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Right now, there's opposition to installing electricity-generating windmills in Toronto, and this could derail the city's first major renewable energy project.

Windmills provide clean energy, save money, and create jobs. You can help Toronto usher in a renewable energy future by supporting Toronto Hydro's plan to install 60 windmills in Lake Ontario, about 2km off shore.

Toronto Hydro wants to put a wind measuring device in Lake Ontario to determine whether it makes sense to install windmills there. By supporting this initiative, you'll make sure that Toronto benefits from the clean energy revolution!

Why Toronto needs windmills

- Wind power helps displace dirty coal and gas that are currently used for energy that cause smog and global warming.
- The Ontario Medical Association has called air pollution, caused in large part by burning fossil fuels, "a public health crisis" that kills nearly 6,000 people a year in Ontario.
- Offshore wind farms do not threaten migrating birds, which usually follow the shoreline. In fact, highrise buildings, power lines and cats kill far more birds than windmills.
- According to a study for the Ontario Power Authority, the Great Lakes has tremendous potential for wind energy.
- The Worldwatch Institute predicts that by 2020 there will be two million jobs worldwide in the wind power industry.

- **Send a letter of support to the Ministry of Natural Resources, which will decide whether or not this project goes ahead. (A sample letter can be found at www.torontoenvironment.org/windmills.)**
- **Learn more about the benefits of wind power:**
 - Toronto Environmental Alliance** www.torontoenvironment.org
 - Renewable is Doable** www.renewableisdoable.com
 - Ontario Sustainable Energy Association** www.ontario-sea.org