



ONTARIO GROUP FILES FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF WYNNE GOVERNMENT WIND FARM APPROVAL PROCESS

Court documents were filed for a Judicial Review of Ontario's approval of a wind power project in an area where wildlife and heritage features are at risk.

PICTON, ONTARIO, CANADA, November 30, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Picton, ON, November 30 2015: CCSAGE Naturally Green (CCSAGE-NG) filed notice in Divisional Court at Ottawa today for a Judicial Review of the Renewable Energy Approval process for the White Pines [wind power](#) project in Prince Edward County.

The power project was approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change in 2015. Part of that approval included a permit issued by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forests to "kill, harm and harass" endangered or threatened wildlife species.

CCSAGE cited institutional bias, lack of evidence-based studies, disallowance of municipal input, and denial of natural justice in its court filing, which is supported by 1,500 pages of evidence showing that the government's approval process violated the constitutional rights of citizens and communities as well as international treaties and agreements.

Ontario's Green Energy Act permits appeals of wind power approvals only on grounds of serious harm to humans, or serious and irreversible harm to animal and/or plant life and to the natural environment, but not on other grounds such as a biased approval process, violation of constitutional rights, harm to local economies, harm to heritage features, diminution of property values, or violation of international treaties and agreements.

CCSAGE NG Chair Anne Dumbrille said that because the existing appeal process is biased in favour of the wind power developers, the group's only choice was court: "The Environmental Review Tribunal is a government-appointed panel that follows government rules with the result that it allows destruction of environmentally sensitive areas. Our only recourse is to Canada's courts, where rules of justice prevail," she said.

CCSAGE NG was aided by research done by five students from the Osgoode Hall Law School at York University.

CCSAGE NG is a federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation working to ensure that "Green Energy" initiatives of governments and industry are safe and appropriate for the citizens, wildlife and the natural and heritage environments of Prince Edward County.

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