

City of Kawartha Lakes passed the following at it's Council Meeting on Nov 22, 2011:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT Report DEV2011-093, "Renewable Energy Approvals Review Process Update", be received;
2. THAT the Province be requested to implement a reliable and accredited process to evaluate the impact of low frequency noise and perceptible infrasound (vibration) attributed to Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT), and establish minimum requirements and mitigation measures for proponents to implement;
3. THAT until such time as low frequency noise and perceptible infrasound from IWT's is reviewed and mitigated through the REA approval process and based on conclusive and independent clinical health studies that eliminate the potential of adverse impacts to health, safety, and well-being of the public, the Province be requested to implement a moratorium on approvals of IWT projects in Ontario;
4. THAT the Province be requested to implement a minimum setback of two (2) km from the base of any IWT to the property line of any sensitive receptor;
5. THAT a review fee of \$2000 be established by the City of Kawartha Lakes to offset costs and resources utilized to review, coordinate and complete the Municipal Consultation Form required as input into the REA approval process, and that this recommended fee be retroactively charged to include all active applications currently under review by the City.
6. THAT the Province be requested to consider amendments to the Green Energy Act and REA approval process that prescribe and give greater weight and consideration to meaningful consultation with both municipalities and the local community, and including a requirement for demonstrated municipal and local community support as a condition of project approval by the Minister of Environment.
7. THAT the Province be requested to require all Class 3, 4 and 5 wind projects under O. Reg. 359/09 to be subject to full Environmental Assessments.
8. THAT these recommendations be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Environment , the Minister of Energy, MP Barry Devolin, MPP Laurie Scott, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to each proponent of an active application under the Environmental Protection Act – Ontario Regulation 359/09.