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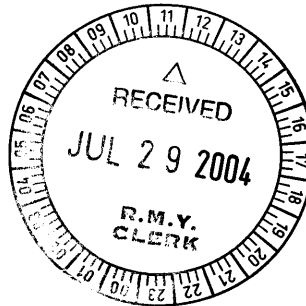
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July 23, 2004

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Corporate Services Department
York Region Administration Building
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Item 8 - PL04-086 – Hydro One Electric Power Supply to York Region

Please be advised that this matter was referred to Council for consideration at its meeting held on July 13, 2004. In this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. THAT Hydro One be advised that the Council of the Town of Aurora adamantly opposes the current alternatives to upgrade the electric power supply to York Region;
2. THAT Hydro One, in evaluating all alternatives, be asked to ensure that there be no EMF risks imposed upon any existing or future residents in the Town of Aurora.
3. THAT Council request that the following actions be undertaken by Hydro One prior to its determination of a preferred alternative for the upgrade of the supply of electricity to serve northern York Region:
 - 3.1 Hydro One undertake, as part of the Class Environmental Assessment Process, a fully documented identification and assessment of all possible routes and options for expanded power transmission capacity to northern York Region, including the use of other transmission corridors supplying northern York Region, the use of existing and proposed Ministry of Transportation corridors such as Highway's 404, 400 and future 427, pursuing new corridors on rural lands, and other alternatives;

3.2 Hydro One, in evaluating all alternatives, give greater consideration to medical, visual, environmental, social and economic impacts on existing and future urban areas and established and future residential communities, including schools adjacent to and in close proximity to the proposed transmission lines, and a lesser consideration to the factor of cost.

4. THAT Council request advance notice of and the opportunity to be represented at any meetings to be arranged by the Regional Chair with the appropriate Ministers to discuss the issues arising out of the Hydro One proposal; and

THAT information regarding and resulting from these meetings be reported to Council and provided to the public;

5. THAT staff be directed to investigate mechanisms to advise purchasers of new and resale dwellings adjacent to the corridor of the current initiatives of Hydro One to upgrade the supply of electricity, and report back to the August 17, 2004 Council meeting;
6. THAT the Regional Medical Officer of Health be requested to report to the Town of Aurora on the health issues relating to EMFs, and such information be placed on the Town's website for public information;
7. THAT in the event that the existing alternative is determined to be the preferred route for Hydro One, the Town contest such determination through the available mechanisms provided under the Environmental Assessment Act and any other pertinent legislation.
8. THAT the Town and Hydro staff continue to participate in discussions with the impacted municipalities and the Region to discuss their responses to the Hydro One proposal;
9. THAT the offer extended by the Town of Markham to participate jointly on a task force be accepted, and that the Town negotiate such proportionate financial and other assistance as may be necessary in that regard; and

THAT Councillor Morris be appointed as the representative for the Town of Aurora on the Task Force; and

THAT the Town of Aurora encourage the Town of Markham to extend their invitation to other Municipalities in York Region;

10. THAT the proposal to engage independent consultants to conduct a third party peer review of the potential alternatives and the possible EMF health risks, be referred to the Task Force for consideration.
11. THAT the Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region MPPs, the York Region District School Board, the York Region Catholic District School Board, the Independent Electricity Market Operator, the Board of Aurora Hydro, all York Region Municipalities including the Region of York.

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The above is sent for your information and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours truly,



Karen Ewart
Administrative Co-ordinator/
Deputy Clerk

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