



Township of Wainfleet

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February 4th, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food
111 Wellesley Street West Room 281
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

RE: Resolution Requesting that Ontario Cancel RFP for Added Wind Power Generation

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Wainfleet, at its meeting held on January 26th, 2016, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator, under Ministerial Directive, issued an RFP for additional renewable energy generation including 300 MW of wind generation and is considering issuing further RFPs for 2016;

AND WHEREAS the December 2015 Auditor General's report confirmed that Ontario is generating surplus electricity with capacity increasing by 19% in the last 8 years while demand fell by 7.5% in the same period. Additional capacity is not required at this time;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General also reported that the existing Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts mean that Ontario power consumers will pay a premium of \$9.2 billion for renewable power with wind power pricing that is double the prices paid in other jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Chamber of Commerce reports that the escalating price of electricity is undermining their members' capacity to grow, hire new workers, and attract investment, and that Ontario's electricity costs are among the highest in North America, making the province uncompetitive for business growth;

AND WHEREAS adding wind to Ontario's grid drives CO₂ emissions higher. The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers estimated that wind with natural gas backup produces base-load electricity at about 200 grams of CO₂ emissions/kWh compared with the current system average level of 40 grams CO₂ emissions/kWh;

AND WHEREAS Nature Canada reports that wind power facilities have a substantial negative impact on endangered species including migrating bats and birds as well as destroying habitat for species at risk;

AND WHEREAS wind power is an intermittent source of electricity generation meaning that it cannot be used to replace dependable generating capacity without natural gas as a back-up;

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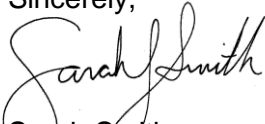
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Wainfleet requests:

1. That the Province of Ontario exercise its rights in Section 4.13 (12) of the current LRP I RFP to 'cancel the process at any stage and for any reason' and not issue any new wind generation contracts;
2. That the Province of Ontario hold off any further renewable procurement process until the capacity is actually required and focus on sources that will actually reduce carbon emissions;
3. That the IESO review the outstanding FIT contracts that have not achieved 'Commercial Operation', and vigorously enforce the terms of the FIT contract with a view to eliminating further expensive wind generation capacity being added to the grid.

Council has requested that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and support, as well as to local MPP's, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Ontario NDP.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sarah Smith
Acting Clerk

cc: Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy
Patrick Brown, Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP
Tim Hudak, MPP Niagara West – Glanbrook
Cindy Forster, MPP Welland
Ontario Municipalities