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On February 20, 2014, an Ontario Court set aside the 2013 decision of the Environmental Review Tribunal over the Ostrander Point Wind Energy Project. That 2013 decision was notable for being the first decision to grant an appeal of a renewable energy approval (REA) under Ontario's 2009 Green Energy laws, and basing its decision on endangered species concerns.

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What's Happening?

- **Save the Date:** The next in the series of *Gowlings: Environmental Law for Business Seminars* is scheduled for April 24, 2014. Topics will include *Environmental Disaster Management*. This topic is of particular interest having regard to recent events such as the Lac Megantic Disaster. Invitations will be sent shortly. If you would like to receive an invitation or would like to attend please contact Nory Paredes at Nory.Paredes@gowlings.com.

- [Rodney Northey](#) and [Jennifer Danahy](#) are the most recent members of the Gowlings Environmental Law Group to be recognized by Lexpert for their expertise in the area of Environmental Law.

- Gowlings is pleased to welcome [Mira Gauvin](#), an accomplished environmental lawyer, to the firm's [Environmental Law Group](#).

Gauvin joins Gowlings as a partner in the firm's Montreal office. She has broad expertise in the area of environmental law, with a specific expertise in the environmental aspects of corporate and real estate transactions. Her experience includes advising on environmental regulatory compliance, land rehabilitation, the acquisition and transfer of environmental permits, and the closure of industrial sites.

Ranked as a leading environmental lawyer by *The Best Lawyers in Canada* for the past two years, Gauvin was recently chosen by her peers to serve on the executive of the Canadian Bar Association's National Environmental, Energy and Resources Law

Section. Prior to practising law, she worked as an environmental consultant in an engineering firm and a university healthcare centre.

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