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The overall character of the landscape and its sensitivity to wind turbine development is yet another factor in how prominent wind turbines will be. Because the turbines are so spread out, they will be visible from multiple vantage points across the ward of South Marysburgh and part of Athol. Local heritage advocate Liz Driver has identified some of the significant views reflecting the character of the landscape: the steeple and the grounds of Mount Tabor looking southward over forested hills, the open fields and heritage buildings including the Cheese Factory along Royal Road to the north and south, the string of historic buildings along County Road 13 seen from the water on South Bay and the historic buildings of Milford and Bond Roads with views southward. As Driver points out, "the aesthetics of industrial-scale, pre-fabricated, metal turbines is incompatible with the aesthetics of early to mid-19th century buildings that show a craftsman's hand, and the small-scale relationships of buildings and landscapes."

Associated project infrastructure, asynchronous moving blades, blinking aircraft warning lights and rotating shadows are other factors that make wind turbines visually dominant on the landscape.

According to a commissioned report for Scottish Natural Heritage, there is universal acknowledgement that the potential landscape and visual effects are among the most important and to some extent the most intractable issues in locating wind projects. But clearly this has not been universally acknowledged: the Ontario government has never acknowledged the importance of potential landscape and visual effects. It cannot even be said that the Ontario government has passed off accountability for these issues to wind developers: Ontario's Renewable Energy Approval process does not require Visual Impact Assessments. As noted at the beginning of this article, a sentence or two on this by wpd will be enough to get Ontario government approval.

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Milford Friendship Circle

The Circle ladies met at the home of Mary Creasy on Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Mary's Thought for the Day was about two brothers 'Answering the Call' in World War I.

Secretary Maureen read the minutes of the October meeting which met with everyone's approval.

Eight members answered roll call with a short, interesting anecdote.

Card secretary Mary sent five sympathy cards.

Treasurer Wilma reported our money matters. We are giving donations to the Salvation Army, Alternatives for Women, Treats for Happiness and the South Marysburgh Mirror. There were no bills.

The ladies voted for Marg Crouse's name to go on our plaque for the person contributing the most to our group.

After some discussion, the ladies decided to continue to meet as usual.

Our December meeting will be an outing for lunch. The date will be either November 26th or 27th at the Waring House at 12:00 noon.

Mary taxed our brains with riddles about flowers.

Brenda Minaker's program was a reading 'When God Takes on the Government'.

Mary served a delicious lunch and was thanked on behalf of the group by Brenda.

Footnote: Ten Friendship Circle ladies met at the Waring House on Tuesday, November 26th even though the weather was a little dicey with our first real touch of winter. They enjoyed a lovely lunch and social time together.

Upcoming Friendship Circle and U.C.W. Events

Milford Friendship Circle ladies: Don't forget we have no meetings in January or February. Mary Creasy will have our first meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11 – U.C.W. will meet at South Bay United Church hall at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch. The meeting will start at 1:30. Our roll call will be a singsong; for program, we will wrap the presents for Children's Aid. Objective: hats and mitts for Athol school kids.

