

Notice of Motion April 14, 2022 – Interim Control Bylaw

Whereas in the recent past, the Municipality of West Elgin has had Wind Energy companies lease agricultural land within its boundaries, for the purposes of developing large scale Industrial Wind Turbine facilities;

And Whereas on October 24, 2013, the Municipality of West Elgin passed a resolution declaring the Municipality of West Elgin, not a willing host to Industrial Wind Turbine projects;

And Whereas the Green Energy Repeal Act 2018 (Bill 34) provides for the restoration of municipal authority over the siting of renewable energy generation facilities within its boundaries;

And Whereas the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is undertaking a new RFP process this year, and expedited proposals will be awarded this fall;

And Whereas the IESO is encouraging developers to approach Municipal Councils as soon as possible, to obtain resolutions of support;

And Whereas West Elgin's Official Plan review is underway with an anticipated completion date of 2023;

And Whereas Section 38 of the *Planning Act* permits the Council of a Municipality to pass an Interim Control By-law, that may be in effect for up to one year, which prohibits the use of land, buildings or structures within the municipality or within the defined area thereof, for such purposes as set out in the By-law, but only if the Council of the municipality has directed that a review or study be undertaken with respect to land use planning policies that apply to the subject area;

Now Therefore West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to undertake the necessary research and consultation with respect to developing land use planning policies and regulations, and bring forward recommendations to Council, to ensure that any new large scale renewable energy facilities are appropriately situated and regulated within all lands located within the Municipality of West Elgin;

And That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to bring forward for Council's consideration, a staff report on interim control measures, including an Interim Control By-Law, to allow for sufficient time for this research and consultation on restricting Wind Turbines within the Municipality.