



6 May, 2016

Minister Bob Chiarelli
Ministry of Energy
4, Hearst Block, 900 Bay St, Toronto,
ON M7A 2E1

Dear Minister Chiarelli:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Huron passed the following motion at the Sixth Session of Council on 4 May, 2016:

MOTION: #117-16

Moved by: Councillor Watt and Seconded by: Councillor Vincent

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron supports correspondence from the Township of North Frontenac:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts;

AND WHEREAS the government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities with the Minister of Energy indicating on March 7 that it would be 'almost impossible' for a contract to be granted under the current process without municipal agreement;

AND WHEREAS three of the five contracts announced on March 10 2016 did not have municipal support for the project;

AND WHEREAS the current process does not meet the government's standards for openness and transparency because municipal Councils are asked to support power projects based on little or no detail and further, the recipient municipalities are unable to determine the basis on which individual contracts were awarded;

AND WHEREAS the province has not demonstrated that renewable energy projects are of sufficient strategic importance in meeting Ontario's electricity generation requirements and/or carbon emission reduction targets to warrant the province taking action to override municipal decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Huron requests:

1. That the Municipal Support Resolution become a mandatory requirement in the IESO process;

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2. That the rules be amended to require that the resolution related to this support must be considered in an open Council meeting held after the community engagement meeting organized by the proponent;
3. That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community engagement meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered;
4. That the terms of any municipal agreement related to the project also need be discussed in open Council and that such agreements cannot contain terms that limit the municipality's ability to exercise Municipal Act powers relative to the project;
5. That the process includes the requirement for the municipality to provide comments on the project directly to the IESO;
6. That any points for Aboriginal participation in a given power project be limited to the First Nation who has a comprehensive claim on the land where the project will be built;
7. That any announcement of the successful bidders includes an explanation of the points awarded to each bid.

AND THAT this Resolution be provided to the President of IESO; Minister of Energy; All Municipalities within the Province; MPP; and AMO.

CARRIED

Thank you for receiving our correspondence and considering this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Gowing
Warden

Cc; President IESO, Municipalities Ontario, MPP and AMO

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