



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

RESOLUTION

Council Meeting, July 2nd, 2008

**Re: Ontario Power Authority
Proposed Northern York Region
350-400 MW Gas-fired Peaking Generation Station**

A motion was made by Mayor Black, seconded by Councillor Pabst, and carried that the Resolution regarding the Ontario Power Authority be adopted, as amended, as follows:

WHEREAS in September 2005, the Ontario Power Authority filed reports with the Ontario Energy Board recommending a natural gas-fired peaking generation plant of between 300 MW and 400MW capacity as part of a plant to address electricity supply constraints in Northern York Region;

AND WHEREAS King Township, by virtue of its location and land base, would likely be attractive to anticipated competitors for the construction of the generation plant;

AND WHEREAS in anticipation of the establishment by the OPA of a process that would be fair to, and even handed with, the potential host municipalities, in the fall of 2007 Council of the Township of King retained consultants to assist in developing a process and criteria for assessing and evaluating proposals, including matters of technology, environmental and health impacts, mitigation and community concerns;

AND WHEREAS there is much conflicting information in the public forum regarding the need for and the environmental, health and other impacts of a generation plant or whether viable alternatives exist that can address the electrical energy needs of Northern York Region;

AND WHEREAS King has previously requested that the Minister of Energy direct the OPA to reconstitute the Northern York Region Working Group to develop a better plan to meet Northern York Region's electricity needs, to which Council has received no response;

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AND WHEREAS, notwithstanding the request to the Minister of Energy to reconstitute the Northern York Region Working Group, Council of the Township of King did not adopt a motion opposing the location of a generation plant in King prior to the receipt of applications from proponents, as it wished to receive, review and make publicly available all of the information necessary to assess and evaluate generation plant proposals, including the input of King residents and their assessment of the information provided by the proponents, so that the best informed and supportable decision could be made;

AND WHEREAS all other known potential host municipalities, being East Gwillimbury, Georgina, and Aurora, have passed resolutions opposing the location of a generation plant in their respective municipalities and/or all of York Region and Ontario, in advance of the presentation of detailed information by proponents regarding specific proposals, technologies and mitigation measures, and the evaluation of such information by these municipalities;

AND WHEREAS Whitchurch-Stouffville and Newmarket, neither of which are currently identified as potential host municipalities, support the OPA process and have adopted resolutions to this effect;

AND WHEREAS the draft RFP recently made public contains a scoring system for proposals that includes the award of points based on "willing host" criteria such as community and Council support/opposition;

AND WHEREAS if the Township of King processes applications for the generation plant under the Planning Act, a lengthy and detailed process that may not be complete by the close of the RFP, it may become the host of a generation plant because Council did not pass resolutions similar to those adopted by East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Aurora and not because the OPA determines that one of the proposals made in King is the best proposal;

AND WHEREAS the OPA process is fundamentally flawed, and has placed potential host municipalities in an untenable position vis-à-vis that process, a situation which is not in the interest of the residents of the individual municipalities and is not in the broader public interest;

AND WHEREAS there has recently been instated in Cabinet a new Minister of Energy,

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THEREFORE, COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That given that the OPA process is fundamentally flawed and that the Minister of Energy has not responded to the request made by the Township to reconstitute the Northern York Region Working Group to develop a better plan, Council of the Township of King will not be willing host to the current proposal of a natural gas-fired peaking generation plant, based on the unresolved environmental, health and quality of life concerns of its citizens and will oppose all applications for the location of a gas fired peaking generation plant in the Township;

That the Township of King requests that the Minister of Energy and the OPA immediately halt the RFP process;

That the Township of King again requests the Minister of Energy to direct the OPA to reconstitute the Northern York Region Working Group to develop a better plan and process to meet Northern York Region's electricity needs.