

CITY OF HAMILTON
NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: May 27, 2015

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. MERULLA.....

MAINTAIN HYDRO ONE AS A WHOLLY OWNED PUBLIC ASSET FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL ONTARIANS

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy;

WHEREAS the public electricity system generates significant revenue for municipal and provincial governments and gives Ontario a competitive advantage;

WHEREAS local control and decision making is important to meet the needs of our communities and residents;

WHEREAS local electricity distribution companies provide a source of stable and predictable revenue to our communities;

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 has led to higher rates and less control;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- a) That the City of Hamilton call on the provincial government to:
 - (i) Stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a wholly owned public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
 - (ii) Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure; and
 - (iii) Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

- b) That the City of Hamilton circulate this resolution for support to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Electricity Distributors Association.