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July 4, 2013

All Ontario Municipalities



RE: Motion of "Not a Willing Host Community" for Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) Projects

Dear Ontario Municipal Clerks and Councils:

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Warwick met at their regular session of Council on June 26th, 2013 at which time Council passed the attached resolution stating that Warwick is "Not a Willing Host" community for Industrial Wind Turbine (IWT) projects.

We are forwarding our motion (attached) on to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs, and our local MPP Monte McNaughton, for their support and endorsement.

Kindest Regards,

Amanda Gubbels, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Administrator
Township of Warwick

Cc: Jim Bradley, Minister of Environment
Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy
Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs
Monte McNaughton, MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
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**Moved by J. Couwenberg
Seconded by J. Westgate**

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario has recently conveyed the Governments desire to limit Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT) Projects to communities that are willing hosts;

AND WHEREAS Warwick Township Council applauds the position of taken by the Premier and the Government;

AND WHEREAS Warwick Township Council has outlined their concerns on Industrial Wind Turbine and renewable energy projects in Ontario in a resolution dated November 14, 2012 which forms an integral part of this resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted the Green Energy Act (2009) as the framework for facilitation and approval of renewable energy projects within Ontario including Industrial Wind Turbines, Solar projects, and Fit programs.

WHEREAS the Township of Warwick residents have expressed concerns on the Industrial Wind Turbines and health impacts of renewable energy projects;

WHEREAS the Township of Warwick has one of the largest landfills in Ontario (Twin Creeks Landfill-Waste Management) with excess energy capacity; and the Township of Warwick is working with Waste Management to ensure grid capacity is available for energy from methane resources to enter grid capacity;

WHEREAS the Township of Warwick met with Minister Brad Duguid to be proactive and relay its residents concerns as well as request clarification to the economic impacts of the Samsung agreement and available grid capacity for Southwestern Ontario;

WHEREAS Minister Brad Duguid referred the Township of Warwick to Hydro One to confirm grid capacity for the Municipality to no avail,

WHEREAS the Township of Warwick has requested formal meetings and responses with the Ministry of Energy Minister Chris Bentley to continue earlier discussions and requests previously presented to the government;

WHEREAS Township of Warwick has been unsuccessful in being provided with the opportunity to speak to the government in regards to the Green Energy Act(2009);



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WHEREAS more than 88 municipalities thorough Ontario have passed resolutions, motions and by-laws expressing concerns with the Green energy Act (2009);

WHEREAS more than 25% of Ontario municipalities have expressed concerns with the way the government has implemented and managed the Green Energy Act (2009);

WHEREAS the health and welfare of Ontario residents has not been demonstrated in the Green Energy Act (2009);

WHEREAS the Township of Warwick supports a moratorium on all current and future projects under the Green Energy Act (2009) until the federal health study has been completed to the satisfaction that the health and well-being of the Township of Warwick citizens is protected from any negative health impacts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario formally address and is held accountable to all the issues of the Green Energy Act (2009). - Carried.

AND WHEREAS Warwick Township Council is very concerned that the Green Energy Act has substantially changed the rules for municipalities with respect to wind farm developments by removing municipal control over development application though the traditional zoning requirements under the planning act approvals for wind project developments are not controlled by the Minister of Environment through the Renewable Energy Approval process, a legislative development that the Council strongly opposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 41 of the Electricity Act requires that a municipality provide wind project developers without charge access to and use of its road for both construction and maintenance of its turbines and electrical infrastructure, including transmission lines;

AND WHEREAS future jobs of Ontario are going to hinge on efficient energy costs, by subsidizing the cost of energy by these wind projects, we are limiting future growth in Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE ITS RESOLVED THAT the province of Ontario, specifically the Ministry of Environment, be now advised that the Township of Warwick is Not a Willing Host for Industrial Wind Turbines;



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AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as the Minister of Environment, Minister of Energy, Minister of Rural Affairs and to all Ontario municipalities for their support and endorsement.

- Carried.

Motion 18 – June 26, 2013