April 2, 2013

Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen’s Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Please find the attached Resolution No. 2013-96 regarding the Feed in Tariff Program as passed by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris at their regular meeting of March 26th, 2013.

Council is respectfully requesting a review of the Program and incentives offered that have added undue stress to the hydro bills of Ontarians. While it is understood that there is much work required to upgrade the infrastructure, and knowing that this process has not been fully activated yet, it is difficult to explain the rising cost of hydro to residents and potential investors while others profit off electricity generation.

We look forward to working with you to create an affordable Ontario.

Sincerely,

Bill Vrebosch
Mayor

Encl.

Cc: Minister of Energy, Bob Chiarelli,
MP Jay Aspin, Nipissing-Timiskaming
MPP Victor Fedeli, Nipissing
AMO
FONOM
Moved by: Terry Kelly  
Seconded by: Dan Corbeil

WHEREAS residential electricity bills are expected to continue increasing between 3.5% and 7% per year over the next 20 years to accommodate investment in renewable energy;

AND WHEREAS some forms of renewable energy are the most expensive type of energy with the lowest return on investment;

AND WHEREAS wind and solar energy production are promoted through expensive FIT Programs yet yield unreliable, intermittent energy;

AND WHEREAS new projects for hydropower, such as the Niagara Tunnel, Lower Mattagami River, and Little Jackfish River are not yet active and on the grid;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners, businesses and industry have achieved over 1,900 megawatts of peak demand savings since 2005 with conservation still being a priority;

AND WHEREAS energy consumption in the Province of Ontario peaked in 2006 and since then has declined;

AND WHEREAS reliable electricity generators are shut down, such as nuclear and hydro, to accept obligated solar and wind generated electricity at an expensive restart process;

AND WHEREAS existing excess Ontario generated electricity is moved to the export market which at times forces ratepayers to pay other jurisdictions to take the excess;

AND WHEREAS regulatory and delivery charges account for at least forty percent of a hydro bill;
AND WHEREAS the cost of electricity is the most important energy issue for businesses in deciding growth or investment in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the cost of electricity and the rising Global Adjustment Charge in the Province of Ontario is driving existing industries out of the Province and creating an economic environment that will not attract new industry;

AND WHEREAS it appears the cost of electricity to Ontarians is increasing at a higher rate than inflation; while the profits to private wind and solar companies soar;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris urges the Government of Ontario to suspend the Feed in Tariff programs and study the overall impacts of renewable energy in relation to need, cost, employment, environment and health and true sustainability;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Wynne, Minister of Energy Honourable Bob Chiarelli, MPP Vic Fedeli, FONOM and AMO for distribution to all Municipalities.

Carried

This is a true certified copy of
Resolution No.2013-96 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 26th day of March 2013

John B. Fior
CAO-Clerk