

Windfarm issue causing community divide

We have been residents in Cape Vincent for the past 19 years. We have found the Cape to be a beautiful, family-oriented town, peaceful in innumerable, unique ways. We have always felt welcomed by the permanent residents here. We appreciate their hospitality and have tried to respond by helping out in church and community activities.

With the advent of wind farms, it seems that hospitality and friendship in the town has suffered severely. The landowners who will benefit financially and those who feel wind farms will not affect community life on one side, and those who are concerned that wind farms will adversely affect Cape Vincent on the other side.

There are questions regarding the installation of turbines – the definition of wind farms, the placement of the turbines and property zoning, for example, that need to be clarified. We could then resolve the matter by submitting it to a vote by the residents of Cape Vincent. Whatever the result, most of us would agree with the outcome, knowing that it was the decision of the majority of residents. If the town government does not feel that this is an equitable resolution, perhaps we need to elect people who are more concerned about all those living in the Cape.

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