



# The Breeze

## Version 9.0

### Welcome to version 9.0 of the Breeze.

Fall is a time for revitalization and new energy after the dog days of summer, and true to form, it's been a busy (and unseasonably warm!) fall for Positive Power, including a completion of the requirements for our CEDTAP grant, a trip to the CanWEA conference and gearing up for the AGM in November. More information on the CEDTAP grant and the CanWEA conference will be available in the next newsletter, since this one is crammed full of project, Board and volunteer updates!

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with our Communications Committee. Please contact Jen Heneberry at 905-971-5366 if you want to get involved writing articles for the newsletter.

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### Powerful Progress

#### [September Volunteer Meeting](#)

September 28th was the first of our new volunteer meetings, and things are moving along nicely. Curt Hammond and Don Brown were on hand from the Board to give updates on Board activities and the Finance Committee, Jen Heneberry gave updates on the drumlin project and Ken Baigent provided updates on the Lake Erie project. Volunteers are working on projects related to our Drumlin Public Information Centre, a project with McMaster Marketing Students, public presentations for Lake Erie, and others. Keep checking the [Volunteer Page](#) on the website to get information on opportunities or contact Jen Heneberry for information on how to get involved. Our next meeting is NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 at the Hamilton Incubator of Technology Building.



#### [Hamilton Drumlin Update](#)

The tender for the Environmental Assessment at the drumlin has been awarded, and most of the work on the project from this point forward will now be dependent on finding a source of funding for the development work. We are trying to identify traditional sources of funding or come up with innovative partnerships that will allow us to proceed. If you have suggestions or ideas for this, please come out to regular Finance Committee meetings (contact Don Brown at 905-689-4099 for more details). We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the Public Information Centre.

#### [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, November 23rd at the Hamilton Incubator of Technology**, 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.**

## A Message From the Board of Directors

As always, we are amazed at the time, energy and passion that our community is putting into Positive Power. It is humbling to see so many people who care about community based solutions to our looming energy challenge.

Our collective accomplishments this past while have been very impressive. Our new volunteer meetings will strengthen our immediate and long term ability to grow and are all about keeping PPC members and volunteers engaged and informed. Our wind testing in Lake Erie continues and we now have three months of exciting data for our next project. We have been on local radio, TV and print media as well: the buzz grows!

Finally, the Board of Directors continues to diversify and focus on the long term growth of PPC. New candidates for the BoD are [available](#) later in this newsletter and the current Board is excited to welcome so many energetic and passionate people to the table. An important part of our AGM this year will be the election of your board: I

encourage you all to be there on Saturday, November 27th, 2004 at 10AM at the Hamilton Incubator Building to meet this group of dedicated leaders.



Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm for PPC. Rest assured that together we are building an organization that is here for the long term.

*Curt Hammond, Board Chair*

## Lake Erie Update

Along the north shore of Lake Erie in Haldimand Country is an exciting place for Positive Power Co-op to be positioned. Many wind development companies are actively working in the area, which helps to elevate the concept of wind energy for the residents of Haldimand.

PPC has already illustrated our ability to be a strong contender in the wind industry by being one of the first to commence a wind resource assessment study for a multi-turbine project in the county. The PPC advantage lies in our unique ability to rally the community in support of wind power projects, and provide the community with ownership and income opportunities. The economic and environmental benefits to the community are significant and need to be communicated.

Now is the time for PPC to roll up our sleeves (a little further) and develop, implement, and manage our plans of action to address the many components of our Lake Erie Project, including:

- Information Session for Council
- Financing
- Environmental Assessment
- Community Open Houses
- Media Communications
- Grid Connection/Turbine Selection
- Power Purchase Agreement(s)
- Financial Modelling/Project Partner(s)

To the many PPC volunteers that I have had the pleasure of working with on the Lake Erie project thus far, THANK YOU!(and I look forward to our continued work together). To those of you who would like to become involved, please come join us at our next volunteer meeting, at HIT. In the interim you can reach me at 905-562-3988 or by email at [lakeerie@positivepowerco-op.com](mailto:lakeerie@positivepowerco-op.com).

*Ken Baigent, Project Lead - Lake Erie*

## **2004-05 Board of Directors Nominations**

Positive Power's by-laws state that the organization must have a minimum of 5 Directors, and can have a maximum of 12.

Of the current [2003-2004 Board](#) the following candidates are continuing on for the second year of their term:

- **Dan Hall**
- **Curt Hammond**
- **Todd Mooney**
- **Jim Salmon**

There are four current directors whose terms are expiring as of November 2004. **Jon Norman** and **Victoria Roberts** have indicated that they will be not be seeking re-election for a second term, and PPC extends our thanks to them for their long term service to the organization. **Don Brown** and **Sam DeAth** are both standing for a second term. This means that there are a maximum of 8 positions available.

In addition to Don and Sam, there are 6 new candidates for consideration. Each candidate has provided information on themselves and their interest in Positive Power for your consideration. Each candidate standing for a term will be addressing the membership at the AGM on November 27th.

### ***Thomas Brown***

Tom has been involved with energy and environmental issues for over 15 years. He has recently completed a Masters Degree in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University in Victoria, British Columbia, focussing on sustainable development issues. Tom has assessed and managed energy projects for the petrochemical and waste industries, with emphasis on clean sources of energy and elimination of pollution at the source. He is the past Chairman and member of several industrial environmental committees. With his extensive operations and environmental knowledge, Tom is looking forward to supporting Positive Power's transition to a generator of renewable energy.

### ***Mark Lobsinger***

Mark is a tax lawyer and partner at the law firm McMillan Binch LLP, where he has practised since his call to the Ontario Bar in 1996. Mark's practice includes providing tax advice in general corporate/commercial contexts and on energy matters. Mark has an LL.B. (UBC), H.B.A. (Business Administration) (UWO) and a B.Sc. (UWO). Mark brings to PPC his skills in assessing general commercial legal and regulatory matters, tax and enterprise structuring expertise, and his knowledge of enterprise process and governance matters.

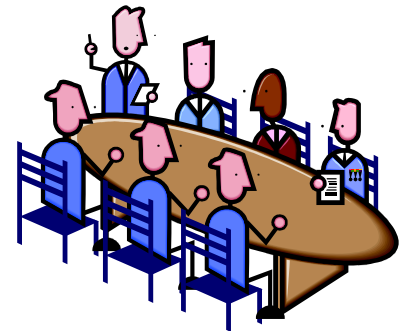
### ***Jacqueline McNeilly***

My career with the city of Hamilton spans 23 years working in a number of different professions as a Social Service Worker, Community Development Coordinator/Planner, Business Development Consultant and more recently, Film Commissioner. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and later became a professional planner, a certified economic developer and a real estate salesperson. Because of my personal and professional interest in working with individuals and groups, I have also taken many courses in group facilitation, spirituality in the workplace, Reiki and so on.

I have always had a strong social and environmental conscience and it is this passion that has brought me to Positive Power. I have a lengthy volunteer background with organizations such as Zonta, the Arthritis Society, Hamilton Food Coop, and The Equestrian Association for the Disabled. I believe that I will bring strong communication and organization skills to Positive Power, skills in negotiation and real estate, a substantial network of contacts in a number of organizations, levels of government and the press and, of course, passion for the goals of the organization.

### ***Douglas Prest***

Doug Prest is a Professional Engineer with over 20 years experience in data communications software



development, project leadership and program management in high tech industries. Doug has degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Waterloo and a Masters of Business Administration from McMaster University, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Manitoba. Doug brings engineering, business, project management and organizational skills to Positive Power. He is passionate in his belief in green power and its importance in combatting global warming, amid the myopia of most of today's world governments in this area, and is eager to bring his experience and skills to bear to assist in the success of the Positive Power cooperative as an excellent example of ordinary, concerned and responsible people proceeding to address this critical global problem in spite of the lack of political leadership in this key area.

***Roland Vander Straeten***

Roland graduated with a Dipl. Ing degree (University of Gent, Belgium) in Mechanical Engineering, a M.A. Sc. Degree in aeronautical engineering (University of Toronto), and a MBA from York University. He worked as a aerodynamics and flight test engineer at (what was



then) de Havilland in Toronto, followed by a long period of program management, (including site construction and commissioning) and marketing for a specialist windtunnel design and construction company in Toronto. He was a founder and initial President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of its very successful successor company. (1994-2001). He is presently President and CEO of R3 Corporation, an Internet company operating in the transportation industry, and a business consultant.

***Ian Wright***

Born and raised in local area (Freelton/Puslinch). Attended High School in Waterdown and Dundas; and Universities of Guelph and York. Was engaged in light metal fabrication for the automotive after market. Currently managing an industrial property site located in Hamilton's "new north end". Interests include gardening, building construction, and alternative lifestyles on "less is best".

For more information on the Nominations Process, please contact the nominations committee via Jen Heneberry, at [info@positivepowerco-op.com](mailto:info@positivepowerco-op.com).

**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.

<a href="#"><u>Hamilton's Drumlin Project</u></a>	<a href="mailto:drumlin@positivepowerco-op.com"><u>drumlin@positivepowerco-op.com</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Lake Erie Project</u></a>	<a href="mailto:lakeerie@positivepowerco-op.com"><u>lakeerie@positivepowerco-op.com</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Education</u></a>	<a href="mailto:education@positivepowerco-op.com"><u>education@positivepowerco-op.com</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Communications</u></a>	<a href="mailto:communications@positivepowerco-op.com"><u>communications@positivepowerco-op.com</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Finance</u></a>	<a href="mailto:finance@positivepowerco-op.com"><u>finance@positivepowerco-op.com</u></a>

(Have suggestions for this newsletter? Email [communications@positivepowerco-op.com](mailto:communications@positivepowerco-op.com))

***Please see the inserted flyer about the AGM, coming upon November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.***