

Dear Editor,

Pete Johnson's letter (County Weekly News July 12, 2012) has an extremely nasty tone as evidenced by his suggestion that someone "should just shut up" because they are pro wind. There is a bigger picture here than whether someone may get a wind turbine on their property and I would suggest that Mr. Johnson's concerns about "lowered property values" are not looking at the big picture but motivated by self-interest.

The big picture deals with using nuclear and coal for our energy requirements. According to the summer/fall 2010 newsletter of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, "Health studies from Canada and around the world show an increase in leukemia cases, lung cancer, thyroid cancer, breast cancer and other serious illnesses, with both people who work in and live near nuclear facilities. Chemicals of concern include radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer (after smoking), and tritium, a carcinogen and mutagen. ...Canada releases large quantities of tritium but our use of nuclear energy continues despite this health risk.

"Coal is another cancer culprit, emitting the carcinogens chromium and arsenic. Ontario's Nanticoke coal-fired plant is the largest coal plant in North America and contributes to increased incidence of illness, including severe respiratory problems. According to the Ontario Clean Air Alliance, nearly 250 people die each year as a result of illnesses related to Ontario's coal plants. Most are in agreement that we need to find healthier sources to meet our electricity needs."

The County has an opportunity to supply clean, renewable energy into the grid to help replace nuclear and coal and Mr. Johnson worries about property values. I totally disagree with you, Mr. Johnson, but unlike yourself I will not suggest that you "should just shut up".

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