

**The Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC) v.  
The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) & wpd Canada**

*By Paula Peel*



*Members of the community waiting to enter a larger courtroom in Belleville*

The Honourable Mr. Justice Stanley J. Kershman presided over the hearing of final submissions at the Belleville Courthouse. The turn-out was excellent with Mayor Quaiff, Councillor Ferguson, Wind Concerns Ontario President, Jane Wilson, and about 75 County residents attending. In fact, the Court Clerk was forced to find a larger courtroom to accommodate the crowd.

APPEC is applying to the Superior Court to have the WPD White Pines FIT (Feed-In-Tariff) Contract declared null and void. In April 26, 2017, after a 20-month hearing, the Environmental Review Tribunal removed 18 (eighteen) turbines from the White Pines Wind Project, putting the Project's generation capacity well below what the terms in the FIT contract appeared to allow. APPEC's case is based on: (1) Negligent Misrepresentation by the IESO in regards to publicly-accessible FIT contract terms and conditions and (2) the rights of Ontario residents living near wind projects to be informed in a timely manner of FIT contract amendments in accordance with the laws of natural justice and procedural fairness.

**APPEC Final Submissions**

Eric Gillespie began by pointing out that this case raises broader public policy issues of access of information from the IESO. On June 12, 2017 APPEC contacted the IESO for information about the status of WPD's FIT contract. The IESO indicated in its reply that it could not disclose this information, citing confidentiality. Mr. Gillespie argued that this information should have been disclosed for the following reasons: (1) the IESO describes the FIT program as a standardized, open and fair process; (2) APPEC and Ontario communities are affected by the FIT Program; and (3) the information APPEC was seeking, and the IESO withheld, could not have been confidential at all as it was ultimately disclosed to the Court in November 2017.

Mr. Gillespie clarified that contrary to what the IESO contends, this is not about how to interpret clauses in the FIT contract.

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## Milford Library Branch Check It Out

By Leah Garfield-Wright

Out with the old, in with the new...and the cold, and now the rain! We made it through the longest night of the year and have hung our new calendars. It's a natural time to rest and review the past and look ahead and resolve for the future.

### Review of 2017

As I have only been working at this library branch since September, I can only review the last 4 months of 2017. In no particular order, here are the superlatives of (the last four months of) 2017, and the first of 2018, since another month has gone by since I wrote this:

- Most Time-ly Addition: Wellington Times are now available at the Milford Branch, delivered on Wednesdays.
- Largest and Quietest Donations: Two ferns were graciously given by someone in Picton.
- Most "Origin"-al Daily Feature: With the help of an online etymology dictionary ([www.etymonline.com](http://www.etymonline.com)), patrons are becoming experts in the origins of words, one a day. At the time of writing this, we are still looking for suggestions of words beginning with Y and Z, and then starting again the A, B, and C for the Word of the Day scroll.
- Most Musical Day : Saturday. Wherever you fall on the spectrum of music making, you are welcome to come by and connect with others about music. Says Mario Panacci, volunteer extraordinaire with the Musical Instrument Lending Library (M.I.L.L.), "We want this to be a 'music drop-in' where folks can come share a song or two, share a story or two. or just chat and compare notes about music. So if you're a local musician or even a 'pro' please come in and help inspire any new players that show up. We all leave our 'ego' at the door and gather in the spirit of sharing our love for music with others in our community." Hear, hear!
- Time of Most Laughter: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, which is when the Knit and Chat group meets. Join if you can knit, purl, or spin any yarn. Tea is served.

### Resolutions for 2018

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the successful community campaign to construct this building for the library branch. (The first version was in the Milford Town Hall.) Next month we will share more of the details of these birthday celebrations. In the meantime, here are our resolutions for the year ahead:

- 25 New Members of New Book Clubs. Let's start with one non-fiction club, and one fiction club.
- 25 Pots of Tea Served Over the Year: This is about twice a week for the coldest months of the year. We have about a dozen places to sit, and hundreds of books.
- 25% Increase in Collection of French Books. We currently have a small shelf for 'Livres en français,', and expect more to come in by the end of the month. If you read in French, come check them out! If you'd like to practice French, please ask me about signing up for the 'Français dans les médias' group that will meet Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in Picton. The session has started already, and will end on February. You are welcome to come for any or all of the meetings.
- 25 Hours of Children's Programming: We will start with a bird-themed afternoon on Saturday, February 4, Come from noon to 2 p.m. for an all-ages activity. Learn to identify and attract common local avian friends.

Wishing you all the best for 2018 and hoping it includes more visits to the library, or perhaps reading for 25 minutes per day...just a suggestion!

### Upcoming Events at the Milford Branch Library

**February 7 at 6 p.m.**—Stone Soup Guild: A networking and support group for people involved with dirt, plants, and animals that meets the first Wednesday of every month. This month we will swap seeds. Bring seeds to swap, a bowl, a spoon, and something to add to the soup (cooked grains, beans, or vegetables) or something to go with the soup: bread, crackers, or dessert.

**March 8 at 11 a.m.**— Milford Free Book Club. Come pick up a copy of Alice Munro's short story collection "Too Much Happiness." There are ten copies available, including one large print.

*Leah is the new Milford Library branch librarian. Drop in and say hello!*

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## Meetings, Events, Announcements

### Wii Bowling

Milford Town Hall  
**Thursdays until May 3**  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

### Recreation Board Meeting

Milford Town Hall  
Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.

### Family Fun Day

Milford Town Hall  
Saturday, February 17  
10:00 a.m.—Sock puppet crafts for kids  
12:00 noon—Hot Dogs & Homemade Soup  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. - Bingo \$1.00/card

### The Annual Milford Easter Parade

Saturday, March 31  
Details in the March Mirror

*The Recreation Board is looking for ideas for winter programs that are **NOT** weather dependent. We also need volunteers to organize and run these programs. Please contact Bruce at the email below with your ideas and suggestions.*

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## Good Eats with Ruth Gangbar



### A Seasonal Ode to Pink

## Beet Salad with Goat cheese and Hazelnut

Feeling pretty excited about melting snow, and the slight lengthening of days...or am I imagining it? Such wishful thinking also brings the anticipation of one of my favourite events, Seedy Saturday (with amazing South Marysburgh resident Christine Renaud organizing this year), and the running of maple syrup not far off...but we're not quite there yet. So it's especially the time when I crave a blast of colour and bright flavors on my dinner plate, while it's still frozen and grey outside.

For this I will always love you, sweet beets...my favourite late-Winter Veggie Valentine. You are earthy, you are fibre and minerals combined, you are crazy-good in this easy recipe.

Salads can be a crispy playground, so why not include other ingredients you like...watercress, shaved raw fennel, chopped apple...I've also tried adding crunchy pomegranate seeds, and substituted pistachios for hazelnuts.

But **DO** try making the dressing with dry, County Apple Cider in it. Grant Howes is surely missed but never forgotten, gone about a year ago and way too soon. Stay warm everyone....Spring *IS* coming.

6 medium beets

1/3 cup County Apple or Tortured Path Cider

1/3 balsamic vinegar

2 shallots, minced (or 1/4 cup minced onion)

1-3 garlic cloves, minced

3 Tbsp parsley, chopped

1/4 cup olive oil

3 Tbsp. Dijon mustard (or Cressy Mustard)  
salt and freshly ground pepper

6 cups mixed salad greens

1 cup toasted chopped hazelnuts, skins removed

1 - 130 g pkg. soft goat cheese

1 large carrot, peeled and grated

chopped chives or green onion (to garnish)



## County Roots

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Bring a large pot of water to a boil, and salt lightly. Add beets and return to a boil; reduce heat and cook gently until they are firm but slightly softened, or for about 12-15 minutes (or microwave with 1/4 cup water for about 12-15 minutes). Drain beets in a colander; peel when hot using a spoon to scrape off skins, while running under cold water. Slice beets and place into a large bowl.

**For the Dressing:** Whisk together cider, vinegar, shallots, garlic, parsley, olive oil, mustard, salt and pepper. Toss half the dressing with the warm sliced beets and set aside.

**To Assemble:** Divide the greens evenly onto serving plates or on a platter. Top with the sliced beets and their juices, hazelnut, goats cheese and carrot.

Drizzle with remaining dressing; sprinkle with chives and serve. *Serves 6*

**Substitution:** Hard (or alcoholic) apple cider is delicious in the dressing, but if you're serving kids, you can substitute it with non-alcoholic sweet apple cider or juice, mixed with 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar.

*"Seedy Saturday" February 24, 2018 from 10 am-3pm  
PECI Gymnasium, 41 Barker St, Picton*

*"Picton's annual community seed swap. Come and find garden seeds to plant this Spring. Bring veggie, herb and flower seeds that you've saved from your own garden to swap at the seed table. Listen to informative presentations on growing food and seed saving. Check out the seed and garden-related vendors. Free admission. All are welcome."*

# Todd Smith, MPP

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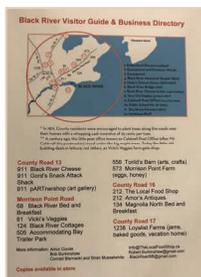
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# Gossip!

Personal Notices, Announcements  
& Random Notes

## Up the Creek

Some of the residents of Black River / Creek / 'Crick' have put together a promotion campaign for the area around Morrison Point Road. Three posters have been created that introduce to a wider audience some of the businesses and upcoming events in the area. Have a look the next time you're at the post office or the Cheese Factory.



## Winner: Staff Member

A bit of excitement at the Milford post office this week with the arrival of correspondence addressed to *The Mirror* from His Royal Highness Prince Charles's residence at Clarence House in London.

To commemorate Charles and Camilla's visit to the County in July, I sent a copy of *The Settler's Dream* and the July edition of *The Mirror* to London through the post office in Milford. A friendly wager was established at the post office between Shirley and I as to who the thank you letter would be from: HRH or a member of his staff?

In a letter marked private and confidential from Bernadette Smith, the "Assistant Private Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall" she writes, "Your newspaper will serve as a memento of a much-enjoyed visit to Prince Edward County and His Royal Highness looks forward to dipping into your book at the earliest opportunity."

## Dry Stone Wall Repair Update

The repair workshop will be held on April 28 & 29 with a rain date of May 5 & 6, and they'll work on the walls at Accommodating Bay. Volunteers will be required to prep the site and obtain additional rock in the week leading up to the workshop (i.e. the weekend of April 21st & 22nd and/or weekdays as available). A build-from-scratch workshop is scheduled for October 27 & 28 at an as yet to be determined location.

For more information, contact Les Stanfield at 613-476-5363 or Les.Stanfield@outlook.com and at <http://morrisonpointstonewall.ca/>



## February at the Winery

Our tasting room is closed this month, but if you wish to purchase wine, just give us a call. If we are here, we are happy to serve you.

## Upcoming Spring Events

### Maple in the County – March 24 and 25

Saturday only, 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. we'll be cooking up burrito style pancakes. Sweet or Savory, chose your filling and roll it up.

Tasting room will be open both days.

### Easter Weekend – March 30, 31, April 1

We will be open all weekend. Come on down and enjoy a taste with our egg and chocolate pairings.

### Mother's Day Weekend – May 12 and 13

Bring your mom and have a complimentary taste for two, or treat her to lunch (Saturday only) from our Nibble Menu

### Spring Birding Festival – May 13 to 22

Be sure to check the PEPTBo website for their events. The winery will be open daily, and our Nibble Menu will be available 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### BluZone – May 19

Martin and Brian are back on the patio for their first appearance of the season. Check future dates on our website.

### Father's Day Weekend – June 16 and 17

Bring your dad and have a complimentary taste for two, or treat him to lunch (Saturday only) from our Nibble Menu

### Rock Hound Fossil Hunt – June 16.

In support of Nature Matters we will host a vineyard rock and fossil hunt. There will be experts on hand to analyze your finds (if you can carry it, you can take it home), a display of south shore fossils, a rock and gem market, and a workshop on rock art and garden statuary. Fall date: September 22.

Check our Website [www.hmbwinery.ca](http://www.hmbwinery.ca) for event details, our Nibble Menu and winery opening hours.  
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## The Ash

By George Underhill

We tolerated Jack as a cottage neighbour, but no one liked him very much. He was greatly successful in business, something to do with the stock market, and he seemed to feel this translated into superior knowledge of all things. When a neighbour undertook one of the endless home improvement chores that seem to be endemic to cottage living, Jack felt compelled to offer unsolicited advice, but those bold enough to ask for the loan of a needed tool were curtly refused.

He bullied his wife too, and we could frequently hear him loudly disparaging her attempts at gardening or cooking, or claiming that she had provoked him in some way. I had once asked him and his wife for dinner and he had responded, "I'd rather not." He made no excuses, not claiming he was too busy or had another engagement, he was simply disinterested in cultivating friendship. He may well have been suspicious of my motivation. He had a powerful ski boat while I had two teenagers and only a small boat and motor for fishing. Jack would regularly disrupt the twilight serenity of our bay by ripping erratic paths through the water in his powerful machine accompanied by the thudding bass of his on-board radio.

On the bay side of Jack's lot stood a magnificent two hundred year old white ash with a base as big as a barrel. It stood seventy feet before limbs appeared, having won the battle for light supremacy under a canopy of basswood and maple, shedding its lower limbs in the struggle. It now towered over Jack's cottage and he had decided it must be felled.

"It shades my house. It blocks my view. There's moss growing on my lawn because of it, and by God there must be five cords of prime firewood standing there," Jack proclaimed.

Jack's neighbour on the left ventured to remark, "But it's sound Jack. It's no danger to your home and it's a wonderful specimen."

"Specimen of cordwood you mean. Next week-end it comes down."

"You better get Freddie to take it down. You shouldn't try this by yourself," the neighbour added. Freddie Clark was the local tree man and would remove large trees with an elevated bucket and control lines.

"Any man with an ounce of tree savvy can handle this job," Jack replied. "I'll knock it down so it falls right to the edge of the water. There might be some risk if one of you guys tried it, but I have a plan. Planning, you see is the secret to any successful project."

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# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Too many people are ready to carry the stool when the piano needs to be moved.*

## The Changing World of Words:

- ◆ **Cashtration** – The act of buying a house which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- ◆ **Reintarnation** – Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- ◆ **Bozone** – The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating.
- ◆ **Giraffiti** – Vandalism spray painted very high.
- ◆ **Sarchasm** – The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- ◆ **Decafalon** – The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- ◆ **Caterpallor** – The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you are eating.
- ◆ **Beezebug** – Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

A clergyman wrote to a wealthy and influential businessman requesting a donation to a worthy charity. He received a curt reply which ended, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous give, give, give." The clergyman sent a reply saying, "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have yet heard."

We may all know someone who fits this description. He uses statistics as a drunken man uses a lamp post....for support rather than illumination.

## It's best to get the instructions right.

A man with a swollen foot goes to the doctor. After a careful examination, the doctor hands the man a pill large enough to choke a horse. "I'll be right back with some water," the doctor tells him.

The doctor has been gone awhile and the man loses patience. He hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back into the examination room.

Just then the doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water. "Okay, after the tablet dissolves, soak the foot for about twenty minutes."

## Do you remember these characters?

Trying to control her dry hair, a woman rubbed her scalp with olive oil before washing it. Worried that the oil might leave an odour, she washed her hair several times.

That night, when she went to bed, she leaned over her husband and asked, "Do I smell like olive oil?"

"No," he said, sniffing her, then replied, "Do I smell like Popeye?"

Two pensioners were recalling their WWII experiences.

"Bill, do you remember those pills they used to give us in the air force, the ones to keep our minds off girls?"

"Come to think of it, I do."

"Well I think mine are beginning to work."

## Exit lines:

- *The choir sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.*
- *Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.*



### VICKI'S YOGA STUDIO 2018 FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30-11:00 am Hatha Breathe	9:30-11:00 am Hatha Breathe	6:30-8:00 am Hatha Breathe	5:15-6:00 pm Family Yoga at Milford Town Hall
-----	-----	9:30-11:00 am Hatha Breathe	
12:00-1:30 pm Restorative Hatha Breathe	12:00-1:30 pm Hatha Flow	1:40-2:20 pm Kids Yoga at Athol School (school kids only)	

- SPECIAL FEBRUARY UPDATE - I will continue to hold my special Family Yoga sessions from 5:15-6:00 pm at Milford Town Hall every Thursday. Suggested donation \$20.
- All classes are \$15 each and held indoors at 106 Morrison Point Road (around the corner from Black River Cheese and across from Vicki's Veggies) unless specified otherwise
- Hatha Breathe - The focus is on the breath with each movement, and the class is slow and mindful
- Hatha Flow - The focus is on building strength, stretching and developing muscle agility
  - Bring your own mat and water bottle
- Check Facebook and the website for updated schedule changes

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## Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
February 1928

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

**Feb. 1** - To day it has been some change in the weather snowed and drifted.

**Fri. 3** - Royden Wrex and I were up to Tom Roses. Visiting

**Sat. 4** - Lloyd and Luis cam down after Tea. We went over to Picton went to the show

**Sun. 5** - Floral and Kathleen not home this week. they went to Trenton Lloyd and Luis went home about Four O'clock Drove my car up turning gears cut out on his.

**Mon. 6** - Lloyd and Mr. Sills down to day took his own car home I helped Davis get some wood

**Tue. 7** - We were all up to Albert Welbanks visiting nice warm night rain some.

**Wed. 8** - Rained most all day roads very slippery for cars.

**Thu. 9** - Snowed some making the roads very good for sleighs

**Fri. 10** - A lovely day Visitors at night. The Wolf Gang one more added to this Archie and Ina Floral came out with Hilton

**Sat. 11** - Royden took a grist up to Milford. After dinner Mirt and I went over to Picton Kathleen stayed over had to sing on Sunday.

**Mon. 13** - I took Floral Geraldine Hicks over to Picton Lena Duetta went over with me roads were lovely

**Tue. 14** - Royden and I went out on George Hudgins After a load of wood. Its a block of wood that John Dulmage had. So I bought to of John. So I seen George and he says I can have the cedar as he has lots without it.

**Wed. 15** - Royden and I went out on Geo. Huggins after a load of wood after noon it rain.

**Thu. 16** - Mirt and I went down to Mrs. Spaffords. Mrs Spaffords not feeling very good.

**Fri. 17** - Royden Wrex Mirt Floral and I were up to John Roses visiting

**Sat. 18** - I went over to Picton after Kathleen. changes in the weather colder.

**Sun. 19** - Very cold. Young sow has 10 nice pigs. All smart - and fine.

**Mon. 20** - Took the Girls over Sunday night Very glad of it to day it has snowed blew and drifted all day.

**Tue. 21** - Royden and I went after another load of wood. A fine day.

**Wed. 22** - I went over to Picton with John Loney roads were fine for cars.

**Thu. 23** - Royden and I went Back and got a load of wood.

**Fri. 24** - Truck came and took my Hogs over to Picton 9 of them they weighed 1685 lbs. price 81/2 cts. I went over with the car Floral and Geraldine came home with me Visitors at night Tom Rose and wife Mary Ellen and Emmet

**Sat. 25** - Royden Wrex and I sawed up some wood quite a cold day

**Sun. 26** - We all went around to Sunday School a very nice day

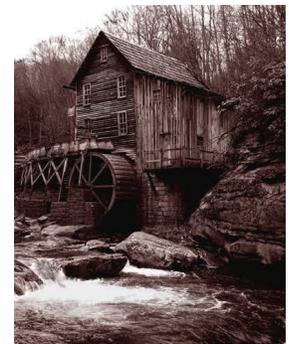
**Mon. 27** - I took Floral over to Picton After dinner Royden and I went out and got a load of wood Lloyd and Mervin came down drove the truck back in the woods.

**Tue. 28** - Lloyd stayed down at night help me cut some wood Took the truck down on the Ice.

**Wed. 29** - Mirt Collin Alice and I were up to Geo Colliers visiting

### Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

*Royden is taking "a grist up to Milford" (Feb. 11th). The grist is the grain, separated from its chaff, to be milled; sometimes it refers to grain that has been milled. Royden is probably going either to the upper Clapp mill purchased by Lee Scott, or to another mill created by Lee Scott's son, Carson Scott. The mill visible today on the Milford pond is Lee Scott's mill. It was a two storey grist mill, much larger then than now and possibly similar to this photograph. Scott's mill had a saw mill and a blacksmith in adjacent buildings. Blacksmiths were adding welding jobs for farmers to their horseshoeing jobs at this time as their era was drawing to a close.*



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# Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

January turned out to be a more hectic month for council than originally anticipated. The regular schedule of two council and Committee of the Whole (CotW) meetings, one planning/committee of adjustment meeting, and attending various committee meetings I volunteered to serve on - the Heritage Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Museum Advisory Committee (the latter in my role with the Historical Society) - Mayor Quaiff called a special council meeting and a special CotW meeting to address, respectively, development charges and municipal grants over \$5000.

Many of the issues that came before us have been reported on at length in the local media, including the development charge framework that will involve more public input in February prior to its adoption in March; Neucrop Inc. and their initial plans to develop a cannabis products processing plant in Picton; and the issues of municipal participation as a sponsor of the rodeo and a permanent exemption to the exotic animals by-law both of which were not supported.

We heard of plans for repair and reconstruction of the Highway 62 and County Road 49 bridges by the MTO in the coming years, as well as the possible widening of the 401 through Belleville; and a report from Dawn Ayer, Chair, of the year-long activities of the PEC 225/Canada 150 ad hoc committee on which I served.

Council also received an update about the alteration and redevelopment of Pinecrest Memorial School in Bloomfield for use as the LoveSong seniors affordable housing project. I also attended a presentation in Demorestville about plans for Sophiasburgh Central School (SCS) to become the County Food Hub involving renovations to accommodate a commercial kitchen, spaces for the incubation of small food businesses, and an educational component for the teaching of good food practices. SCS remains open with enrollment of 116 students. The goal of these initiatives is to repurpose schools faced with closure due to dwindling enrollment. They are being driven by volunteers and well worth your time to investigate and learn about.

The special CotW meeting was followed by the regular meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The special meeting involved deputations from a variety of not-for-profit organizations seeking a limited amount of funding for community grants over \$5000. Many of the social services groups' presentations described their activities and the plight of those members of the community that use and need them. Some of the language used in their descriptions was striking, including phrases such as "suicide prevention", "prevention of physical abuse", "greater opportunities for youth", "food or rent", and "battling food insecurity". Council will have difficult decisions to make when the grants are put forward for approval on February 13.

During the regular CotW meeting on the heels of the grants deputations, was a presentation about reducing the farm tax ratio (FTR) on farmland due to MPAC's recent round of assessments. Currently taxed at .25% of residential tax rates, the municipality has the ability to reduce the percentage from that amount but any reduction will be borne by other tax classes. In addition, farmland owners can (and should) apply for reconsideration of their assessment from MPAC.

This is an extremely complex, emotional and challenging issue, made more so by South Marysburgh's particular problem with industrial wind turbine development. The issue is this: The turbine company (wpd Canada) is paying approximately \$20,000 per year, per turbine to the property owners of the turbine sites. The properties on which the turbines are located is farmland and could be subject to the FTR reduction, providing the property owners with some tax relief. (The turbines themselves and a small portion of the land around them are taxed differently and are not part of any reduction scheme.) The reduction in the FTR will have to be made up for by other property owners, including those in and around the turbines themselves whose property values are affected by their proximity to the turbines.

In my mind, and as much as I support our farming community, there is more to consider and many more questions to ask about this issue including who and what should qualify for a reduction: All farmland, including that held only for investment or speculation purposes by non-residents of PEC? Farmland owned and worked by residents only? And, importantly, how can any increase in tax be imposed on those so in need of our social services?

A reduction in the FTR and the precedent it would set places future councils in the precarious position of having to consider other requests for relief be they concerning property taxes or municipal services.

That said, fellow councillors and I have put these and other questions before municipal staff for analysis and recommendations. I have also asked staff to comment on a proposal I developed that may provide assistance to some of our young, new or first-time farmers although the OFA has been unable to provide statistics of the number of farmers in that category or the financial impact of increased taxation because of MPAC's assessment.

Mayor Quaiff has called a special CotW meeting for February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Picton Community Centre to receive input from the public before the issue is decided. Please plan to attend if you have an opinion about this important matter.

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The felling of a mighty tree, while a spectacle of some sadness, is nonetheless a spectacle so a dozen or so neighbours gathered at the perimeter of Jack's lot, much as motorists will slow down to witness a car accident. To our surprise Freddie Clark joined us, simply stating. "I just gotta see my competition in action. May get a little business, too, when it's all over." Jack neither asked for nor was offered assistance in his savage act.

He was prepared, I'll say that for him. He had bought a bow, and his objective was to propel an arrow through the canopy. Attached to the arrow was a light cord and it, in turn, was tied to a length of heavy rope. He would, it appeared, use the heavy rope to guide the direction of the falling tree and assure it did not fall on his house.

At first, Jack found the light cord too short and as the arrow arched toward the distant branches it fell in a snarled tangle to the ground. He added sixty feet to the cord but the additional weight caused the arrow to act in an erratic fashion. Jack did not absorb these early failures with equanimity. His face became flushed and we could discern muttered imprecations. Finally, the arrow left the bow with the light cord trailing behind it, curled over the lower branches of the canopy, and fell back swaying twelve feet from the ground.

Jack tried leaping from the ground to reach the arrow and there was subdued chuckling from the crowd. It was humorous, really, to witness this 200 pound man grasping for the elusive arrow like a chimp leaping for a banana. The humour eluded Jack, and those of us who repeatedly messed up our own Mr. Fixit attempts began to feel a hint of compassion. Jack finally reached the arrow with a rake, then turned his reddened face to the throng and we thought he would speak, but he said nothing only peering angrily at the crowd and continued on with "the Plan."

"What the heck is he up to now?" Freddie inquired as Jack tugged the rope to the shoreline. "By golly, I think he's going to tie it off on the T-Bar on the ski boat." Jack did this, then placed his wife in the driver's seat. He reached past her, turned the key, and the powerful inboard engine came to life, its exhaust snarling and burbling in the water. "I'm cutting the damned tree down. When I yell "HIT IT!" you jam the throttle forward as far as it will go."

With a distinct quaver in her voice, his wife asked, "Will the tree fall on top of me?" Jack impatiently answered, "No! For God's sake, don't you think I've figured all this out? The rope is plenty long enough because the boat will scoot out into the bay and the tree will fall just to the shore."

Jack stalked back to the tree. We could hear him muttering and cursing to himself. Freddie then called out, "Need a little help there?" Jack's head jerked around. "Business that bad Mr. Clarke? Too bad because you're not needed here."

Freddie said nothing in reply, merely looking pensive. "That tree should be downed professionally," my neighbour commented. "Get a topper up there. One of Freddie's tree monkeys and fell it in sections."

These comments were drowned by the explosive noise of Jack firing up his big chain saw. The sawdust shot from the teeth of the saw as it bit into the wood.

We could smell the combination of gas and hot chain oil then the sweet aroma of fresh sawdust as the saw worked its way inexorably into the ash. As if feeling the pain of the saw, the massive tree began to tremble, then gently began to sway.

"HIT IT!" Jack screamed.

His wife threw the throttle on the boat as far forward as it would go, and the big engine revved up, and then stalled. The ash rocked gently towards the water with the first thrust of the engine, then back towards the house as the pressure was released, then further back to finally fall directly toward the house. The ash came down with an audible sigh, reluctantly relinquishing two hundred years of life, then fell with increasing acceleration as though feeling joy in its direction. The ski boat, tied to the upper crown of the tree, was jerked from the water, leaving bent pipes and shattered planks as it was ripped directly through the dock. It was yanked across the jagged rocks on the shoreline and onto the lawn. Jack's wife clung to the steering wheel facing forward, terrorized, unbelieving, as the boat careened across the manicured sod. It remained upright, leaving deep rutted tracks, its path marked by splinters of fibreglass, shreds of paint and shards of equipment. The stern ripped off revealing the powerful but silent engine. The boat continued its inexorable path coming to rest ten feet from the stump of the once mighty ash. Jack's wife was immobile, seeming carved from marble.

The house burst as the ash crashed upon it. The tree smashed through the roof, through the support members, through the large picture windows, finally resting with a series of popping noises on the floor.

Jack watched in stunned silence.

"The dock, the boat, and then the house. Three for four," Freddie said. "Good thing he missed the car so he can drive home. This is the best thing for business since Charley Russell dropped his tree on the power line and the whole town was without electricity."

## A Belated Thank You!

The Recreation Board wants to thank Diane Walker and Janet Murphy for organizing another very successful Christmas Workshop. Eighteen women made centre pieces for their Christmas tables.



*Diane Walker (R) leads the centerpiece workshop*

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The clauses are negligent misrepresentation, in that APPEC was led to believe that the generation capacity of the White Pines project could not go below 75% of the generation contracted for in 2010, when the FIT contract was signed. The central issue for APPEC is that information that became known to the IESO was not made publicly available. The IESO had a choice, when it became clear that WPD could not meet the 75% condition in the contract. It could have said that things had changed, that WPD’s FIT contract would need to be amended, that WPD was in default of contractual milestone dates, etc.

Mr. Gillespie noted that it’s what the IESO and WPD did with their choices that has brought us here today. WPD’s first public announcement that it was proceeding with the 9-turbine project was September 21, 2017. The IESO informed Councillor Ferguson that it had agreed to amend the FIT contract on October 12, 2017. APPEC only obtained the information it had sought in June when the IESO disclosed it to the Court on November 30.

**IESO and WPD Closing Submissions and APPEC’s Reply**

Alan Mark, IESO’s legal counsel, criticized APPEC’s “assumption” that it has some right to insert itself into the contractual relationship between the IESO and WPD. Mr. Mark stated that any rights are owed exclusively to WPD, the IESO’s contractual partner; there’s nothing in the statutory framework that gives APPEC “the right to anything”. Mr. Mark went on to suggest that a contract is just a statement at a point in time with no guarantee that it won’t change in the future and members of the public don’t need to know about that either. Mr. Mark added that “with all respect to APPEC, APPEC is just made up of members of the public that feel strongly about wind power projects.”

Mr. Mark indicated that the IESO has made no representations to APPEC at any time, so it could not have made a negligent representation. When Judge Kershman asked whether APPEC’s allegation is that the IESO made a representation in 2010 that the Project would not be able to proceed if the project’s generation capacity fell below 75%, Mr. Mark responded that this isn’t the case APPEC is making.

Mr. Mark noted a statement in the Skypower Decision that the FIT contract is a bilateral commercial contract between two parties. Mr. Gillespie noted that in the same Skypower Decision, Judge Nordheimer rejects this characterization of the FIT program, and says that the suggestion that this is a commercial nature entirely and not a matter of public policy is fictional.

Mr. Mark said that APPEC had all the information it needed and ignored this information at its peril. In reply, Mr. Gillespie asked why APPEC would base its ERT appeal rights on a complete unknown, i.e., would the IESO amend the FIT contract, or not?

Patrick Duffy, legal counsel for WPD, also took up the argument that APPEC had no right to insert itself into the contract between the IESO and WPD. Mr. Gillespie replied that if that was so, then why did the IESO make FIT contracts available on its website for public viewing in the first place? Mr. Duffy stated that the terms “open” and “transparent” only apply to FIT Program Applicants, not to members of the public to which Mr. Gillespie replied that we still have not been told what there was about the information APPEC sought that was privileged. Mr. Duffy noted that FIPPA (Freedom of Information and Privacy Act) is the law that applies to disclosure. However, Judge Kershnan reminded Mr. Duffy that Mr. Gillespie had already noted in his submissions how long the FIPPA process takes. Mr. Gillespie also noted that there was nothing in any of the other Party’s materials about FIPPA.

Mr. Gillespie concluded by noting the right of County residents to natural justice and procedural fairness. The IESO has not told the whole story to the community that will be affected by the White Pines wind project.

Justice Kershnan thanked the Parties and stated that he would reserve his decision. The hearing was adjourned at about 5:30 p.m.

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## A Note from St. Philip's Anglican Church in Milford

By Paula Walker

As we begin a new year we say thank you to you our community for the many ways in which you support St. Philip's. These include making donations to and shopping at our rummage sales, promoting and supporting our fund raisers, helping with the annual canoe trip and so much more. It is wonderful to be part of such a warm and friendly community. We are truly blessed by your good will.

We would also like to let you know about some of the things we are doing. We continue to have potluck supper movie nights and everyone is welcome. We bring food to share for the main course or dessert, supper starts at 6 with the movie at 7. Our next night is set for Thursday, February 8 at 6 pm and the movie will be "The Intern".

Tuesday, February 13 will be Shrove Tuesday this year and there will be a pancake supper at St. Philip's from 5 until 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge but there will be a donation basket in support of our Diocesan Refugee Committee.

Each Friday morning at 10 we have an informal service of morning prayer at the church. Rev. Janelle has worshipped with us and we thank her for playing her flute as we sang a hymn or two. There is time for discussion and we can make prayer requests. If you feel you might like to join us at any time, please do.

We pray for God's blessings to be upon Rev. Janelle as she moves to Saskatchewan to continue her ministry there. We thank her for being a great neighbour and a supportive friend to St. Philip's.

In September of 2017 we were happy to welcome our new priest Rev. Ada Clifton to St. Philip's. Our regular service of worship is Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and all are always welcome. More information can be found at our website at [www.parishofmarysburgh.ca](http://www.parishofmarysburgh.ca).



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