

Bon Echo Area Residents

AGAINST TURBINES

SUMMER 2016 UPDATE

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With the help of the community, BEARAT's efforts during the first LRP process paid off - none of the projects proposed for Addington Highlands or North Frontenac were approved. Our strategy was unprecedented and aggressive and we believe it played a large part in avoiding the project approvals.

Our teams efforts highlighted the controversy surrounding Addington Highlands' councils 'willing host' designation, pinpointed weaknesses with the projects, generated negative attention for the proponents and rallied our communities.




Now, The LRP II process has begun.

Despite incredible leadership by Mayor Ron Higgins and the North Frontenac Council, the LRP II process will not explicitly require municipal support as a condition for a contract award.

LRP II 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.

BEARAT is going to up the ante and fight even harder against the LRP II awards. By applying lessons learned from LRP I efforts, we plan to build on the strength of that fight.

BEARAT'S ROLE IN LRP II

-  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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. WHAT YOU CAN DO:



GIVE NON-CONSENT

If you're a landowner, sign a non-consent form. You can find a form at BEARAT.org/resources, or from a BEARAT representative.



MAKE A DONATION

Help fund our efforts. Make a donation or help us raise funds. Fundraising is key in this final fight. If you have fundraising ideas, please email contact@BEARAT.org



STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to our email list, check BEARAT.org and follow BEARAT on twitter for updates on ways you can help. You will be alerted of community events letter writing campaigns and public meetings. Participation is very important.

RECAP

FEBRUARY 2015

Proponents first contact with council

MARCH

Public informed about the threat

APRIL

Birth of BEARAT

JUNE

North Frontenac council votes to be Unwilling Host

JULY

Addington Highlands council rejects vote to be Unwilling Host

AUGUST

Addington Highlands votes to support both proposed projects

MARCH 2016

Good News- Project approvals are announced, neither proposed projects are not approved for North Frontenac or Addington Highlands

IN MAY 2016, AT THE CLOSURE OF LRP I

The IESO held an LRP feedback webinar and survey. Along with Ron Higgins, BEARAT participated submitting a lengthy list of recommendations for future LRP processes.

BEARAT ACTION

Lobbied decision makers;

Hosted public meetings;

Developed a strategy to weaken applications;

Engaged media to share our side of the story and educate the public.

JUNE

Launch of BEARAT.ORG

JULY

Conducted taxpayer survey: 81% against

AUGUST

Hired John Laforet and Broadview Strategy Group

SEPTEMBER

Submitted an 1,800 page document to Queens Park countering proposals, also submitted a formal complaint to the US Department of Justice against proponents

FEBRUARY 2016

Received materials in response to Freedom of Information requests

