

July 14, 2009

Gail Beggs
Deputy Minister of the Environment
Province of Ontario
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135 St Clair Avenue West
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Dear Deputy Minister:

Re: Motion Passed by Ottawa City Council – Wind Turbines

Please be advised that the Council of the City of Ottawa, at its meeting held on July 8, 2009 passed the following motion:

That Council direct the Ottawa Public Health Department to request a comprehensive review of the available peer-reviewed medical literature regarding wind turbine related health issues, in particular from Northern European countries, coordinated by the Province of Ontario and that the Medical Officer of Health report back to Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee within 6 months

Councillors requested that this review look at all potential routes of exposure, including possible health effects due to noise resulting from wind turbines.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the above motion and to request that the Ministry of the Environment advise us on how you plan to proceed. It should be noted that the results of the aforementioned review might also be of interest to other health agencies as well as local and provincial decision makers.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 613-580-6744, ext. 23681, or by email at isra.levy@ottawa.ca. You may also contact Siobhan Kearns, Manager Environment, Health Protection and Outbreak Management Branch, by telephone at 613-580-6744, ext. 23483 or by email at siobhan.kearns@ottawa.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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