

Reader rejects columnist's views on wind power issues

Dear Editor,

I feel Lorrie Goldstein's June 29 article in The Kincardine News was written in Toronto without a detailed understanding of our situation in Kincardine where we have over 100 wind turbines.

First, the idea that wind turbines are disturbing neighbours may apply in some areas of Ontario but I do not believe it applies to the Kincardine area where the turbines are usually only within ear shot of the homestead which is benefiting with a "one-time" and "annual" payments.

I only know of one case in Ripley where neighbours of the wind farmer are having sleep problems and headaches as a result of the wind turbine. The wind company has been attempting to solve this problem.

Second the wind power companies get paid 12 cents per kwh for their production.

Now you can say that nuclear only costs 4.5 cents

on the bill but there are debt service charges and rod disposal charges that the government pays for. So many believe that the cost of wind power is not very far off nuclear power.

Third, the stories from Wind Concerns Ontario are somewhat controversial and not always backed by science.

They prefer 1) conservation 2) hydro power 3) wind power 4) nuclear and 5) fossil fuel. I agree with these priorities. Ontario has run out of hydro power.

Many of us have reached the limit on conservation. We heat our home with wood, we only use CFL bulbs which we turn off faithfully when not required. We only boil the water we need to make our tea. We turn off our lights, computer and TV when not in use and our home is well insulated.

Meanwhile our population keeps increasing. Do they want us go back to candles?

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