

STAFF REPORT: Planning & Building Services Department



REPORT TO: Planning & Building Committee
MEETING DATE: July 4, 2011
REPORT NO.: PL.11.70
SUBJECT: Grey County Wind/Solar Inquiry
PREPARED BY: David Finbow, Director,
Planning & Building Services

A. Recommendations

THAT the Planning & Building Committee receive Staff Report PL.11.70, "Grey County Wind/Solar Inquiry".

B. Background

Attached as Addendum 'A' is an email and related attachment from Scott Taylor, Planner, County of Grey that is self-explanatory.

The meeting referenced in the email proceeded with Peter Tollefsen, Director of Special Projects (Sustainability), The Blue Mountains, in attendance. Peter's summary of the meeting is attached as Addendum 'B'.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

"Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community."

"Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community."

D. Financial Impact

N/A

E. Addendums

- A. Email from Scott Taylor, Planner, County of Grey
- B. Email from Peter Tollefsen, Director, Special Projects (Sustainability)

Respectfully submitted by:

David Finbow
Director, Planning & Building Services

David Finbow

From: Taylor, Scott [Scott.Taylor@grey.ca]
Sent: June 14, 2011 8:59 AM
To: Rob Armstrong; David Finbow; Planning, Grey Highlands
Subject: Meeting to discuss Wind / Solar Development
Attachments: Griersville.jpg; Ravenna.jpg

Hi All,

Last week we got a call from Michal Porzuczek who is interested in developing wind / solar in Grey County (see email below and attached potential development sites). The attachments and the below email represent all in the information I have on the development plans at this point. Mr. Porzuczek is meeting with the County on June 23rd at 1:30 pm. Not sure if any of you, or your staff, would be available to attend that day or not, but perhaps you could advise either way.

Thanks a lot and just let me know if you have any questions.
Scott

From: Michal Porzuczek [mailto:m.porzuczek@rp-global.com]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 5:41 PM
To: Taylor, Scott
Subject: rpGlobal Areas of Interest in Grey County

Hi Scott,

It was really nice talking to you today.

Attached please find two maps showing the areas which we are currently looking at. The lower tier municipalities appear to be Meaford, Grey Highlands and Blue Mountains.

Also, please let me know regarding the meeting on Thursday the 23rd at 1:30 pm as soon as you know if it will be possible to have the municipal representatives present.

Sincerely,

Michal Porzuczek
Project Developer

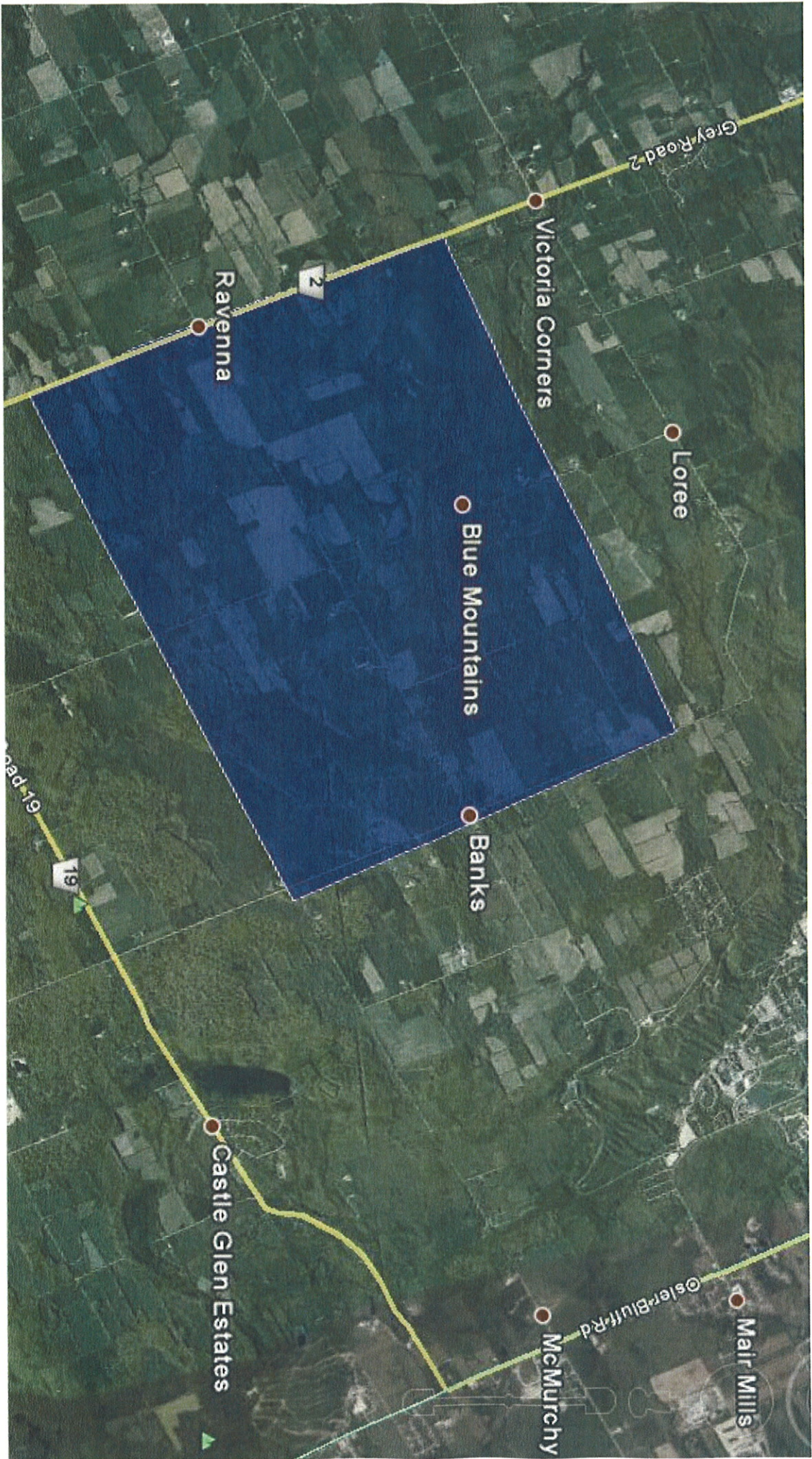


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David Finbow

From: Peter Tollefsen
Sent: June 24, 2011 4:36 PM
To: David Finbow; Bryan Pearce; Cindy Welsh; Rob Armstrong; Reg Russwurm
Subject: Wind/solar development

I attended the meeting at the county hosted by Grey Planning, Scott Taylor. With Michael Porzucek of rpGlobal. An Austrian firm looking at wind farm development potential in Canada starting with NS + Ont. Told us about his company, how they operate, where (international) 66 projects.. Emphasised that they want to cooperated with local municipalities. Talked about 2 possible sites. NEC immediately pounced, in their area Not Allowed. He asked how receptive are we to windfarms Scott said not too receptive. End of meeting...

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