

Rhodena Wind Project – our experience living near wind turbines

Dear Editor,

We live in Old Barns, just outside of Truro, and have experience living near wind turbines.

We built our house in a quiet rural area, surrounded by hundreds of acres of woods, about four years before the Millbrook wind project. We read the proponent provided information and the Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA

stated we would have no visuals, no shadow flicker, and low noise impact (predicted about 35dB). Each turbine is 80 meters at the hub, blade length adding more height. Based on this, we saw no reason to object to the five turbine project.

As construction came to an end and the turbines became active, it was clear that the provided information and EA was incorrect.

The resulting effects on us, the enjoyment of our house and property, would be significant.

Depending on the time of year, we can see between one and five turbines. We have headache inducing shadow flicker that can last over 20 minutes. We have noise that can be loud enough to be heard inside the house and disturb sleep. Due to the noise we don't enjoy

being in the yard or sitting on our decks like we used to. We are between 1 and 1.5km from the turbines, our neighbour who is 1.4 to 2km from the turbines occasionally hears them inside his house.

So far, ownership hasn't offered any relief. To date the provincial government can't tell us the penalty or remediation for the incorrect EA, and hasn't offered any help. We have been dealing

with the consequences for going on eight years.

Generally the new proposed projects, including Rhodena Wind, involve 15 or more turbines that are at least 100 meters tall at the hub, plus blade length – but are still using the same setbacks, bylaws, and EA process, as far as I can tell, that failed us back in 2014. I don't see how people won't be affected in ways simi-

lar, or worse, than we have been.

I understand why people and communities across the province are concerned and opposing these projects. We need a better system for citizens than what we have now.

No one else should have to deal with what we do.

Thank you,

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