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CITY OF HAMILTON

September 29, 2011

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Dear Mr. Premier and Honourable Ministers:

City Council, at its meeting held on September 28, 2011, approved the following motion:

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).

Your consideration of Council's request is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Bratina".

B. Bratina
Mayor

- c.c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Niagara Escarpment Commission