

The seeds of our future are taking root right now, for better or worse. This page shares better, forward-thinking ideas and celebrates significant environmental achievements that can help us lead the way in creating the Niagara Escarpment as a healthy, sustainable example of a thriving World Biosphere Reserve.

NEC OPPOSES WIND TURBINES

According to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), "The Niagara Escarpment is internationally recognized for its spectacular scenic landscapes. Large scale **industrial wind turbines are not in keeping** with the preservation of its unique scenic areas."

AVOID NEW WRAPPING PAPER

According to Gift it Green, a U.S. company selling reusable gift boxes, "if every American family wrapped three presents in reused materials, it would **save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.**"

HAMILTON OPPOSES APARTMENT BUILDING NEAR ESCARPMENT IN DUNDAS

Hamilton councillors voted against a six-storey apartment building to be built at the base of the Niagara Escarpment in Dundas. Concerns include the height of the building, its compatibility with the neighbourhood, and **how close it is to the Niagara Escarpment.** Nearby residents have formed the citizens' group Heritage, Escarpment and Responsible Development (HEARD). Councillors expect the proposal to go to the Ontario Municipal Board.

BIKES WELCOME IN HALTON HILLS

The Town of Halton Hills has formed a **Halton Hills Bicycle Friendly Community Committee** and has begun organizing pro-bike events.

ONTARIO'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FAILS

In his 2011/2012 Annual Report Part 2, Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario states "In this reporting period we saw **no bold new legislation to tackle the challenges of our time...** We are no longer a jurisdiction that the world looks up to... With the formidable challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss facing us, it is not a good time to let this capacity wither... It really is a matter of the people of Ontario expressing their expectations to government..."



Thomas in late snowfall

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