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Municipal Designating By-law No. 1677, 28 January 1986

Appeal to Protect Mount Tabor & the Panoramic View of Milford from the Proposed White Pines Wind Project EBR 012-1279

OPEN LETTER

To:

Ms Agatha Garcia-Wright, Director, Environmental Approvals
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Copied to:

Premier Kathleen Wynne
The Honorable Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

8 May 2014

Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright:

Appeal to Protect Mount Tabor and the Panoramic View of Milford from the Proposed White Pines Wind Project EBR 012-1279

We, the undersigned, urge you to require that wpd Canada remove or relocate the proposed industrial wind turbines that will severely damage the protected heritage values of Mount Tabor and its setting in the village of Milford in South Marysburgh.

Mount Tabor and its steeple are the focal point of the panoramic view that greets residents and visitors as they approach the village along the Old Milford Road or from Scott’s Mill Road, above the Mill Pond. The iconic view of church and village, and the view from Mount Tabor’s grounds, are at risk from the White Pines Wind Project.

Almost 30 years ago, on 28 January 1986, Warden J.H. Walmsley signed By-law No. 1677 to protect the following special qualities of Milford’s Mount Tabor United Church:

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Six proposed turbines would be directly in the views of Mount Tabor and from Mount Tabor’s grounds. For up to 40 years (until 2054), Turbines T01 to T06 would cause visual harm to Milford’s picturesque landmark and community gathering place.

Mount Tabor is central to the life of South Marysburgh throughout the year as the location of the agricultural fair, artisans’ market, outdoor sports, theatre, dances, and concerts. The dominating presence of six sweeping arcs of turbine blades, seen from its elevated grounds, would spoil Mount Tabor’s special protected qualities and destroy the appreciation of it as a central gathering place for the community.