September 23, 2010

Re: Industrial Wind Turbines

The following resolution was passed by the Township of Cavan Monaghan on September 7, 2010 for your government’s consideration:

Whereas there is conflicting information regarding the health effects of industrial wind turbines on citizens living in close proximity to these structures; and

Whereas citizens living in close proximity have reported serious health problems;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Cavan Monaghan requests the Ontario Provincial Government to implement a moratorium on industrial wind turbines until independent health studies have been completed; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable John Wilkinson, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes Brock MPP, Rick Johnson, the leader of the Official Opposition, the Honourable Tim Hudak, and to other provincial cabinet ministers that may be deemed appropriate; and

That a copy be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their support and for distribution to AMO member municipalities seeking their support and encouraging them to pass similar resolutions. Carried.

The following resolution was passed by the Township of Cavan Monaghan on September 7, 2010 for your government’s consideration:

Whereas the setback required for industrial wind turbines in the province of Ontario is 550 meters; and

Whereas other jurisdictions have seen fit to require greater setbacks, some as much as 2 kilometers; and

Whereas there are reported health risks related to such turbines; and

Whereas all powers that would allow municipalities to deal with this serious issue have been removed by the Province;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Cavan Monaghan requests the Ontario Provincial Government to revise the setback requirement for industrial wind turbines to be 750 meters from any public road or residential dwelling; and

Be it further resolved that the Township of Cavan Monaghan requests that some powers to deal with these wind turbines be restored to allow municipalities to set appropriate setbacks specific to their jurisdiction and to implement such other measures as they deem necessary; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable John Wilkinson, Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes Brock MPP, Rick Johnson, the leader of the Official Opposition, the Honourable Tim Hudak, to such other provincial cabinet ministers that may be deemed appropriate; and

That a copy be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their support and for distribution to AMO member municipalities seeking their support and encouraging them to pass similar resolutions. Carried.