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June 26, 2015

The Honourable Premier Wynne  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Premier Wynne:

**RE: MOTION – ELECTRICITY RATES**

This is to advise that at the Council meeting held on Monday, June 22, 2015, that a motion to endorse the resolution of North Stormont was ratified (as attached), and staff were directed to forward a letter in support of Council's position to the Premier, the Ministers of Finance, Economic Development, Tourism, Energy, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, all Ontario Municipal and Regional Councils, and MPP Jim Wilson.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cindy Anne Maher, CMO  
Clerk/Director of Administration Services

Copy: Premier Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Finance Charles Sousa  
Minister of Energy Bob Chiarelli  
Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure Brad Duguid  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport Michael Coteau  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Jeff Leal  
MPP Jim Wilson  
All Municipal Councils  
All Regional Councils

**Electricity Rates**  
**Adopted by Town of New Tecumseth Council**  
**June 22, 2015**

2015-175

Moved by Councillor Jebb  
Seconded by Councillor Whiteside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the verbal report of Councillor Jebb be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the following resolution, as introduced by Councillor Jebb be adopted;

WHEREAS the cost of electricity for Ontario manufacturers averages 10 cents a kWh and is less than 7.5 cents in the USA and under 7 cents a kWh in New York, Illinois, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina and Indiana, and under 6 cents a kWh in Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the cost of electricity for farms averages 18 cents a kWh in Ontario and less than half that in Quebec, Manitoba, and Ohio and many competing US states;

AND WHEREAS the high cost of power contributes to low investment in Ontario manufacturing, increased unemployment, reduced home markets for Ontario farm products and difficulties for young people starting and sustaining their working lives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of New Tecumseth endorse the resolution of North Stormont and ask the Government of Ontario to examine the proposal for Farm and Industrial Electricity Rates made by the Canadian Cement Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ontario Construction Secretariat, Canadian Foundry Association, Canadian Plastics Industry Association, Quinte West Manufacturers' Association and Northumberland Manufacturers' Association and enact that proposal, or a reasonable modification of it, with a view to returning competitive electricity rates to Ontario farms, industry and all hydro users, to renew a key part of the foundations for business and employment opportunity in Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipal and regional councils in Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Premier, and her Ministers of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Energy, Agriculture and Rural Affairs and MPP Jim Wilson.

CARRIED