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## LETTER

# Turbines are industrial sites, not idyllic farms for tourists

Editor:

The accompanying map is an estimate for plans for industrial wind turbine placement on the beautiful Bruce Peninsula.

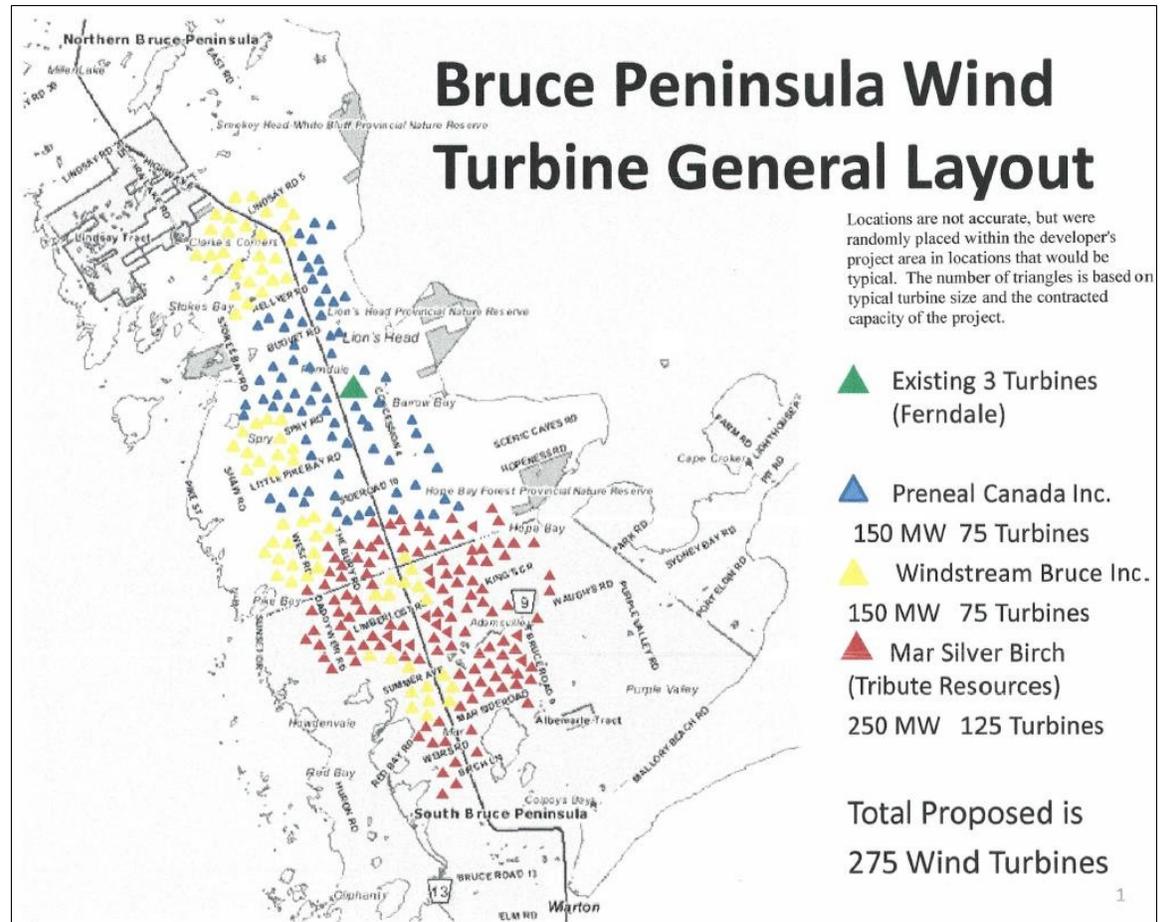
Now imagine extra tall transmission poles, lines and transformer stations to go along with them – and don't forget the tree removal that goes with that process.

We watched it happen in Grey Highlands just recently. The transmission poles and lines are the predominant feature on the road now. The water-taking plant is next in line if you are facing north.

Of course, if you turn around, you can see the turbines dominating the skyline to the south.

According to Preneal wind company, wind resources on the peninsula are "among the best in Ontario": We hear the same statement from most wind companies regardless of where turbine plans are.

Maybe at the end of the life of the mega quarry near Shelburne, instead of turning it into a golf course – a suggestion made by some flip-pant politician – they could turn it into another wind turbine zone. I imagine the same statement would be made about "wind resources" at the bottom of the hole.



The above map was created by Gord Heinrich and provided by Ontario Wind Resistance.

I've also heard wind proponents tell us that the wind turbines are a tourist attraction.

I bet all kinds of people who come to the peninsula to experience the incredible natural features and tranquility of the area will be thrilled to learn that they can now plan to sit under the thumping noise of 148-plus metre tall wind turbines adorning the majority of the rock cliffs and

sandy beaches. Yeah, sure, that'll happen won't it Mr. LeBlanc?

The phrase "windfarm" was used in Mr. Langlois' article (Peninsula prime for turbines, The Sun Times May 11). The creation of huge industrial turbine zones are a far cry from what most call a farm.

I am surrounded by farms here. People grow wheat, hay and corn. They manage

woodlots. They raise cattle, sheep, graze horses and are stewards of the land.

The farms around me do not invade my sleep at night with endless pounding noise and rob me of my health. They don't tower over every other structure or natural feature in sight. They do not devalue my property's equity.

Let's call a spade a spade.

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