

Windy Hills Caledon

Renewable Energy

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The End to a Big Year

The last half of 2006 has been an exciting time for Windy Hills Caledon. The organization has achieved a number of important milestones and has been working on a number of issues and activities related to the wind turbine project, educational activities and ongoing funding. We look forward to keeping you updated with more details in the new year and continually moving forward on these activities.

Windy Hills Caledon has received funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation:

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Windy Hills Caledon Renewable Energy is a group of local residents interested in creating a community-owned, wind-based renewable energy project.

Wind Resource Assessment

The wind resource assessment is fully up and running and 6 months of data has been collected and is being analyzed on an ongoing basis by our consultants at Zephyr North. Windy Hills Caledon will be releasing the data from the wind resource assessment as monthly averages in the new year—look for this information to be placed on our website in the new year and in the next version of our newsletter.

Educational Activities

Windy Hills Caledon applied to the Province of Ontario's Community Conservation Initiatives (CCI) Fund earlier in the fall, and we were successful in our application. We have received funding to carry out a series of workshops on renewable energy installations for homeowners, and how they tie into existing programs available for power purchase. The workshops will be held between January and March 2007, and the schedule is on the next page of the newsletter.

Funding Support

In addition to our successful application to the CCI Fund earlier this fall, Windy Hills Caledon also updated our application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for Green Municipal Funds to assist with the technical and scientific study costs. This funding would be shared with the Town of Caledon and will assist in getting the project to the point of being able to raise the money to buy the actual wind turbine equipment.

Windy Hills Caledon submitted a letter of intent to the Greenbelt Foundation to request funding to help cover our portion of the costs related to the Green Municipal Funds application, and help fully develop the business case for the wind project. We were invited to submit a full application, and if approved will provide the means for Windy Hills Caledon to get outside assistance in determining the economic impacts of the project and how to maximize community benefits and ownership of the project by residents of Caledon. There are several public events planned that will gather input and explain the results of the business case development and these will be posted on our website after the grant is approved. —Jennifer Heneberry, Operations Coordinator

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Thanks to all of our members and supporters that helped to make 2006 a successful year for us.

We look forward to bringing you more updates and opportunities to connect with us and learn more about our activities and how you can get involved.

We wish you a very safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for a great 2007!

See you in January!

Yours truly,

*The Windy Hills
Caledon Board of
Directors*

FREE RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOPS

Learn about renewable energy systems for your home!

All events are free and open to the public—if you are interested in attending any or all of the events or wish to get more information, please RSVP to info@windyhillscaledon.org.

These dates MAY be subject to change, so please check our website at www.windyhillscaledon.org for the most up-to-date information on dates and locations.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2007, 12PM–2PM –TOUR OF A HOME SOLAR INSTALLATION

Take a tour of a house with a solar installation.

8225 Finnerty Road, Palgrave, ON 12:00 - 2:00

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH, 9AM-12PM - CALEDON EAST WORKSHOP

Get details about setting up a home-based renewable energy system, including pricing, the importance of conservation and first steps. Workbooks, calculators will be made available, and Kill-A-Watt metres are available to rent to track your energy usage at home.

Caledon Community Complex - 6215 Old Church Street, Caledon East

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 6PM-9PM - JOHN GILBERT - SOLAR HOT WATER INSTALLATIONS

Learn about how a solar installation can save you money on your hot water bills and conserve energy.

Albion Bolton Community Centre, - 150 Queen St S, Bolton

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 6PM-9PM, STEVE ENG, ENVIRO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

New to the idea of renewable energy and wonder if it's right for your home? Come and ask questions of Steve Eng from Enviro-Energy Technologies to learn if it's a possibility for you.

Alton Library, 35 Station Street, Alton

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH, 6PM-9 PM - CALEDON WORKSHOP

Get details about setting up a home-based renewable energy system, including pricing, the importance of conservation and first steps. Workbooks, calculators will be made available, and Kill-A-Watt metres are available to rent to track your energy usage at home.

Caledon Village Place and Library - 18313 Hwy 10 (Hurontario Street), Caledon

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21ST , 6PM-9PM - BOLTON WORKSHOP

Get details about setting up a home-based renewable energy system, including pricing, the importance of conservation and first steps. Workbooks, calculators will be made available, and Kill-A-Watt metres are available to rent to track your energy usage at home.

Albion Bolton Community Centre - 150 Queen St S, Bolton

These events have been funded by a grant from the Province of Ontario's Community Conservation Initiative Fund. For more information on these seminars, please visit the Windy Hills Caledon Renewable Energy website at www.windyhillscaledon.org or contact info@windyhillscaledon.org.