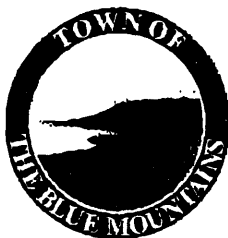


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WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains considers the establishment of new renewable and non-renewable energy projects to have significant local land use planning implications;

AND WHEREAS section 23 of Bill 51 proposes to exempt all energy projects in Ontario from the requirements of the Planning Act if they are an undertaking or class of undertakings within the meaning of the Environmental Assessment Act;

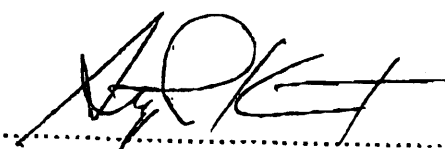
AND WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Council that the Environmental Assessment Act and the associated proponent driven screening process does not adequately address matters of municipal interest;

AND WHEREAS sections 17 (Official Plans), 34 (Zoning By-laws) and 41 (Site Plan Control) of the Planning Act provide local municipalities with the necessary authority to establish policy and regulations for new energy projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains does not support the position of Section 23 of Bill 51 for the aforementioned reasons and that the position of Council with regard to Section 23 of Bill 51 be submitted to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry and forwarded to John Gerretson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Donna Cansfield, Minister of Energy, Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey MPP and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED...

CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY


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Stephen Keast, Clerk