



As April was host to National Volunteer week, this version of the breeze will start with a message from our fearless Project Co-ordinator, Jen Heneberry.

-The Communications Group

Dear Positive Power supporters,
National Volunteer Week begins on April 18th to honor those that donate their time and energy to their fellow citizens. This week is a chance to appreciate the vital contribution volunteers make to our community and allows us the opportunity to thank you for your help in the on-going success of Positive Power.

Across the country, volunteers are involved in many different ways within our communities and the HHH area is no exception. Positive Power has accomplished all that it has because of the dedication, passion and energy that our volunteers have brought to the organization. The anemometer tower raising and decommissioning, work on the newsletter and communications outreach, development and implementation of workshops, work on funding proposals, and many other items are all fantastic accomplishments that we can all be proud of. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thanks to all our supporters for all that you share with the organization. We hope this note of appreciation reminds you just how important you and your talents are to the future of PPC.

I consider myself very lucky to be involved with an organization like PPC, primarily because of the great group of people I've worked with and continue to be inspired by.

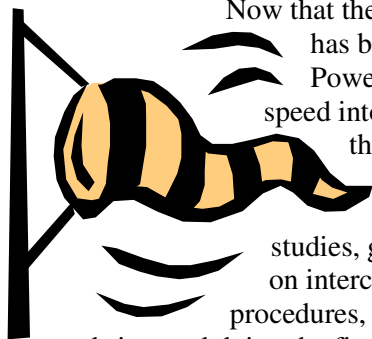
Thank you,
Jen



Powerful Progress

Data Collection for First Wind Resource Assessment Complete

Positive Power's project at the drumlin site in Flamborough is moving rapidly along. We recently completed our year-long wind resource assessment, and MK Ince & Associates are working to complete the data analysis and final report. The anemometer tower was decommissioned on Saturday April 1st, thanks to MK Ince & Associates staff and Positive Power volunteers.



Now that the wind resource assessment has been completed, Positive Power will be moving forward full speed into the development phase of the project. This involves seeking funding for the Environmental Assessment studies, getting some definite answers on interconnection costs and procedures, and selecting a turbine model and size, and doing the financial modelling work necessary for the construction phase. We also hope to undertake some community consultation in the next several months to let people in the community know where the project stands, and get support from them.

We have been meeting with staff and councillors of the local and neighbouring municipalities to provide updates on our work, and move towards developing a strong partnership with them on this project. The excitement is high within the co-operative members and volunteers, and it's infectious! People that find out what we are doing and how the Flamborough site is developing, and they get excited about the potential for a renewable energy project in our area.

Stay tuned for more details in future newsletters, and check the rest of the website for more details about our project work. If you have questions about any of the work we're doing, please let Jen Heneberry, Project Coordinator know at 905-971-5366 or info@positivepowerco-op.com.

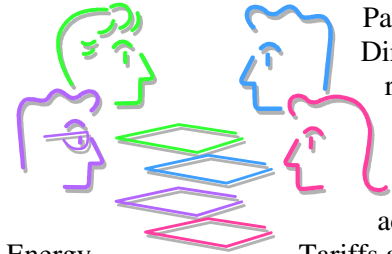
Call for Volunteers: Cost Accountants and Financial Forecasters Wanted

The Finance Committee is looking to expand its membership to include persons with skill in cost-accounting and financial forecasting as the Board of Directors considers a variety of models for financing its first Utility Grade Wind Turbine. The committee welcomes as well those who are willing to become familiar with, and assist in, the day-to-day financial operations of our co-operative. Please contact Don Brown (donshe@hwc.org) or Jen Heneberry

(info@positivepowerco-op.com) in person or with suggestions about members with such interest and skills.

March Meeting keeps Members in the Know

Positive Power members, both new and old, got together on a cold and rainy day to find out what's been happening with Positive Power. Members of the Board, working committees, and staff were on hand to provide updates and information about projects and activities.



Paul Gipe, acting Executive Director of OSEA, and world renowned expert in the field of wind energy, joined Positive Power and provided information on OSEA's activities on Renewable

Energy Tariffs and upcoming presentations. Paul was peppered with lots of questions about RE Tariffs and the wind energy industry in California and the rest of the US, and he has promised to make himself available in the future for a more in-depth presentation and question and answer session.

Jen Heneberry, Project Coordinator, provided project updates about the Hamilton's Drumlin and Lake Erie projects, a presentation being made to the City of Burlington Community Development Committee, and also facilitated a brief question and answer period about project work for the newer members in the group. Don Brown, Treasurer, updated the group on recent funding news and the budget process. Troy Green, Education Chair, gave an Education Committee update and

talked about the recently completed workshops on Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and the future plans of the committee around other educational activities.

The next member meeting has not yet been scheduled, but will likely be taking place in May. If you have an idea or issue that you would like to see PPC cover, or can think of a guest speaker that would be a great addition to the meeting, please let Jen know at 905-971-5366 or info@positivepowerco-op.com. We're always looking for ways to improve our member meetings for you.

Feasibility Study Complete

A draft of the co-operative feasibility study, exploring the long-term financial models to be used for the sustainability of the co-op as a whole, and for the completion of specific individual projects, has been completed. The draft was preliminarily reviewed by the Board at their February retreat, and they will continue to review it and make recommendations to the Project Development committee.

(step 1) Submit Photos; (step 2) Win Prizes?



The first Positive Power Photo Contest is about to begin. Stay tuned for further details...but feel free to get off the edge of your seat and start taking your pictures with renewable energy, co-operative, or community themes.

Renewable Energy Mix (News, Facts & Opinions)

Links to the original articles for this section can be found in the online version of our newsletter at <http://www.positivepowerco-op.com/>

New Electricity Prices Take Effect in Ontario - Starting April 1, 2004 the price of electricity has increased to \$0.047/kWh for the first 750kWh per household per month, and additional electricity will cost \$0.055/kWh. The new rates bring the rate being charged to consumers closer to the true cost of electricity generation. The new tiered pricing structure is also designed to encourage conservation.

OPG writes-down Coal-Fired Assets - Recent financial statements released by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for 2003 include write-downs of coal-fired assets. This decision is in line with the provincial governments intentions to eliminate coal power from the province by 2007.

Liberals outline direction of Energy Policy - On April 15th Energy Minister Dwight Duncan outlined the government's new "vision for electricity sector". The vision includes: a new Power Authority, conservation, encouraging private sector investment, a mix of regulated and competitive energy prices and periodically reviewed standard rates for homeowners and small businesses.

Can-do? Report Recommends Return to Nuclear Energy - On March 18, 2004 Ontario Power Generation Released results of a study by former Deputy Prime Minister John Manley, Peter Gedsoe and Jake Epp that recommends a return to reliance on nuclear energy.

Backlash to OPG Report - Environmental groups were quick to question the wisdom of the above mentioned report to OPG by John Manley et al. This is a link to one such opinion piece. The weight given to this report and the predictable backlash will be known in April when Ontario Energy Minister Dwight Duncan will release plans to meet



Ontario's long-term energy requirements.

CanWEA Hosts Ontario Wind Power Summit - This summit held in Toronto on February 24, 2004 was attended by over 200 industry representatives and government officials. The CanWEA page contains some of the presentations made at the conference. My new favourite analogy to the implementation of wind energy: Q. How do you eat an elephant? A. One bite at a time.

Wind Energy used to Purify Water in Afghanistan - New Zealand, Afghanistan and UNICEF have teamed to provide wind-turbine powered, water purification systems to remote parts of Afghanistan.

Paul Gipe new Acting Executive Director of OSEA - Paul Gipe has been announced as the Acting Executive Director of OSEA (Ontario Sustainable Energy Association). Mr. Gipe has extensive industry credits and honours, and fills in for Deb Doncaster who is on parental leave. You can read more about OSEA's activities in thier [latest newsletter](#).

Upcoming Events

Technical Committee Meeting – Tuesday May 11th, 2004, 7PM, Hamilton Incubator of Technology
Project Development Meeting – Wednesday May 12th, 2004, 7PM, Hamilton Incubator of Technology



For information on Working Group meetings or ways to get involved with committees or on Positive Power initiatives, please contact Jen Heneberry, Project Coordinator at 905-971-5366.

Working Group Committees

There are currently 7 vibrant committees that have been busy developing and implementing programs for Positive Power. If you are interested in finding out more about what each of these committees are doing, you can contact the committee chairs using the information below.

<u>Education</u>	Lead: Troy Greene	519-591-0310	education@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Advocacy</u>	Lead: Dan Hall	905-891-0913	advocacy@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Fundraising</u>	Lead: Victoria Roberts	905-308-5778	fundraising@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Technical</u>	Lead: Jon Norman	416-207-0808	technical@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Communications</u>	Lead: Chris Palin	416-227-0717	communications@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Finance</u>	Lead: Donald Brown	905-689-4099	finance@positivepowerco-op.com
<u>Project Development</u>	Coordinator: Jen Heneberry	905-971-5366	info@positivepowerco-op.com

Call for Responses!

Do you have renewable energy projects working in your home or have you started the process to get renewable energy projects in your home? Wind turbine in the backyard? Solar panels on the roof? Geothermal tubing for space heating? Positive Power is looking for information from people in the Halton, Hamilton or Haldimand areas that have attempted to implement renewable energy projects on an individual scale for a future workshop being developed on the municipal planning process and renewable energy.

If you have information or comments, please contact Jen Heneberry, Project Coordinator at 905-971-5366 or info@positivepowerco-op.com.

About the Communications Group: The communications group is a multi-disciplinary team of stylin', intelligent, and modest people. Our goal is to provide a platform for the various working committees to get their messages out. We will be dealing with both internal and external stakeholders gearing messages towards potential members, community and other interested parties. In addition, we will release periodic press releases as major events or announcements regarding Positive Power occur. Please feel free to contact Chris Palin with your comments, constructive criticism, content, or concerns at 905-330-0370.