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**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** solar farm

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From: M CRICKMORE

Sent: July-09-15 6:15 PM

Subject: Re: solar farm

Thanks for the reply Robert, as I work closely with the farmer that currently rents that parcel of land I had to check with him that he wouldn't have a problem that my letter was used for your presentation. After a discussion with him, I decided that it is alright to include my letter to support your opposition as you requested.

Moe Crickmore  
Lynden

> On Jul 8, 2015, at 10:01 PM, Pasuta, Robert <[robert.pasuta@hamilton.ca](mailto:robert.pasuta@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

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> Hi Moe,

> Thanks for your email. I would like the Clerks to include your email in the Friday Council meeting as correspondence with your permission. Your comments are valid and important for support to my opposition.

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> Thanks

> Rob

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: M CRICKMORE [mailto:

> Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 09:37 PM

> To: Office of the Mayor; Pasuta, Robert

> Subject: solar farm

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> Counsel must consider very carefully the proposal of a solar (farm) installation in the Mounstberg community. The term "Farm" that this industry has coined and the press has eagerly picked up on couldn't be further from the truth, as these installations are only being built on agriculture land and are a disaster to the natural habitat and area wildlife. I have been involved in agriculture all my life and this truly is a waste of agricultural land!

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> These solar farms are built under the pretence that they are the answer to green sustainable energy, when actually they are a reason for inflated electric energy costs to the Ontario consumer. Unlike most other energy sources when the sun is shining or there is enough ambient UV light to make the panels create energy, it is pushed onto the hydro grid and there is no way to harness or stop the electricity flow. When this scenario happens, and I'm lead to believe it occurs often, Hydro One is forced to sell this over supply of energy to neighbouring provinces and states at deeply discounted prices. Even the large wind mill installations located throughout the province need to be wound down at different times throughout the day due to the over supply of power to the Hydro system grid.

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> If you look at solar installations like the ones in Haldimand, Brant counties or the Peterborough/Coburg area, they are a visual blight to the landscape with a large foot print that is covered with gravel and surrounded by tall security fencing.

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> I feel it is incumbent of counsel to deny this proposal, since the Province/City have gone to great lengths and spent large sums of taxpayer dollars with zoning changes and the proposed implementation of Green Belt designations to protect the citizens of Hamilton.

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> Please consider these facts as this proposal goes to counsel or committee and stop lining the pockets of offshore multi-national corporations and their shareholders

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> I encourage you to share my concerns with the rest of the counsel/committee members or staff.

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> Moe Crickmore

> Lynden