

June 22, 2015

Dear Neighbours:

On May 28, 2015, the Court of Appeal for Ontario denied leave to appeal to the Drennans, Dixons, Ryans, and the Kroeplins, in respect of their *Charter* Challenge to the current legislation for the approval of wind turbine projects. This brought an end to this particular challenge. However, much important work was done and information gathered during this process. The County of Lambton and fourteen groups from across the province intervened at Divisional Court this past November to support the *Charter* Challenge and consolidate the fight. Ironically, in their Decision in late 2014, Divisional Court acknowledged that there is a strong public interest component here. All of this will be used by others going forward. Things are percolating across this province on this front and the *Charter* Challenge may well rise again.

In the meantime, the appellants in this challenge are now faced with paying court costs to the wind companies. The costs are considerably less than what was requested by the wind companies (the court reduced the amounts) but are, nevertheless, significant.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the *Charter* Challenge – by actions, financially and/or in spirit. Support was strong and continuous. At this time we are asking you to please consider financially supporting the appellants with their court costs. Their fight was a community fight and we can and should help them with this part.

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Thank you.

Dave Hemingway, President
Anita Frayne, Secretary/Treasurer
On Behalf of SWEAR

“If you shut up truth and bury it under the ground, it will but grow, and gather to itself such explosive power that the day it bursts through it will blow up everything in its way” EMILE ZOLA

