by Time, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The National Post, The Globe and Mail, the CBC, BBC, ITV, Fox News, Bloomberg, Global TV, CTV, and others. His commentaries have appeared in many newspapers and magazines, including Newsweek and the Financial Post. His research has been discussed in such places as Nature, Science, The Economist, Natuurwetenschap&Techniek, The National Post, The Globe and Mail and in a front page article in the The Wall Street Journal.

Professor McKittrick has made invited academic presentations around the world, and he has testified before the US Congress and the Canadian Parliamentary Finance and Environment Committees. In 2006 he was one of 12 experts from around the world asked to brief a panel of the US National Academy of Sciences on paleoclimate reconstruction methodology (reconstructing ancient climates).

His area of specialization is environmental economics and policy analysis. His research areas include the relationship between economic growth and pollution emissions; regulatory mechanism design; and numerous aspects of the science and policy of global warming. His economics research has appeared in such journals as The Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Economic Modeling, The Canadian Journal of Economics, Empirical Economics, The Energy Journal, and Environmental and Resource Economics. His physical science research has appeared in journals such as Journal of Geophysical Research, Geophysical Research Letters, Climatic Change, Climate Dynamics and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. He is the author of the advanced textbook Economic Analysis of Environmental Policy, published by the University of Toronto Press in 2010. In 2002 he and Christopher Essex of the University of Western Ontario published the book Taken By Storm: The Troubled Science, Policy and Politics of Global Warming which was awarded the \$10,000 Donner Prize for Best Book on Canadian Public Policy.

Professor McKittrick holds a BA in economics from Queen's University, and an MA and Ph.D. in economics from the University of British Columbia. He was appointed Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Guelph in 1996, Associate Professor in 2001 and Full Professor in 2009. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Fraser Institute in Vancouver B.C. and a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the John Deutsch Institute in Kingston Ontario.

Professor McKittrick's has kindly prepared a video presentation for the town hall in Sarnia. His presentation will focus on the economic and practical shortfalls of the Green Energy Act specifically as it applies to the use of Industrial Wind Turbines to generate electricity in Ontario.

<http://www.rossmckittrick.com>

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/~rmckitri/ross.html>

## **Parker Gallant**

Parker Gallant is a former Canadian banker who looked at his Ontario electricity bills and didn't like what he was seeing.

Parker is a regular [contributor to the Financial Post](#) on matters related to the energy sector, and was a director of Energy Probe from 2010 to 2012.

Parker's retirement allows him to spend time researching the energy sector and apply his banker's common sense to analyzing the sector's approach to the production, transmission and distribution of electricity to Ontario's consumers.

Parker Gallant's presentation will cover the impact of the Green Energy Act on the cost of electrical services for residents of Ontario. He will outline the individual cost items and will show how the true cost of wind generated power is hidden in our electricity bills.

Parker Gallant is a retired banker whose 33-year career with the TD bank included lending positions in the domestic market and many years in international banking where he had responsibility as VP for both trade finance and correspondent banking relationships. Between stints with the domestic and international parts of the TD, Parker spent several years with the Canadian subsidiary of a UK trade finance lender where he gained much of his knowledge on trade finance. During his time with TD Parker served a term as Chairman of the Canadian Bankers Association's Trade Finance Committee interacting with EDC, the Canadian Exporters Association and the Trade Ministry.

Articles by Parker Gallant

<http://opinion.financialpost.com/author/parkergallant/>

## **Barb Ashbee-Lormand**

Barb Ashbee has first-hand knowledge of the adverse health effects in wind projects. In 2009 Barb and her family had to move from their family home in order to regain their health. Their house was subsequently purchased by the wind developer; and despite a gag clause in the contract, Barb is speaking out because she feels strongly that this issue needs full, public disclosure.

Barbara Ashbee and her husband Dennis Lormand live in Mono Township just outside of Orangeville. She has been active speaking and advocating for resolution for those whose health and homes are being impacted.

She is the Co-ordinator of VOW - (Victims of Wind) - a network created in 2009 to help connect Ontario families being impacted.

Barb's presentation will cover her personal experiences living in an industrial wind zone and in trying to deal with the provincial government and agencies in attempts to resolve several issues that have led to the widespread problems being experienced in wind projects today.

## **Ester Wrightman**

Esther Wrightman is a mother of two, living on modest means with her husband and children; and working at her family's plant nursery near Strathroy.

For the past four years, she has been active in voicing concerns about the current gold-rush mentality to develop wind energy projects and has developed websites to inform residents of the province on issues related to wind. Esther currently operates the Ontario Wind Resistance, Middlesex Lambton Wind Action Group and ILL Wind Reporting websites.

After posting a video showing NextEra, a \$35 Billion, Florida-based, energy company, cutting down an active bald eagle nest in 2013, and then satirizing NextEra's logo on her website, Esther was hit with a SLAPP lawsuit (Strategic Lawsuit to Prevent Public Participation) by NextEra, which she intends to fight.

Esther Wrightman will speak about her experiences with NextEra.

## Adverse Health Affects and Industrial Turbines

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In 2011, a government appointed Environmental Review Tribunal considered evidence and testimony under oath and concluded that Industrial Wind Turbines can harm humans if they are placed too close to residents. The tribunal states: **“This case has successfully shown that the debate should not be simplified to one about whether wind turbines can cause harm to humans. The evidence presented to the Tribunal demonstrates that they can, if facilities are placed too close to residents.”**

The government has known about adverse health affects from industrial turbines for years from documents released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI). MPP Lisa Thompson highlighted these documents in February when she tabled a motion for a moratorium on industrial wind turbines. **“We have found out through FOI documents from the Ministry of Environment that this Liberal government has known for years that there are significant health impacts from industrial wind turbines, but turned a blind eye and told the environmental officers who discovered these impacts to stand down.”**

2013 - Dr. Hazel Lynn, the Medical Officer of Health for Grey-Bruce and Dr. Ian Arra, conducted the most thorough review of scientific literature to date. All of the studies reviewed demonstrated an adverse affect on humans. Dr. Lynn stated the results provide, **“further confirmation that these are not NIMBYs, these are people affected by these things. Anything that shows a dose response and has this much association really strongly warrants further research. More studies, multiple different designs, looking at different areas.”**

WE KNOW THERE IS AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN TURBINES AND HEALTH

LET'S W.A.I.T. (PW)

Moratorium NOW

Image below: early construction phase of an industrial turbine base

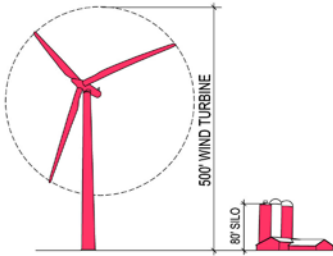


The image below is an illustration showing the relative height of Suncor's turbines planned for their Cedar Point wind project compared to some well-known landmarks.



Proposed sites for Industrial Wind Turbines

# INDUSTRIAL WIND TURBINES



GRAND BEND (6 OVERLAPPING PROJECTS 296 TURBINES)



**LEGEND:**  
 WIND TURBINES  
 NOTE: TURBINE SYMBOLS ARE IN APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS

**CHURCHILL PROJECT**

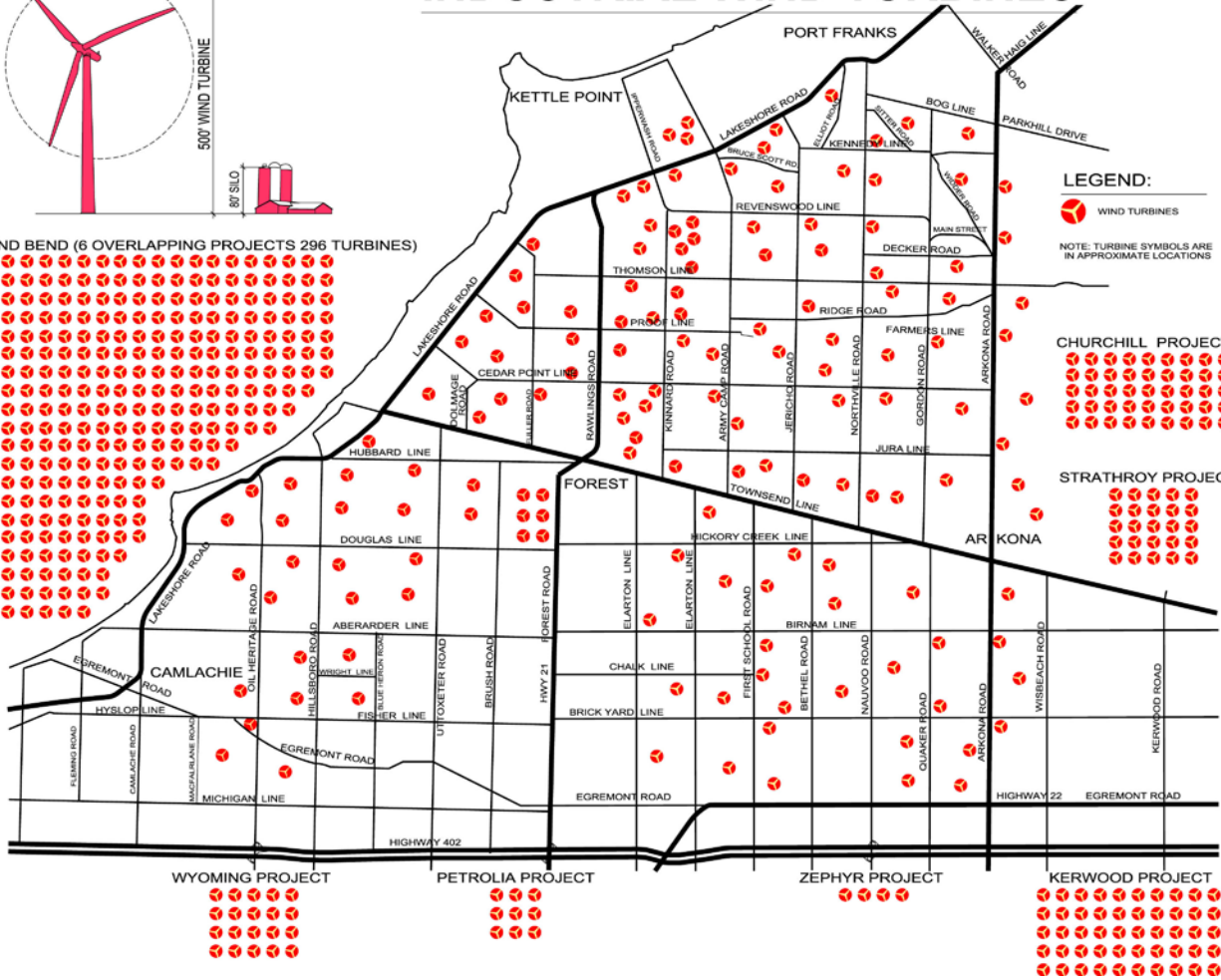
**STRATHROY PROJECT**

**WYOMING PROJECT**

**PETROLIA PROJECT**

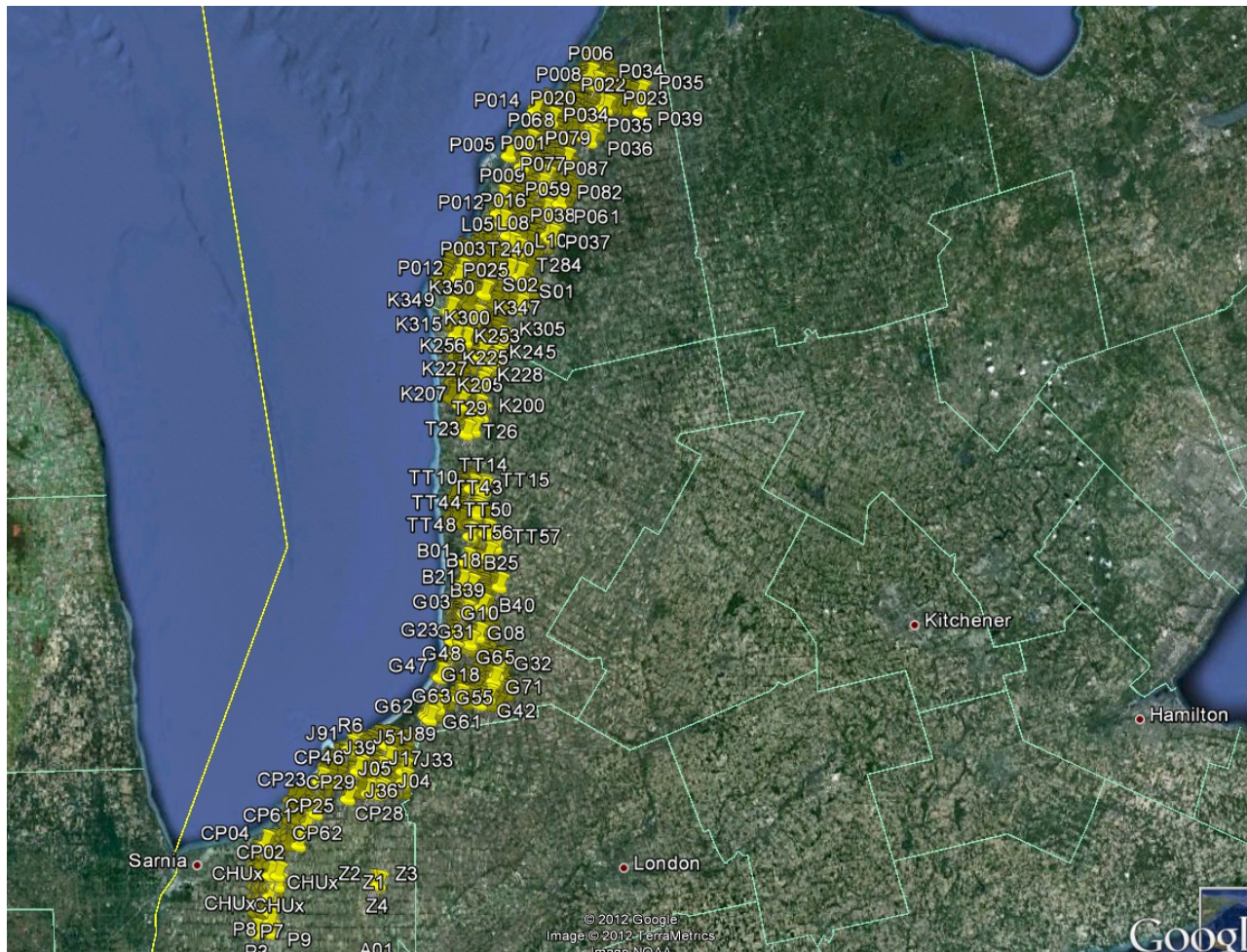
**ZEPHYR PROJECT**

**KERWOOD PROJECT**



Planned and existing industrial turbine projects along Lake Huron. These are only a small portion of the projects planned or already in operation in Ontario.

The source is: <http://windfarmrealities.org/lake-huron-pictures/>





This file takes a long time to load...but you will see the potential future sites of wind turbines in Lake Huron just north of Port Huron.

[http://www.michiganglowcouncil.org/meeting\\_materials/posters/GLOW%20Irg%20postersRR1\\_DELEG%208\\_12\\_10.pdf](http://www.michiganglowcouncil.org/meeting_materials/posters/GLOW%20Irg%20postersRR1_DELEG%208_12_10.pdf)

The illustration below shows the Sanilac County site just north of Sarnia.



## Five Most Favorable Wind Resource Areas (WRA) Sanilac County

