



# The Breeze

## Version 8.0

### **Welcome to version 8.0 of the Breeze.**

July and August are a time for vacation for many of us in southern Ontario, a chance to enjoy the warm, summer weather that we have most years (2004 excepted). However, some people at Positive Power have been working hard coming up with proposals for a new volunteer structure that will hopefully improve the efficiency with which we work, keep volunteers informed of the work others are doing in the co-op and give the volunteers a chance to see each other in person and get to know each other. Oh... by the way, we just happened to erect an anemometer for Positive Power's second Wind Resource Assessment.

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[About the Communications Group](#).

### **Powerful Progress**

#### **Volunteer Structure Revised**

We have made some updates to the Positive Power structure to better organize volunteer efforts and make more efficient use of time and energy that volunteers are able to contribute to the organization. The main change is that some of the committees and volunteers will be re-aligned on a project basis, as much of the work of the technical, advocacy and fundraising committees were specific to certain projects. A meeting was held on August 17th to discuss these changes with volunteers, and presented the changes and information. For more information see the [handouts](#) from the meeting.

#### **Second Wind Resource Assessment has begun**

On the last weekend in June, several Positive Power members visited the windy shores of Lake Erie to erect an anemometer. Led by Ken Baigent (Lake Erie Project Lead), the team erected the anemometer, at a secret location. The anemometer was tested by strong winds and a fierce electrical storm in its first week, but they proved to be no match for the work of co-op volunteers. Nearly two months of data have been collected. The anemometer location will be revealed shortly, when all legal work with the landowner has been completed.

#### **Hamilton Drumlin Update**

Now that we know there is enough wind at the Hamilton's drumlin site to support a turbine, additional work is being done towards making a turbine a reality. Positive Power has requested tenders for a required Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed turbine. As part of the EA, a migratory bird study must be undertaken. The first portion of this will begin by studying the fall migration at the site. Positive Power would like to thank the [Hamilton Conservation Authority](#) who has generously provided the resources required for this study.

#### **Positive Power Wants You! (dream jobs available, volunteer style)**

With the re-organization of the volunteer structure- there is lots of opportunity to get involved. There are [several positions](#) that need to be filled, including: web guru, newsletter editor, social

convener, assistance to create a Public Information Centre, membership administrator, in addition to technical and financial modeling assistance for our two active projects. **The next volunteer meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28 at the Hamilton Incubator of Technology** (details to follow), where information on all these positions will be available. **The revised volunteer structure will have also have some working groups meeting at the same place, at the same time.... so come out and see how you can get involved.**

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## **Renewable Energy Mix (News, Facts & Opinions)**

[Pickering A Unit 1- to be restarted](#) – The provincial government has given Ontario Power Generation the green light to undertake this project that will generate 515MW of electricity, at an expected cost of \$900 million.

[OSEA responds to call for input on Bill 100](#) – The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association has responded to the governments call for input on the proposed- Bill 100, “Electricity Restructuring Act”. The proposed legislation would create a new ‘Ontario Power Authority’ that would promote conservation, renewable energy and investment in securing energy supply. Positive Power [also provided written comments on Bill 100](#) and presented an oral submission to the Committee on Social Policy. The complete record of the presentations, including Positive Power’s presentation, can be seen by reading the Hansard (the official committee notes) at [http://www.ontla.on.ca/hansard/committee\\_debates/38\\_parl/session1/SocialPol/index.htm](http://www.ontla.on.ca/hansard/committee_debates/38_parl/session1/SocialPol/index.htm) ([Positive Power presented on August 12<sup>th</sup>](#)).

[1 year since blackout](#) – The one year anniversary of the blackout recently passed, and much was made of this in the media, though not much has changed in this year. The cooler summer has alleviated some of the concerns about capacity (for the time being) but much work is still to be done. This is one of the several pieces written a year after the blackout and also contains further links to additional comments on Bill 100.

**Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) AGM upcoming-** OSEA will hold its Annual General Meeting on October 1, 2004 in Toronto. Details are to be posted at the [OSEA website](#).

## **Volunteer Groups**

There are currently 2 ongoing project teams working towards making Positive Power’s turbine projects a reality, and 3 working groups that complete the co-operative’s education work, and keep the communications and finances of the co-op in line. Click on a committee to see what they have been doing and email the lead at the addresses below to get involved.

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