August 16, 2016

Board of Health Members:

Concerned Citizens for Health brought a presentation before the Board of Health on March 3, 2016, identifying health complaints from residents living in Industrial Wind Turbine Projects in Huron County.

Concerned Citizens for Health is interested in ensuring that the health effects of the cluster of affected citizens, whose complaints have been before their local Health Unit for a year, remain a priority in any process moving forward.

The Acting Medical Officer of Health via the Chair and the Board expressed the value and importance of partnerships in August's BOH meeting. We agree there is a value in having larger interests such as University of Waterloo and Wind Concerns Ontario; however, we believe local engagement is of critical importance.

Concerned Citizens for Health have illustrated their value, exhibiting their commitment to professionalism and integrity in meetings and presentations. They evidenced a willingness to invest in the feedback process in the initial development of the survey for the investigation.

Residents in Huron County whom are impacted by wind projects have invested significant time and energy and as such, need to be recognized as key stakeholders. There needs to be a voice given to one or more members of this group in the process going forward.

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