

Date: June 12, 2012

To: Mayor Bob Bratina and City Council  
City Hall, City Of Hamilton  
2nd floor - 71 Main St. West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8P 4Y5

**Regarding: Municipal Council Support Resolution for Solar PV Systems**

Dear Mayor Bratina and Councillors;

As you may be aware in May 2009, the Province of Ontario established the "Green Energy and Green Economy Act" and a Feed in Tariff (FIT) program was implemented by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

The FIT program offers stable pricing under long term OPA contracts and provides incentives for individuals, co-ops and corporations to install Photovoltaic (PV) panels. To date the FIT program has created thousands of new jobs and has drawn billions of dollars of investment into Ontario.

The new FIT 2.0 program (the next version) will be launched shortly. As part of FIT 2.0, the Province of Ontario and OPA will award contracts based upon a point system. Favorable points will be given for an application if it is endorsed by the Municipality within which the projects are located. Attached is the standard form issued by the OPA for Councils Endorsement.

QPA Solar Inc. is an Ontario based engineering and project development company with offices in Hamilton and London, Ontario. QPA Solar has installed numerous rooftops solar systems for commercial, industrial, co-op housing organizations, schools, corporations and individuals across Ontario.

We have installed several systems in the Hamilton area including; Self Storage 6 (SS6), Waterdown High School and Victoria Park Community Homes. In fact the SS6 project is one of Canada's largest and longest FIT solar projects in commercial operation. Councillors Powers and Pasuta were kind enough to attend our open house and have toured this facility.

We are seeking the endorsement of the Hamilton Municipal Council for installing solar PV systems within the limits of the City of Hamilton.

As a back drop, we have included some pictures of typical PV systems and have included a listing of the planned projects, at this point in time, within the City of Hamilton. These projects will require a building permit in the future and therefore the City will still retain normal control over the process.

Unlike wind turbines, rooftop solar neither ties up valuable real estate nor interrupts the natural beauty of the landscape. Typically no roof penetrations are required and on flat roofs these systems are generally invisible from street-level, resulting in preservation of building aesthetics.

Encouraging the development of rooftop solar will further the environmental plan of Hamilton and stimulate local commerce without introducing problematic eyesores. In addition, it should also be noted that many of these projects will be formed with Community Co-op Partnership Participation and that a minimum of 35 property owners within the City of Hamilton will be involved.

On the other hand if Hamilton Council does not endorse PV projects, the OPA will look less favorably at any project application and the odds of being awarded an OPA contract are greatly diminished for any projects within the City of Hamilton. Consequently, other Municipalities who have passed the resolution will receive the economic and environmental benefits.

Because of timing constraints and a limited window of opportunity, we respectfully request that this endorsement be passed at the very next Council meeting. As a blanket endorsement, it will cover all solar PV projects for a period of 12 months after adoption by Council.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration and we look forward to this endorsement.

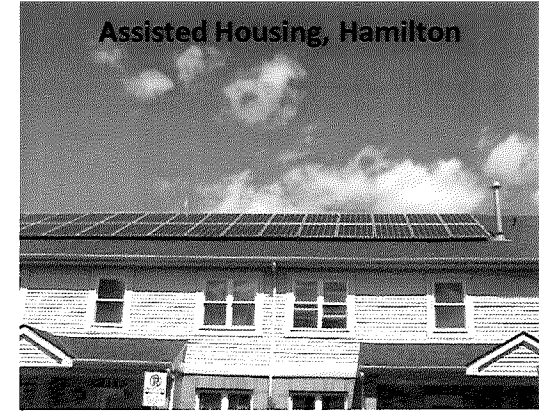
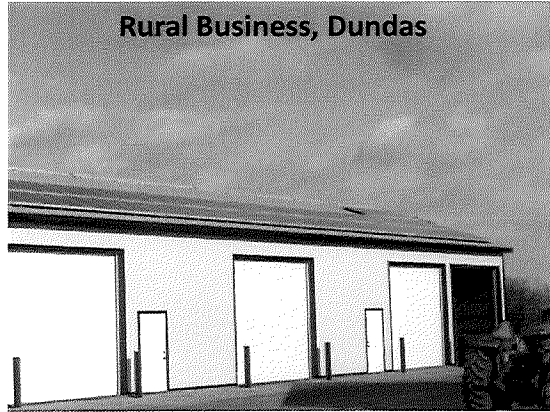
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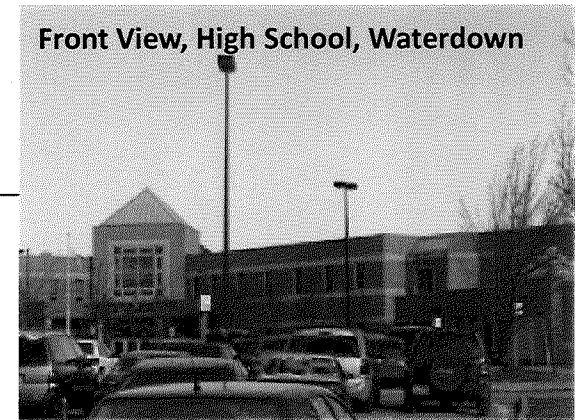
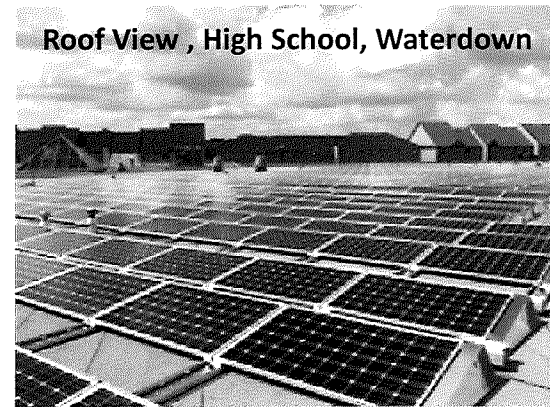
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# Sample Solar PV rooftops installed in Ontario by QPA Solar Inc.

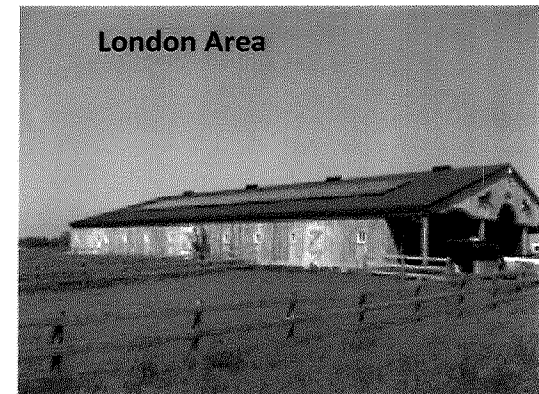
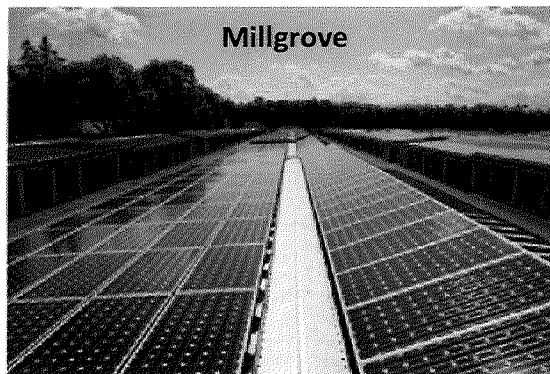
## Small Business & Housing



## Schools & Municipalities



## Industrial & Commercial



- (d) Whether or not an Aboriginal Support Resolution has been adopted in respect of any Subject Lands or potential Subject Lands shall have no bearing on whether any constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights may pertain to such lands.

**FIGURE 6.1: PRIORITY POINTS TABLE**

<b>PROJECT TYPE</b>	<b>PRIORITY POINTS</b>
Community Participation Project	3
Aboriginal Participation Project	3
Education or Health Participation Project	2
<b>NON-PROJECT TYPE</b>	<b>PRIORITY POINTS</b>
Municipal Council Support Resolution	2
Aboriginal Support Resolution	2
Project Readiness	2
Education or Health Host	2
System Benefit	1

**6.2 Ranking**

The OPA will rank Applications that are complete and eligible based on the following factors:

- (i) Points: Applications with more Priority Points shall receive a higher ranking; and
- (ii) Time Stamp: For Applications with the same number of Priority Points, an earlier Time Stamp will be ranked ahead of a later Time Stamp, provided that Applications with the same number of Priority Points and the same Time Stamp, will be ranked randomly.

**SECTION 7 – CONNECTION AVAILABILITY AND PROCUREMENT LIMITS**

**7.1 Assessment**

Following ranking of Applications pursuant to Section 6, such Applications will be assessed, in order of rank, as to:

- (a) whether there is availability of the applicable Transmission System and/or Distribution System for the Project, based on the TAT and the DAT; and
- (b) whether the Project would cause an applicable Procurement Limit to be exceeded taking into consideration any capacity reserved for particular types of Projects as set out on the Website from time to time.

**QPA Solar Inc**  
Current Hamilton Projects



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77 Mercer Street	Hamilton	13	Russ Powers	905-546-2714	<a href="mailto:Russ.Powers@hamilton.ca">Russ.Powers@hamilton.ca</a>
640 Upper James	Hamilton	8	Terry Whitehead	905-546-2712	<a href="mailto:Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca">Terry.Whitehead@hamilton.ca</a>
400 Brock Road	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
821 Brock Road	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
1155 Hwy 5	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
383-385 Concession Road 6 E	Hamilton	15	Judi Partridge	905-546-2713	<a href="mailto:Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca">Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca</a>
Various Bay Area - confidential	Hamilton	2,3,4	Jason Farr, Bernie Morelli, Sam Merulla	905-546-2711, 905-546-2702, 905-546-4512	<a href="mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca">Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca</a> , <a href="mailto:Bernie.Morelli@hamilton.ca">Bernie.Morelli@hamilton.ca</a> , <a href="mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca">Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca</a>
Hwy 6	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
950 Regional Road 97	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
455 Fallsview	Hamilton	15	Judi Partridge	905-546-2713	<a href="mailto:Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca">Judi.Partridge@hamilton.ca</a>
591 Safari Road R.R.#1	Hamilton	14	Robert Pasuta	905-546-2705	<a href="mailto:Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca">Robert.Pasuta@hamilton.ca</a>
175 Hess St North	Hamilton	2	Jason Farr	905-546-2711	<a href="mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca">Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca</a>
Various North End - confidential	Hamilton	2,3,4	Jason Farr, Bernie Morelli, Sam Merulla	905-546-2711, 905-546-2702, 905-546-4512	<a href="mailto:Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca">Jason.Farr@hamilton.ca</a> , <a href="mailto:Bernie.Morelli@hamilton.ca">Bernie.Morelli@hamilton.ca</a> , <a href="mailto:Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca">Sam.Merulla@hamilton.ca</a>

**PRESCRIBED FORM: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BLANKET SUPPORT RESOLUTION**  
(Section 6.1(c)(i) - FIT Rules, Version 2.0)

Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed thereto in the FIT Rules, version 2.0.

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar and ground mount solar generation projects (the "Projects").

AND WHEREAS one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in City of Burlington.

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the rules governing the FIT Program (the "FIT Rules"), Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Municipalities will be awarded priority points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts;

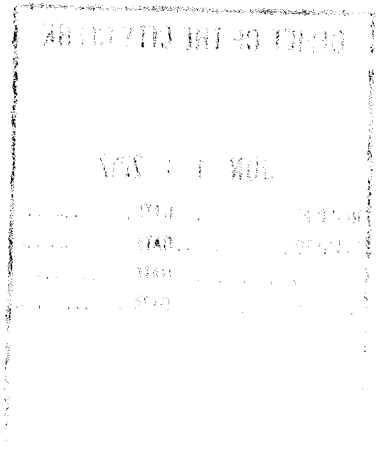
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the City of Hamilton supports without reservation the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the City of Hamilton.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

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FIT reference number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: Must be inserted by Applicant to complete Application)