

**Correspondence**  
**Items for**  
**Council**  
**Action**



**TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA**

**DATE: January 25, 2011**

**MOVED BY**

*Fran Rubney*  
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**SECONDED BY**

*[Signature]*  
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**Be it Resolved**

THAT Council do hereby recommend the appointment of Tom Nevills as municipal representative for the Township of Amaranth, Township of East Garafraxa, Township of East Luther Grand Valley, Township of Melancthon and Township of Southgate on the Grand River Conservation Authority Board for this term of Council.

*[Signature]*  
CARRIED \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Recorded Vote

YEA

NAY

ABSTAIN

- Deputy Mayor Guy Gardhouse
- Councillor John Stirk
- Councillor Lenora Banfield
- Councillor Frances Pinkney
- Mayor Allen Taylor

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January 18, 2011

Dear Mayor Bill Hill,

I would like this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Farshad Davoodian, I am a registered farmer in Melancthon, Dufferin County. As I am sure that you are aware we are currently living in the middle of hundreds of wind turbines that have been planted here by the Canadian Hydro Company. Initially I did not have an objection to their existence as they gave us incorrect information regarding the discomfort we are now experiencing. They have completely disrupted our lives, we have trouble sleeping due to the constant sound, they have affected our health. We have now found ourselves in a position that it has become impossible to work, the noise has been unbearable and we cannot rest in our own home, the sound is comparable to a washing machine that never stops. Our health has been in a constant decline since their existence and we cannot continue living and working here, we are put in the position of being run from our own home and farm. I hope that you can do what you can in your power to bring our concerns to the table. I believe an investigation should be commenced regarding these issues. I am sure I am not the only one living under these conditions. I have enclosed letters that clearly show that the company Trans Alta is not denying the excess noise. Our correspondence as well as a letter from my doctor showing her concerns regarding our health.

Thank you in Advance,

  
Farshad Davoodian

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Sep 21, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Fari Davoodian Jun 2, 1952 Age: 58**

Please be advised that I have been the family physician for the Davoodian family since 2005. It is my professional opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Davoodian have had a significant decline in their health since the arrival of the windmills. Mrs. Davoodian reported headaches and nausea, likely a result of the severe insomnia due to the noise produced by the surrounding windmills. Mr. Davoodian reports the sensation that the sound is penetrating into his head, and quite frankly, he has been looking pale and ill over the last year, in particular. He is not the strong organic farmer that I knew three years ago. Both complain of constant fatigue.

I have documented in my chart last year advising them to find alternative housing due to the adverse effects of the noise produced by the windmills; furthermore, as they are getting older, their noise level is increasing.

I hope you can provide some assistance and resolution for this family.

Yours truly,



Dr. Nadine French

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October 18, 2010

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Dear Mr. Davoodian,

Thank you for your letter of September 30 – it arrived in my office on October 12.

The noise measurements completed at your home indicated that noise levels from the wind turbines were generally compliant with MOE noise guidelines under typical wind conditions, however certain infrequent wind conditions could result in slightly higher noise levels at your home when these conditions are present. The Noise Reduction Program designed by TransAlta in coordination with the MOE, causes turbines in the vicinity of your house to be 'turned down' every night at 11 pm, and return to 'normal' operation every day at 7 am. Exceptions to this are when specific atmospheric conditions as measured in the immediate area indicate that operating the wind turbines in 'normal' operating mode will not exceed provincial noise guidelines; in such cases the wind turbines are returned to 'normal' operation. However, default mode during this time period, every night, is the Noise Reduction Mode.


The noise reduction mode that the wind turbines are placed in involves reduced machine rpm (reduced rotation speed) and lowered production output. By limiting the wind turbine's ability to generate electricity and take full advantage of the available wind energy during the evening period, sound energy levels are reduced. Monitoring of this approach since its inception in May, by TransAlta contractors and MOE sound specialists, have confirmed that this program is ensuring that the provincial sound guidelines are being met by our wind farm.

We anticipate the monitoring of the noise reduction program to be completed in October and we will notify you of the outcome of the monitoring program.

MOE standards were developed to protect reasonable amenity and human health; our facility meets these under all conditions now, and we remain committed to ensuring that.

It has not been our experience that property values have devalued outside market norms since the development of the wind farm. Properties purchased by our company to house construction workers and temporary offices have been sold at or above going market values. If you wish the contact information of the local realtor that we used, I would be glad to pass that on to you.

Best Regards,

  
Jason Edworthy

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January 17, 2011

RE: Windmills

Dear Mr. Jason Edworthy,

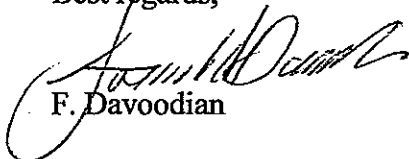
I have received your letter, and I was saddened and disappointed. I had different expectations from you and I was sure that you were going to look into the matter more reasonably.

Since the turbines have been installed around our homes and farm, we have never had a good night's sleep. Our lives have changed with added stress, worry, and health problems. This has taken our ability to work and live here and it gives us no choice but to leave. As you are aware, I have two houses beside each other. My daughter used to live in the two storey home and she left because of the heavy noise. If your company, the Government of Ontario or any other person does not believe that this discomfort exists then I invite them to spend a few nights and days here and judge for themselves.

Property value has decreased drastically because of these turbines as I invited different real state agencies to appraise the houses. The values have decreased more than 50% compared to prior appraisals. They also mentioned that people have no interest in investing in this area when surrounded by wind turbines.

Now I believe you have taken your stance, and obviously business comes before the individuals whose lives have been destroyed because of money and these turbines. You leave me no choice but to escalate the matter and my lawyer has been notified, I am also in communication with a few news broadcasters in Toronto regarding the position we have been put in.

Best regards,



F. Davoodian

cc. Hon. John Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment  
cc. Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
cc. MP  
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September 30, 2010

Dear Sir,


This is in response to your letter dated May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. I must admit it was a pleasure meeting with you to discuss this matter which has become a potential hazard to myself and my family. It has affected our health as well as financially.

I do not know if you are aware but I have two homes beside each other. The two storey house which was built in 2002 and was suppose to have been a residence for my 21 year old daughter Panthea is now abandoned. The bedrooms on the second floor allows the noises of the wind turbines to be heard quite clearly. The noises in our house have been quite unbearable so you can imagine how much worse it is in this house.

You have mentioned that the noise levels have been higher than MOE sound level limits and an attempt will be made to reduce noises at night, but frankly this is still unacceptable. We were living peacefully here until these wind turbines were put in place and now we are suffering as our health declines. Attached I have included a letter from my doctor on observations that she has had since these turbines have been put in place. I assure you that all I seek is for my family and I to be were we were prior to the arrival of these wind turbines. Unfortunately even if I wanted to sell everything and move elsewhere I could not, as I've been told property value in this area has traumatically dropped since the arrival of these turbines. I know if I had the choice between living next to one or not at all, well obviously I would take the latter as I'm sure many potential buyers would as well.

Not sure as to how you can help us, but I hope you understand our position.

For your consideration,

  
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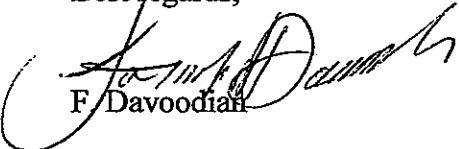
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