



May 30, 2016

The Honourable Bob Chiarelli  
Minister of Energy  
4th Floor, Hearst Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1

**RE: Municipal Role in the Siting of Wind Power Projects**

Dear Minister Chiarelli:

As Chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and on behalf of the City of Ottawa Council, I am writing to forward a recent resolution (attached) that was passed unanimously by Council on May 11, 2016 regarding the renewable energy development process, specifically with regard to wind power projects. As you know, the City of Ottawa has a unique geography that includes a large portion of rural lands, which is a draw for wind power developers.

Given that municipal governments are responsible for local planning matters, and since wind power projects have significant implications in the planning process, the City of Ottawa believes that renewable energy projects should go through the existing planning framework that takes Ottawa's Official Plan, community sustainability, and input of the community into consideration. However, the current municipal role is designed to be consultative, and lacks any decision-making authority.

Therefore, we would like to request that the Province of Ontario make the necessary legislative and/or regulatory changes to grant municipalities a substantive and meaningful role in siting wind power projects and that the "Municipal Support Resolution" becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) process.

I trust that we can work together to ensure that municipalities are given a role on these projects in keeping with the spirit of the *Planning Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Moffatt".

Scott Moffatt  
Councillor  
Rideau-Goulbourn

cc: Chair of the Board and President of IESO  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Municipalities of Ontario

## **REVISED BULK CONSENT AGENDA**

### **AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT 16**

<b>A. SITING OF WIND POWER PROJECTS</b>
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#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **That Council:**

- 1. Ask the Province of Ontario to make the necessary legislative and/or regulatory changes to provide municipalities with a substantive and meaningful role in siting wind power projects and that the “Municipal Support Resolution” becomes a mandatory requirement in the IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator) process.**
- 2. Forward this resolution to the Chair of the Board and President of IESO (Independent Electricity System Operator), the Minister of Energy, AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) and all municipalities, within the Province.**

**CARRIED**