

Will Hill set the record straight by going on the record?

Dear editor:

Re: Not an expert nor a NIMBY

I am responding to Melancthon Mayor Hill's response to my letter 'windmills good if they aren't in your backyard'.

First I need to clarify the remark of 'in his backyard' did not refer to his personal backyard, but that the Dufferin Wind phase was in the half of the township where he resides.

Mayor Hill has stated he was one of five members of council when the first two phases evolved. He did not object to the project or the quantity of windmills within the development. The council of five did not perform any due diligence when approving the projects. No studies were requested.

A document titled 'report To Council Township of Melancthon' dated June 1,2006 identifies the following:

The nameplate of the project was changed from Melancthon Grey Wind Project to the Melancthon Wind Project. There are still 27 turbines within the Phase II project that still have not been developed.

The official Plan amendment #14 (OPA 14) inserted wind power related policies into the Official Plan. These amendments and policies were to apply to all current and future wind developments within the township. During Phase II the developer CHD noted that there would be at least two additional wind companies coming to Melancthon.

During Phase II the current council did not request any noise impact studies, visual impact analysis or shadow or light reflection affects. The developer did provide noise impact studies and a visual impact analysis as part of their due diligence. During the phase II application council decided not to delay the decision making process for Phase II, while monitoring Phase I.

Mayor Hill is not on record as objecting to any of these studies not being done.

Mayor Hill has stated that he has drafted a letter to the premier and all of council and the township solicitors approved it. But it is not a matter of public record. Is he willing to have this letter on behalf of the residents publicly posted?

While sending in a letter asking the Premier to intervene in the so called 'Wind War', Melancthon Township has successfully negotiated a compensation package with Dufferin Wind in the amount of \$2,666 annually / megawatt. The nameplate is 91 megawatts that amounts to \$242,606 annually. Over 20 years \$4,852,120.

So the question remains, why does Mayor Hill have a double standard, to stop Dufferin Wind if the previous phases have all been good for the community?

Will Mayor Hill answer this question?

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