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April 13, 2016

All Municipalities
Via Email

Attention: All Municipalities within Ontario

Dear Clerks:

Re: Independent Electrical System Operator Review of Request for Proposal Process for the Award of Renewable Energy Contracts

Please be advised the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Frontenac passed the following Resolution at the March 18, 2016 Council Meeting:
Moved by Councillor Good, Seconded by Councillor Inglis #155-16
WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts;

AND WHEREAS the government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities with the Minister of Energy indicating on March 7 that it would be 'almost impossible' for a contract to be granted under the current process without municipal agreement;

AND WHEREAS three of the five contracts announced on March 10 2016 did not have municipal support for the project;

AND WHEREAS the current process does not meet the government's standards for openness and transparency because municipal Councils are asked to support power projects based on little or no detail and further, the recipient municipalities are unable to determine the basis on which individual contracts were awarded;

AND WHEREAS the province has not demonstrated that renewable energy projects are of sufficient strategic importance in meeting Ontario's electricity generation requirements and/or carbon emission reduction targets to warrant the province taking action to override municipal decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Frontenac requests:

1. That the Municipal Support Resolution become a mandatory requirement in the IESO process;
2. That the rules be amended to require that the resolution related to this support must be considered in an open Council meeting held after the community engagement meeting organized by the proponent;
3. That full details of the project, including siting of project elements and site consideration reports, are required to be made available at the community engagement meeting and to the Council before the resolution is considered;
4. That the terms of any municipal agreement related to the project also need be discussed in open Council and that such agreements cannot contain terms that limit the municipality's ability to exercise Municipal Act powers relative to the project;
5. That the process includes the requirement for the municipality to provide comments on the project directly to the IESO;
6. That any points for Aboriginal participation in a given power project be limited to the First Nation who has a comprehensive claim on the land where the project will be built;
7. That any announcement of the successful bidders includes an explanation of the points awarded to each bid.

AND THAT this Resolution be provided to the President of IESO; Minister of Energy; All Municipalities within the Province; Randy Hillier, MPP; and AMO.

AND THAT the Mayor is authorized to do a press release.
Carried

Please provide the Resolution to your Council for consideration of the request for support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Tara Mieske

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