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“NOT A WILLING HOST” for Industrial Wind Turbines

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RESOLUTION No. 143

Moved by: Carl Sloetjes
Seconded by: Don Murray

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario has recently conveyed the Governments desire to limit Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) Projects to communities that are willing hosts; and

WHEREAS research done by the Grey Bruce Health Unit Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hazel Lynn and Dr. Ian Arra indicates that industrial wind turbines have a definite human annoyance on residents living around and near these structures; and

WHEREAS the installation of Industrial Wind Turbines throughout the Province, Grey and Bruce Counties and specifically Huron-Kinloss have caused considerable health effects on a number of local residents; and

WHEREAS Dr. Hazel Lynn states a new review of health impacts of turbines indicates changes needed to be made in the location of wind turbines increasing the separation distance from the current provincially mandated 550 metres; and

WHEREAS the Township, accordingly, supports the position by a number of other rural Ontario municipalities that the Province should impose a moratorium on the approval of wind energy projects until clear evidence is provided ruling out health impacts; and

WHEREAS dozens of municipalities across the province have repeatedly asked for a moratorium on the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines until questions such as health concerns of people living in proximity to the Industrial Wind Turbines, proper setbacks of Industrial Wind Turbines, devaluation of neighbouring properties, decimation of the rural landscape and destruction of wildlife habitats are properly studied and addressed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby advises the Province of Ontario and specifically the Ministry of Environment that the Township of Huron-Kinloss is “NOT A WILLING HOST “ for Industrial Wind Turbines; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne as well as to the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs, the local MPP, and to all Ontario Municipalities for their support and endorsement.

Carried.