



July 31, 2015

To Municipal Councils in the Province of Ontario

Re: Opposed to the Sale of Hydro One

The Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen has resolved their support for the resolution passed by the County of Peterborough calling on the Provincial Government to halt the sale of any part of Hydro One; to maintain Hydro One as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians; and to strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure.

Members of Council offer their full support for the following resolution passed by the County of Peterborough and have directed that their support be circulated to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario:

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and generates significant revenue for municipal and provincial governments and gives Ontario a competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity; and

WHEREAS some Ontario municipalities have examined possible sales or mergers of their local distribution companies, and have decided not to sell to Hydro One or the private sector; and

WHEREAS the privatization, partial or whole, of electricity will lead to higher rates and less control; and

WHEREAS the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One and that such mandate should only be pursued through a public referendum asking Ontarians for their vote of Yes or No with regards to the sale of any part of Hydro One;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that The Corporation of the County of Peterborough call on the provincial government to:

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a wholly public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;*
- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure;*

AND BE IT FURTHER resolved that the County of Peterborough communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPP's and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER resolved that The Corporation of the County of Peterborough work through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Electricity Distributors Association to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this matter.

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen,



Glenn Girven
Clerk

Cc The Premier of Ontario
 The Minister of Finance
 The Minister of Energy
 M.P.P. Jeff Leal
 Association of the Municipalities of Ontario