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**THE WIND POWER
SENTINEL**

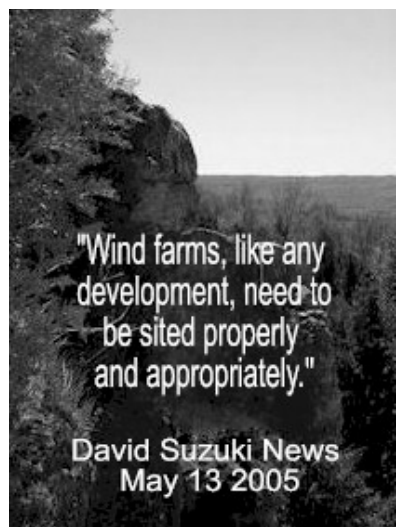
Protecting the Niagara Escarpment Landscape from Industrial Development.

Wind Energy is a Renewable Resource

Our Niagara Escarpment Landscape Is Not

Town of Blue Mountains Hires Jones Consulting Group

Even though there has been no formal application to TBM and no industrial Wind Energy System bylaws put in place in TBM, the Ministry of Energy has awarded a Renewable Energy Contract to Brascan's Superior Wind Energy subsidiary (aka Brascan Power Wind). Local planning and development issues were not taken into account. The project is proposed for an area of TBM on top of the Escarpment surrounded on three sides by Niagara Escarpment Commission protected lands. Phase 1 of the proposed project is for thirty 400-foot tall turbines in this area. This project cannot proceed without local council approval. The TBM has recently hired the Jones Consulting Group, leaders in wind power planning policy development, to advise them in this matter. The Council will be holding a public meeting on the subject. Any public meeting should be posted on the TBM website at www.thebluemountains.ca once a date is set.



Wind Turbine Noise Conference

This year the First Annual International Conference on Wind Turbine Noise will be held in Berlin, Germany. "Development of onshore wind power brings wind turbines closer to habitation, leading to the possibility of noise problems, such that a frequent objection raised in planning procedures is that of noise and vibration" Their website is www.windturbinenoise2005.org

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Did you know - Industrial-scale wind turbines can be the height of a forty storey skyscraper?

**Grey Highlands Council Completes Draft Bylaw
Public Meeting to Follow**

In June of 2004, Grey Highlands Council passed an "Interim Control Bylaw" which allows Council until June 2006 to develop a planning framework for wind energy systems (WES). No industrial WES applications can be submitted until this framework is complete. They are currently working with the Jones Consulting Group and have just completed their DRAFT bylaws. To date, they have had two public meetings to obtain local input. A third public meeting will be held - no date has been set. Council is looking for your input so it is important to attend. Watch you local paper for a notice or subscribe to the BHCC mailing list. Updates should be posted on the MGH website at www.greyhighlands.ca.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

The inappropriate siting of industrial wind turbines has generated the formation of many community groups worldwide. An extensive list is available at the Protect the Flint Hills website at www.protecttheflinthills.org
Click on "Who's Concerned"

The Blue Highlands Citizens Coalition - Since 2003 we have been working towards 1) Protection of the Niagara Escarpment and vicinity. 2) Support for responsible and appropriate wind energy development. 3) Responsible, informed decision making regarding the issue of wind power development within affected communities. For more information or to join our group please visit www.bhcc.ca or call 705-446-1798.