

Wind Turbines in Algoma

A third public forum about wind turbines and the concerns about wind energy was held on March 3rd at Alexander Henry High School. The forum was sponsored by **SOAR** (Save Ontario's Algoma Region) and M.P. Tony Martin. Algoma Wind Farm projects include Bow Lake, Mica Bay, Nimaasing, Stokely, Ranger Lake, Heyden, Goulais, Northland Lake and Prince. SOAR is concerned about the industrialization of the Lake Superior coastline and the Algoma wilderness. Taxpayers heavily subsidize these wind energy projects and this has contributed to the rising cost of Ontario's electricity. Ontario's electricity bills are expected to increase by about 8% per year over the next 5 years (40% by 2016) This will surely have an impact on low and fixed-income seniors and families.

Wind farms operate under special rules that exempt them from many of the usual environmental laws and requirements. Municipal governments have little or no say in where these power plants are developed.

There are health and environmental concerns associated with wind turbines. Moreover, there have not yet been any health, economic or environmental studies of the **cumulative** effect of all the wind turbines on-shore in Algoma. There will be two opportunities for public input towards the Bow Lake turbine development at **Open Houses on Monday, April 4, 2011 at Mountain View Public School from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at the Water Tower Inn from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

For more information please go to the **SOAR** website at www.savealgoma.org