

**TOWN OF AURORA
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NO. 08-18**

Council Chambers
Aurora Town Hall
Tuesday, June 24, 2008

**7. Memorandum from the CAO
Re: Ontario Power Authority Request for Proposals - Local Municipal
Responses**

Moved by Councillor MacEachern

Seconded by Councillor McRoberts

WHEREAS, input to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), Request for Proposal (RFP) process is due prior to June 30, 2008, and it is imperative that Council communicate the Town's position indicating whether the Town of Aurora is a willing host or is not a willing host for the construction of a 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant to be located in the Town of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, there are at least two proponents that have expressed interest in constructing a 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant in the Town of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, the proponent of the 2nd site, at this time, wishes to retain confidentiality of both their company name and their selected site, but have agreed to permit the CAO for the Town of Aurora to inform Members of Council of their site location and their company name, and as of yesterday this is now known to Members of Council; and

WHEREAS, the OPA may view a non-decision of Council, on this issue, as a willingness to accept a 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant to be constructed on one of the proposed sites in the Town of Aurora; and

WHEREAS, the OPA procurement process gives points if the site is located within a willing host municipality; and

WHEREAS, a coal powered plant is incredibly polluting, yet based on publications put out by the OPA, the proposed 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant will generate as much as 40% of the pollutants generated by a coal powered plant; and

WHEREAS, the two sites proposed in Aurora as the future location for a 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant are in close proximity to established residential neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS, it has been intimated that if Council does not welcome the construction of the Power Plant, the alternative for Aurora will be overhead high voltage power lines; and

WHEREAS, EMF's continue to pose health concerns to both the residents in our community and the experts in the health field:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora does not support construction of a 350 MW Gas Powered Generation Power Plant in either site that has been selected within the Town of Aurora through the OPA RFP process by Northland Power Inc. or Company "X"; and further

THAT the Council of the Town of Aurora re-affirms the previously held position that any new 230 KV feeders be underground through any urban designated lands; and

THAT a copy of the resolution shall be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Ontario Energy Board, the Regional Municipality of York and the OPA.

On a recorded vote the motion was CARRIED.

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 1

VOTING YEAS: Councillors Gaertner, Gallo, MacEachern, McRoberts, Collins-Mrakas, Granger, Wilson and Mayor Morris

VOTING NAYS: Councillor Buck