

Bon Echo Area Residents
AGAINST
TURBINES

SUMMER 2016 UPDATE

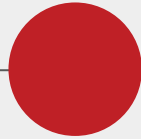
JULY 2016

2015 RECAP



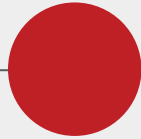
FEBRUARY

First contact
between
proponents
and council



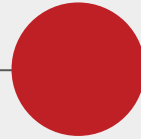
MARCH

Public informed
about the threat



JUNE

**Birth of
BEARAT**



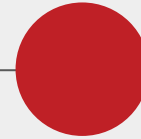
JUNE

North Frontenac
council
unanimously
votes to be
Unwilling Host



JULY

Addington
Highlands
council rejects
vote to be
Unwilling Host



AUGUST

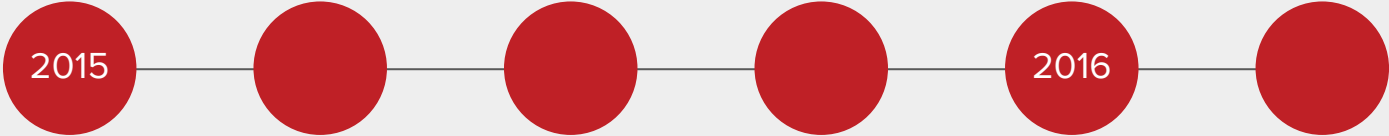
Addington
Highlands
votes to
support both
proposed
projects

**WHAT HAS BEARAT
DONE SINCE?**

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- Launched BEARAT.org to educate, rally and inform public
- Lobbied municipal decision makers
- Retained legal counsel
- Retained Broadview Strategy Group (public relations, lobbying)
- Hosted public meetings
- Developed a strategy to weaken applications and ultimately defeat the project
- Engaged media to present our side of the story and educate public

WHAT HAS BEARAT DONE SINCE?



JULY

Conducted taxpayer survey indicated 81% majority against

AUGUST

Hired John Laforet and Broadview Strategy Group

SEPTEMBER

Submitted 1,800 page document to Queens Park countering proposals

SEPTEMBER

Submitted a formal complaint to the US Department of Justice against the proponents

FEBRUARY

Received materials in response to Freedom of Information requests

MARCH

Launched letter writing campaign regarding lack of community support

A scenic sunset over a lake. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, with some clouds catching the light. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of trees and a small boat on the water are visible against the bright background.

March 10, 2016

**IESO ANNOUNCEMENTS: GOOD
NEWS FOR ADDINGTON
HIGHLANDS AND NORTH
FRONTENAC**

WHAT HAS BEARAT DONE SINCE?

2016

MAY

BEARAT chairs participated in the LRP feedback webinar and survey

RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED

- a moratorium be immediately placed on wind energy in Ontario until it can be proven to be both green and economical through independent cost-benefit analyses
- the Municipal Support Resolution become a mandatory requirement in the IESO process
- That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community engagement meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered;

THIS LEADS US TO NOW

OUR NEXT FIGHT: LRP II is under way.

Despite incredible leadership by Mayor Higgins and the North Frontenac Council, the LRP II process will not explicitly require municipal support as a condition for a contract award. Efforts to cancel LRP II overall also appear to have failed.

OUR NEXT FIGHT: LRP II is under way.

LRP will award a total of **600 MW** of wind turbine projects and will represent the **last significant power purchase agreements** to be awarded by the Government of Ontario likely for years.

**We need to win
this final fight.**

THE WHY- REASONS FOR THIS FIGHT

- 1 ENVIRONMENTAL**
- 2 POLITICAL**
- 3 FINANCIAL**
- 4 IMPACT ON TOURISM**

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ENVIRONMENTAL

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WWW.BEARAT.ORG

**“UNSPOILED NATURAL FEATURES,
lakes, rivers & forests are the things that
MAKE OUR AREA UNIQUE
& NEED TO BE PROTECTED.”**

-Henry Hogg, Reeve Addington Highlands, 2014 Candidate Response

THESE PROJECTS WOULD REQUIRE

- ✘ Clearcutting of our forests
- ✘ Excavation
- ✘ Extensive road development

THEY WOULD RISK,

- ✘ Materials leaching into and contaminating the land, groundwater and sensitive lakes of the area
- ✘ Fires

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ENVIRONMENTAL



AND THEY WOULD PROVE DEVASTATING TO WILDLIFE, INCLUDING

- ✘ 25 different species at risk in Addington Highlands
- ✘ 30 at risk species in North Frontenac

An undemocratic and unfair process.

- 90 Townships have declared themselves Unwilling Hosts to IWTs
- 0 NF Councillors who supported turbines in NF
- 0 Number of days of due diligence done AH council before IWT support
- 2 Law firms that have provided an opinion of Conflict of Interest

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POLITICAL



For \$6,000, donors get face time with Kathleen Wynne and Bob Chiarelli

ADRIAN MORROW

TORONTO — The Globe and Mail

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Ron Higgins @HigginsRon · Mar 7

\$6K for face time. Explains why my requests for meetings do not happen. Claim of being democratic politics? #onpoli

Consumer Policy Inst @ConsumerPolnst

For those who want to spend \$6K to tell ON's minister of energy how they feel, now is your chance. goo.gl/6tZSNR

Ontario has the most expensive hydro rates in North America. They have tripled since 2000.

- Energy Minister Chiarelli admitted renewable power generation contributes significantly to electricity bills in Ontario
- Rates are expected to rise an additional 42% between now and 2018
- Ontarians paid \$37-billion above market for electricity over eight years, Auditor-General's report says
- Exported power is sold at a loss

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FINANCIAL

\$54
BILLION

The minimum loss to Ontario over the next 20 years because of the Green Energy Act

50%

Percentage of over supply of electricity produced in 2015

\$2.6
BILLION

The cost of exporting power from Ontario to the States between 2006 and 2013



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IMPACT ON TOURISM

This is affecting more than just the residents of North Frontenac and Addington Highlands;

IT'S EVERYBODY WHO GOES OUT ON TO THE CROWN LAND FOR CAMPING, FISHING, HUNTING; THIS IS GOING TO HAVE AN IMPACT ON EVERYBODY IN ONTARIO.

The change in use for crown lands has not been well communicated or consulted on by the government.

North Frontenac Mayor Ron Higgins on CBCRadio ON, March 3, 2016

TOURISM IS A MAINSTAY ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR THE REGION

Hunting, fishing, hiking, daytripping, canoeing, and camping experiences would be destroyed

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IMPACT ON TOURISM

NORTH FRONTENAC'S DARK SKY PRESERVE

✘ Would be ruined by navigation lights



Ron Higgins @HigginsRon · Jun 4

good turnout. saw four moons around Jupiter, rings around Saturn and much more #higginsron



Frontenac County @FrontenacCounty

Setting up for North Frontenac Dark Sky Preserve
#stargazing party #frontenaccounty

We need to win this final fight.

BEARAT'S ROLE IN LRP II

BEARAT is planning to up the ante and fight even harder during the LRP II process.



We are using the increased time to build a stronger outreach to the community and broader stakeholders.



We are connecting with abutting landowners, to ensure they do not support the project.



We are aiming to raise \$75,000 to fund this fight.

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YOUR **ROLE IN LRP II**

WE NEED YOUR HELP



Help us fundraise- have ideas? Please email contact@BEARAT.org



If you're a land owner, please sign a non-consent form.



Stay informed- join our mailing list, routinely check the website, and follow BEARAT on twitter. Spread the word and help us gain awareness as we continue to fight to protect our areas from these projects

**Questions, comments, or suggestions?
Please email contact@BEARAT.org.**

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