

Too Big! Too Many! Too Close!

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Over the past eight years the men and women who have been part of and supported the Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC) have come to have different understandings of what Too Big, Too Many, Too Close means to those of us who call South Marysburgh home on either a full time or part time basis.

Over the next three months we will share with you what those simple words mean to the community of South Marysburgh; what we as an organization are working toward on behalf of the community we love and cherish; and how you can help. We write this and upcoming articles as a means to rally our community.

The Alliance was formed with the announcement by wpd Canada (IPC) of its White Pines project eight years ago. It has been a while since many of you probably have thought about White Pines, but preparation and vigilance is necessary. The Alliance is prepared and willing to go to court on your behalf but we need the support of this community to win. And we know you are supportive based on the result of the plebiscite sponsored by this newspaper in July 2012.

- ◆ If you are not yet a member, please join APPEC
- ◆ Please make a donation to APPEC
- ◆ Attend an upcoming APPEC fund raiser

So what exactly does "Too Big" mean to our community?

- ◆ Turbines: Too Big and Too Many! A single wind turbine planned for South Marysburgh will stand over 50 storeys tall. The White Pines project proposes to erect 29 of these monsters on the south shore of our community. Each and every one of us will be impacted by these intrusions one way or another.

Trucks: Too Big! To transport each of these turbines into our community will require four tractor trailers. That means to just bring in the turbine parts, the roads in South Marysburgh will bear the weight of 116 fully loaded flatbed tractor trailers. And remember the same number of trucks will depart our community on the same roads.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.



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30th anniversary of the
Marysburgh Mummers

“Mum’s” the Word!

- ◆ Big Parts on Too Many Big Trucks! The turbine parts on these trucks are BIG. And HEAVY. The approximate size of the housing that holds the main parts of the generator, the gears and the controller etc. is about the size of a small bungalow. The truck traffic to deliver the turbines, hydro towers, construction equipment, concrete and so much more, means the roads we depend upon in South Marysburgh will experience wear and tear we can only begin to imagine.
- ◆ Blasting: Too Close and Too Big a Boom! Each turbine must be anchored in a bed of concrete. For any of you who have ever tried to dig a hole in the limestone shield of South Marysburgh, you will understand why blasting to erect turbines and bury power lines will be required. Blasting and its shock and vibration will affect wells, cisterns, home foundations (particularly heritage structures) and water tables.

The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County: What it has done. What it is doing.

- ◆ APPEC is committed to going to court and fight both Big Government and Big Industry
- ◆ APPEC located and continues to use the only lawyer who has ever won an REA appeal
- ◆ APPEC has a wealth of intellectual capital based on 13 years fighting wind turbine development
- ◆ APPEC contributes both its time and money to the ongoing fight
- ◆ APPEC continues to seek out and support expert witnesses in the areas of health, environment and heritage
- ◆ APPEC conducts research into the latest information and knowledge related to the impact of industrial wind turbines globally
- ◆ APPEC has supported those individuals and political parties locally, provincially and federally who see the value in protecting our community

APPEC has never given up the fight and never will.