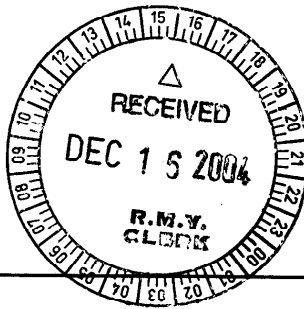
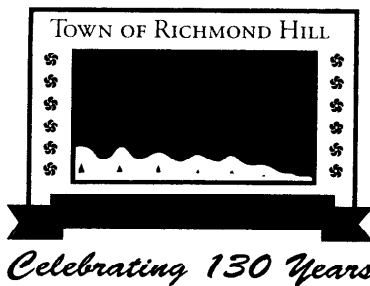




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The Honourable John Gerretsen
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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FILE No. - *pol*

Dear Minister Gerretsen:

Re: Town of Richmond Hill's Wind Power Study

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting on November 22, 2004, approved the following resolution:

- "a) That staff be authorized to prepare and submit an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities 'Green Municipal Enabling Funds' for funding of the Wind Power study based upon the findings of the Wind Power Pre-Feasibility Study;
- b) That staff be directed to request funding from York Region for the Richmond Hill's Wind Power Study in similar measure as to other York Region municipality Wind Power studies;
- c) That staff be directed to continue to seek clarification from the Province as to the interpretation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Act with regard to Wind Power facilities;
- d) That the following resolution be endorsed and forwarded to the Province in response to the Province's request for comments on the Greenbelt Draft Plan:

"WHEREAS, the vision of the Town of Richmond Hill is to be an 'environmentally sustainable community';

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Richmond Hill has committed to the implementation of a Clean Air Local Action Plan to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions that impact human health across the Greater Toronto Area and contribute to worldwide climate change;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Richmond Hill has been working to encourage the implementation of renewable energy projects within Richmond Hill to help achieve the local targets of the Clean Air Local Action Plan and the Kyoto Accord;

RECOGNIZING, the importance of locating renewable energy sources proximate to the communities that they serve;

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AND RECOGNIZING, the economics of many renewable energy sources such as wind energy have, in recent years, become sufficiently competitive to warrant practical consideration;

AND RECOGNIZING, the compatibility of small scale renewable energy sources, such as wind turbines, with the rural and agricultural land uses throughout Southern Ontario, including the Greenbelt Area and the Oak Ridges Moraine;

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST:

That small scale renewable energy sources be specifically identified and encouraged as permitted uses within the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan."

In accordance with Council's directive, the foregoing Council resolution in this regard has been forwarded to your attention. If you require further information please call Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, at (905) 771-2527.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Prowse
Town Clerk

cc: B. Macgregor, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works
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The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Energy
The Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Environment
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