

Denise Holmes, AMCT

From: Steve and Marni from Baker Magic Shows.com [abra@bellnet.ca]

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 2:46 PM

To: Denise Holmes, Melancthon Township

Subject: planning maps

Hi Denise,

Just to a note to Council that I still want to know the following:

-name and address of the firm that went bankrupt while working on Melancthon maps for Mr. Jordan

-exactly how much money they received and what Mr. Jordan's bill to Melancthon was for the work they did?

-what maps were recovered for the money they received?

As a ratepayer, I find this issue very disconcerting and respectfully ask Council to be accountable for how ratepayer's tax dollars were spent on this company.

Secondly, I would like to thank Council for their positive response to Mr. Hunter's work and look forward to his presentation to the Source Water Protection Committee. There does seem to be some concern however, that in the past the Source Water Protection Committee's focus has been on "in town" water protection. I got the impression from the new regulations included in the July 8th agenda that things had changed and that this agency would now be a valuable resource to Melancthon. Could Council please enlighten us further on the Source Water Protection Committee's role in Melancthon, whether or not it is of real value, how these new regulations will benefit us, and update us on the plans for a meeting with the Committee and Mr. Hunter.

Please extend an invitation to Council and staff to attend Trinity Church's next "Eco-mmunity" Environmental Forum on August 26th at 7pm. Speakers will be Rev. David Black and Steven Ogden, both of whom were deeply involved in the fight to save the water at Site 41. Rev. Black will address the issue of community involvement and Mr. Ogden talk about Genivar Engineering's involvement, focusing on issues of corporate and political transparency.

Thank you,

Marni Walsh
Melancthon

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Denise Holmes, AMCT

From: Steve and Marni from Baker Magic Shows.com [abra@bellnet.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 8:25 PM
To: Denise Holmes, Melancthon Township
Subject: tree by-law

Dear Council,

Please tell me who in our local government is responsible for checking up on the Highland Companies' excuse for cutting trees "to improve farming operations" in violation of our by-laws? They received no fines for breaking our laws and are making our local council's look very gullible. The ratepayers will expect this issue to be followed up by Melancthon Council.

**Thank you,
Marni Walsh**

MAXIMIZING THEIR AGRICULTURAL OPERATION?



Highland Companies advised they cut those thousands of trees down and demolished those 16 homes (with another 5-6 to go) to maximize their farming operations.

Here are pictures of two of the houses they bulldozed and burned last year.



See how they are missing out on those extra 4 acres of agricultural land, because they have done NOTHING with them, not even capped the wells? If you add up all the houses they burned and bulldozed, 16 homes X 2 acres each equals about 32 acres they COULD be farming.....

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Denise Holmes, AMCT

From: JOHN LEVER [jlever@sympatico.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 05, 2010 8:53 PM

To: Denise Holmes, AMCT

Subject: Arran/Elderslie Bylaw

Dear Denise Holmes,

If Melancthon does not support the Arran-Elderslie by-law, we will be inundated with an unregulated amount of 2.3 to 3.0 MW wind turbines. Our current GE 1.5 MW turbines are half the size of the 3.0 MW wind turbines proposed. Despite the larger size of 401 Energy's turbines, there is no change in setbacks. People will have ice thrown twice as far, (up to 1000m) and will not be safe in their own back yards. (a little over 51 metres to non-Participating neighbours property line) There is still no infrasound, or independent sound testing. Don't forget the GE 1.5 MW turbines are recording over 60 dBA at night. (Not 40 dBA) The noise of the proposed 401 Energy turbines could be twice that. The inner ear detects vibration as noise. This is why when people's bedrooms are vibrating at night, people are complaining of lack of sleep, and their animals are agitated. When wind turbines come to rural farmland, birds, animals, soil are all impacted... Some cattle are stillborn, and produce less milk. Soil microorganisms and worms are moving away from wind turbine bases, resulting in soil compaction. Birds and bats are being killed at numbers far exceeding those reported. Bats breath with air sacks. When they are in close proximity to the low pressure of wind turbines, their air sacks expand to the point they explode, and the bat dies from suffocation.

Have the four baskets of letters of complaint from the Melancthon One and Two Project taught Melancthon Council nothing? The few letters I did receive when I subpoenaed CAO Denise Holmes for all letters and e-mails dealing with Melancthon Phase one and two for the Amaranth OMB hearing, were primarily from those who had wind turbines on their properties. Helen Frazer wrote 6 letters of complaint, and I got two. Mark Benvenette wrote many letters of complaint, and I got one. Both now have Gag orders, and can't tell the deal they got after moving out of their Torture Chamber Homes. The proposed 401 Energy project has a 51.25 m road setback, a 550 m Non-Participating Resident Setback, a 100 m Participating Resident Setback, and a 51.25 m Non Participating Lot Setback. These setbacks can all be altered, if a sound test is done by the Developer. The only benefit of wind turbine Development, is to 401 Energy and a handful of farmers who could afford to pay money to participate, including two Highlands owned properties. It is our tax dollars paying for these green energy initiatives. While all the while our property values decline, and we get sick due to improper setbacks.

Is Melancthon Council and Highlands Company trying to drive all Melancthon residents off their land, and out of their homes, so they too can be demolished? Is the intent to make residents sick, so they will sell for a depreciated value? Is the vision statement of Melancthon Council to have Highlands own all the land, and turn our Headwaters into sewage water, our Honeywood sandy loam soil into burms, and our limestone bedrock blasted out forever destroying the best cropland in Ontario?

I know Deputy Mayor Hill's position. Is there any Melancthon Councillor who would support the Arran Elderslie by-law? Does anyone care about the health and safety of Melancthon Residents?

Sincerely,
Joan Lever

Support for turbine control law grows

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Posted By MARY GOLEM, SUN TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Posted 5 days ago

Support is growing for Arran- Elderslie's bylaw to control industrial windfarm development using a section of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, based on health and safety concerns. In April, Arran-Elderslie passed the bylaw in an attempt to block wind turbine development within the municipality. The bylaw, which was then circulated to all Ontario municipalities for support, calls for "the protection of life, liberty and security of person" under Section 7 of the charter, claiming wind turbines cause serious health effects.

To date, about 20 municipalities have endorsed Arran-Elderslie's bylaw, council `fctAdTag("bigbox",MyGenericTagVar,1);` heard at a meeting Monday.

The municipality and representatives of the neighbouring municipalities of Chatsworth, West Grey, Grey Highlands, Georgian Bluffs, Saugeen Shores, Huron-Kinloss and South Bruce will meet again July 8 at 7 p.m. in the Arran-Elderslie council chambers to plan their next step.

Chesley contractor Vince Airdrie has been hired to renovate the lower level of the Paisley medical clinic.

The Aldworth Masonic Lodge, Forest Lodge in Chesley, the Tri- Star Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Cargill Lodge will help pay for the renovations to create a new meeting place for the four groups. Work will begin shortly and is expected to be complete by mid- August.

The municipality's share of the renovation cost is \$6,763.74.

Population and employment projections in a review of Bruce County's official plan show declines in Arran-Elderslie.

Population projections for 2011, 2016 and 2021 show Arran- Elderslie's population dropping from 6,188 in 2011 to 6,065 in 2016 and to 5,943 in 2021.

Employment projections also show a downward trend from 3,201 in 2011 to 3,137 in 2016 and 3,074 in 2021.

Arran-Elderslie council has approved the purchase of three culverts at a cost of \$41,154 for the Sweiger bridge in the Elderslie ward.

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By Laura Kitching, Dorset Echo, www.dorsetecho.co.uk 3 July 2010 A £20,000 wind turbine brought in to make a Portland primary school more environmentally friendly has been turned off because it was killing seabirds.

Headteacher Stuart McLeod, of Southwell Community Primary School, said they 'tried everything' to solve the problem but had no choice but to shut it down.

In the past few months the nine metre high generator has taken the lives of 14 birds – far higher than the manufacturer's estimate of one per year.

The wind turbine was installed at the school around 18 months ago, thanks to grant funding, to provide six kilowatts of power an hour.

Mr McLeod said: "We've got the ideal location for wind power but unfortunately seagulls kept flying into it.

"We were told by the manufacturer to expect maybe one fatality a year but it killed 14 in six months so we took advice and made the decision to turn it off.

"If it had happened at night time you could understand that the birds couldn't see the blades, which rotate at 135mph but it was happening at all different times of the day."

Mr McLeod came into school early to clear up the fatalities but when the deaths happened at playtimes and lunchtimes, the children got upset and he worried about the impact on the birds.

He said: "The school governors investigated putting scaffolding up but that would impact on its performance, we thought about painting the blades a dazzle yellow but the manufacturer said that couldn't be done.

"We've even gone as far as Stansted Airport to investigate bird-scaring plastic owls and we spoke to herring gull eyesight experts at the Natural History Museum.

"We've tried so hard to be eco-friendly but now we can't turn it on.

"We can't get rid of it either because we bought the turbine we had to apply for grants and the grant from the Department of Energy and Climate Change states that it has to stay on site for five years."

The school is now negotiating with Dorset County Council about the future of the wind turbine