

Minute No. 229 adopted by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on December 16, 2004.

229 MOTION

(Clause 10, Item 2 of Planning and Economic Development Committee Report No.11)

In considering this matter, Council had before it a presentation paper from Gowling Lafleur Henderson, LLP entitled "Hydro One's Draft *Supply to York Region: Environmental Study Report*".

It was moved by Regional Councillor Scarpitti, seconded by Mayor Jones, that:

WHEREAS Regional Council adopted, as amended, Clause No. 4 of Report No. 6 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee at its meeting on June 24, 2004, regarding the proposed Hydro One transmission project in York Region and reflecting fundamental concerns with Hydro One's approach and requested Hydro One to ensure there was a full consideration of alternative routes based on a full assessment of environmental, social, economic and health effects of such facilities;

AND WHEREAS the legislated and regulatory authority for provision of electricity to York Region consumers rests with Hydro One and the local distribution companies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Regional Council request Hydro One and the Minister of Environment to ensure that a proper, full, individual environmental assessment is carried out and that the draft ESR process be terminated;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Region of York supports Newmarket Hydro and the Town of Newmarket's initiative to provide local hydro distribution through a proposed 300-megawatt gas -fired peaking facility as a solution to additional electricity demands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Region of York supports the Town of Markham's request to the Ministers of Energy and Environment for mediation to resolve the issues.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Region of York requests the Federal Minister of Health to further review the issue and impact of Electro Magnetic Fields (EMFs).

Carried.