

**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**MOTION**

**Council Date: January 25, 2012**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR .....J. PARTRIDGE.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR .....**

That the following motion, approved by Council on September 28, 2011, be reconsidered:

**Request for Moratorium on Industrial Wind Turbine Development**

Whereas the Ontario Green Energy and Green Energy Act removed from the Municipality any planning authority over renewable energy projects within their jurisdiction;

And Whereas significant public concern and opposition to Industrial Wind Turbines has been expressed across the Province, together with seventy Municipal Councils now passing resolutions for a wind turbine moratorium on Industrial Wind Turbine Development.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

- (a) That the Premier of Ontario be requested to restore local planning approval authority, immediately, to local governments regarding decision on Industrial Wind Turbines;
- (b) That a moratorium be placed on the establishment of any new Industrial Wind Turbine developments in Hamilton until a comprehensive, independent and peer-reviewed scientific study, as well as a psycho-social impact study, can confirm that industrial wind energy projects do not pose a risk to the community, the health of its citizens, property values, the rural environment and the affects to wildlife, specifically bees;
- (c) That this resolution be forwarded with a request for action to: the Premier's Office, the Ontario Ministries of Health, Environment and Energy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).