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**Questions for Ontario PC Leadership Candidates  
Ontario Wind Action/Ontario Wind Resistance/NA-PAW  
Monte McNaughton, MPP  
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- 1. How have you personally responded to the suffering and losses of victims of wind in Ontario? (Meetings, attending protests, speeches, phone calls, emails, lobbying for change, etc.)**

Yes. On several occasions, in the media, I called for a halt to further wind turbine construction before definitive Health Canada studies were completed; along with Bev Shipley MP (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) I held media availabilities for this purpose in the municipalities of Chatham-Kent and North Middlesex. I attended many information meetings held by wind energy developers, and at those meetings, I supported my constituents who oppose wind energy development. I attended and addressed a gathering of concerned citizens regarding these developments in Strathroy on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- 2. Please provide a brief assessment of what you feel is happening to the ENVIRONMENT of Ontario with the onslaught of industrial wind (water, air, wildlife, land).**

Research has shown that since wind power is unreliable it requires additional backup power from other generation sources, such as gas-fired generation, which increases air emissions. There have also been reports of disturbance to wildlife with regard to eagles' nests both in my constituency and in Haldimand-Norfolk. In addition, reports have shown potential impacts on the tundra swan migration at the Thedford Bog, and potential threats to the disturbance of groundwater flow. I have also been informed that the developments have caused great disruption of field drainage, which has the potential of creating significant economic loss to farmers unless it is speedily repaired.

- 3. What is your understanding of the costs of wind and solar subsidies and subsequent job losses, to the economy of Ontario?**

As of 2015, wind developers will receive over \$1 billion for wind power paid for by Ontario ratepayers and with the current government's plan to increase the number of wind turbine installation, this number will rise significantly every year thereafter. In 2013, ratepayers were forced to pay more than \$600 million to wind developers for a mere 5.2TWh of wind power.



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This accounted for 3.4 percent of Ontario's electricity generating capacity but represented 20 percent of the total commodity cost of electricity.

Research has shown that a number of factors increase the cost on ratepayers for wind power beyond the amount directly paid to wind developers. These factors include the disturbances caused by wind power on the electricity system, the guaranteed rates provided to wind producers, the guaranteed monthly revenue provided to wind producers, and other such factors. As a result of these factors and inefficiencies, research has shown that the cost to the ratepayer of wind power will be more than three times the amount paid to wind developers for the electricity.

Over the next twenty years the wind power program will cost Ontario ratepayers close to \$60 billion. This money will come directly from our electricity bills. The cost in Ontario job losses due to high electricity is more difficult to estimate but with Ontario having the highest electricity rates in North America, private sector job creation will be severely hampered. We can't keep throwing good money after bad. Making electricity more affordable is the single biggest thing that can be done to restore Ontario's prosperity.

**4. If elected leader of the PC Party, with which independent experts on energy and the economy do you feel it would be useful to engage and consult? Why?**

Ontario has many independent researchers and experts on the electricity system that must be consulted. Professor Ross McKittrick of the University of Guelph and Tom Adams have provided extensive research on Ontario's electricity system. In addition, Professor Bruce Parry of the Faculty of Law at Queen's University has provided legal analysis on the wind power scheme.

**5. What is your plan for the Green Energy and Economy Act of 2009? Would you "reform" or repeal it?**

If elected leader of the Ontario PC party I would the repeal of the Green Energy Act. I voted in the legislature for such a measure. I continue to be outraged by the usurpation of the rights of municipal governments to make decisions affecting local planning in their own jurisdictions. In 2009, the Ontario Liberals misused their majority when they stripped municipalities of their long-standing land planning rights in order to impose the wind turbine experiment. They then used executive orders to hand out sole-sourced deals to line the pockets of their wind developer friends.



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These 20-year deals provide guaranteed pricing to developers for wind power that is above market rates — because wind power cannot be produced in Ontario at reasonable market rates. The deals also guarantee revenue even when turbines are asked not to produce wind power. The Ontario Liberals deliberately ignored the interests and wishes of rural Ontario and made all ratepayers, both urban and rural, pay for it. I would return the long-standing land planning rights back to the municipalities and correct this abuse of power by the McGuinty-Wynne Liberal governments.

A moratorium on wind power, as some have suggested, is not enough to protect ratepayers. This program will gouge ratepayers billions of dollars a year over the next twenty years for electricity we don't need or use. For the last two years, our electricity system has been forced to dump more than double the amount of power generated by wind turbines into other jurisdictions, and at a 75 percent discount on what we paid to produce it. In 2014, 13.1TWh of excess electricity capacity was dumped, at less than 3 cents a KWh, all subsidized by Ontario ratepayers. We are producing more electricity than we need, and the wind turbines in Ontario produce most of their power during off-peak hours, when we don't need it all.

- 6. What general statement can you offer in particular about wind power in the province and how you will mitigate the effect? Will you include restitution for victims? Will you include termination “odious debts” contracts as they are unreasonable, and falsely premised? Will you require that offending turbines be dismantled?**

The supremacy of our democratically elected legislative assembly in Ontario ensures that when one government abuses its power, we don't have to live with the consequences for a generation. If the democratically elected legislature passed an explicit statute to end the wind power ripoff in its entirety Ontario could determine what compensation, if any, would be paid, and to whom. This would in the process save ratepayers billions of dollars on their bills over the next 20 years. Enacting legislation to repeal the Liberal wind power boondoggle including decommissioning all wind turbines is the right way forward. As premier I will do just that, and introduce measures in the legislature to correct this abuse of power by the Ontario Liberals. We can't keep throwing good money after bad.



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- 7. There is underway a general global re-evaluation of “renewable” energy policies. Are you aware of the turnaround of so called “green” policies, mandated targets, that have caused economic hardship, even ruin, and joblessness? Are you aware of various countries withdrawing subsidies, and re-writing the rules with respect to “mandated” renewables?**

Yes. I have been informed that, for example, Belgium, Italy, and Spain have reversed their previous course on wind power, because there have been enormous costs to ratepayers with little or no benefit. Also being noted worldwide are the astronomical wind system “build outs costs,” or transmission costs, which are eventually born by rate payers, not the wind turbine owners.

- 8. What is the nearest Industrial Wind Factor, or electrical substation, to your home or cottage?**

I live in the municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc which is immediately south of Suncor’s Adelaide site. This is a 37 turbine project including mammoth 2.3 MW turbines. There are a total of 279 operating wind turbines in my constituency of Lambton-Kent-Middlesex.

- 9. Any other clarification or comments that you wish?**

Please visit my website [www.monte.ca](http://www.monte.ca) for more information on my plan for Ontario.

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