

Port Ryerse proposed wind farm development:

Visually polluting
the most
picturesque stretch
of Lake Erie
coastline and
violating the way
of life for an entire
historic
community.





NOTES FROM THE NORFOLK OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN re WATERFRONT SETTLEMENTS:

One of the great assets of Norfolk County is the shore of Lake Erie, which provides breath-taking views of the water from the top of the escarpment, and more intimate contact with the water at the many beaches that occur naturally along the shoreline. Five settlements (Avalon, Port Ryerse, Fisher's Glen, Normandale and Booth's Harbour) straddling the escarpment and nestled in steep valleys punctuating the lakefront slopes – three hamlets and two older villages – are unique to the Lake Erie shore.

Each waterfront settlement has a distinct character and sense of place due to the placement of streets, homes and gardens in response to the topography, woods and creeks. The current understanding of what makes each place unique should be enriched by public input, and become a strong base for the Community Design Guidelines to be developed.

Port Ryerse's sense of place comes from the way the settlement pattern has responded over time to the topography, the creek, and the lake. The flatter part has regular streets that follow the contours and homes placed uniformly, while the steeper part has a more organic layout of homes that take advantage of the proximity to the river. Front Road runs through the hamlet, making it accessible to residents and its older and more charming homes highly visible to visitors. It is currently designated as a Hamlet Area in the Adopted Official Plan. Some of the homes facing Front Road may have heritage value. The church building is the local landmark.

Avalon is a very small community of about 30 cottages set on the tableland approximately 16 metres above Lake Erie. The views of the lake are dramatic due to its elevated position and proximity to the edge of the escarpment. The charm of this place comes also from its isolation. The drive along Avalon Drive is quaint and picturesque, through a diverse rural landscape, terminating in a forested setting of tall mature trees.

What do all these homes (and at least as many more...) have in common?

They are all within a 500 m to 1000 m radius of a proposed wind turbine development!





