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Re: Climate Change Action Plan

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on May 30, 2016 endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS any policy to move Ontario residents from affordable natural gas to more expensive energy sources would create an unmanageable burden on household and municipal budgets;

AND WHEREAS the rising costs of electricity in Ontario are already forcing families and local governments to choose between electricity bills and other basic necessities / services. A move to electric heat would add an additional $3,000 annually to home heating costs and the impacts on municipal buildings would be even greater;

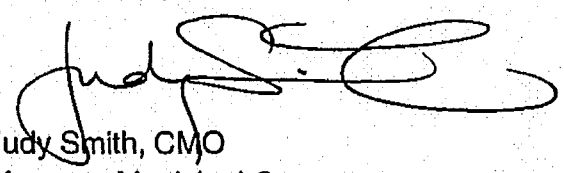
AND FURTHER any move by the provincial government to force Ontario industry and business away from natural gas to more expensive electric power options will have devastating consequences on the local economy as employers will relocate to other jurisdictions with more competitive energy choices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Chatham-Kent strongly urges the Government of Ontario to reconsider any policy or strategy within the forthcoming "Climate Change Action Plan" that would force rural residents and businesses to replace the most affordable energy option available, natural gas, with more expensive options;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all other municipalities in Ontario asking for their support by passing a similar resolution.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at 519-360-1998 Ext # 3200.

Respectfully yours,



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