

The following resolution was adopted by Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara at their regular meeting held on January 16, 2014:

Moved by Councillor Jeffs

Seconded by Councillor Eke

WHEREAS the province's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction of future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

WHEREAS the recent auditor-general's report advised of extreme amounts of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and generous public sector pension plans;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of gas plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$1.1 billion;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of Niagara to have access to affordable hydro to thrive and prosper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara **CALL ON** Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented; and

That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to all Ontario municipalities for support.

CARRIED.

Cc: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario