



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW

DATE: March 22, 2010

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted the Green Energy Act, 2009 with the stated goals of building a stronger, greener economy, creating well-paying green jobs, better protecting our environment, combating climate change and creating a healthier future;

AND WHEREAS a persistent and growing number of Ontarians have expressed serious and numerous concerns regarding the impacts of Industrial Wind Turbines on their health, lifestyle, the operation of their businesses and on their property values;

AND WHEREAS more than 50 municipalities throughout Ontario, many of them rural, have passed resolutions expressing significant concerns that the goals of the Green Energy Act, 2009 to provide safe, economic and environmentally responsible renewable energy may not be achieved through the deployment of Industrial Wind Turbine technology;

AND WHEREAS the Green Energy Act, 2009 has excluded these municipalities from acting in any direct way to address concerns relating to the public interests in comprehensive municipal planning, public health, infrastructure expansion and environmental assessment and thereby limiting their ability to manage the impacts of wind power projects on their communities;

AND WHEREAS the Province is in the early stages of deploying Industrial Wind Turbine Technology which, at present is contributing a limited benefit to Ontario's total renewable energy needs and as such is at an opportune point to pause further deployment to investigate these public concerns;

AND WHEREAS any potential loss of green house gas emission reductions can be realized through existing zero emission generating capacity;

AND WHEREAS the Act now places the onus on concerned Ontarians to demonstrate the validity and the severity of their concerns rather than on the Province or the applicant in matters of appeal;

AND WHEREAS the Province has shown limited acknowledgment of these concerns through the long term funding of a research chair to monitor and research possible health impacts of renewable energy;

AND WHEREAS the County of Simcoe has passed a resolution in support of a moratorium on wind energy projects until a health study has been completed by an independent third party;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Clearview urges the Province of Ontario to place a moratorium on any new Industrial Wind Turbine agreements and on the issuance of new permits to operate Industrial Wind Turbine facilities until a comprehensive, public, science-based study of the adverse health effects now being reported by Ontarians can be evaluated and their potential harmful health effects fully understood;

AND FURTHER THAT the necessary regulations be put in place to ensure no Ontarian is further subjected to determined harmful health hazards in the proximity of Industrial Wind Turbine installations including but not limited to such mitigating measures as mandatory, precautionary setbacks;

AND FURTHER THAT, as the County of Simcoe is preparing a staff report for further discussion on IWT's with County Council, it is asked to consider how best to open timely communication with the Province of Ontario to ensure that its Ministries acknowledge the seriousness of the concerns expressed herein and that serious consideration be given to the need for a moratorium;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the various involved Ministries and Agencies of the Province of Ontario, the office of the Prime Minister of Canada, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, local MP's and MPP's and area municipalities.

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