MOVING BY COUNCILLOR …….J. PARTRIDGE……………………………….

That the following motion, approved by Council on September 28, 2011, be reconsidered:

Request for Moratorium on Industrial Wind Turbine Development

Whereas the Ontario Green Energy and Green Energy Act removed from the Municipality any planning authority over renewable energy projects within their jurisdiction;

And Whereas significant public concern and opposition to Industrial Wind Turbines has been expressed across the Province, together with seventy Municipal Councils now passing resolutions for a wind turbine moratorium on Industrial Wind Turbine Development.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

(a) That the Premier of Ontario be requested to restore local planning approval authority, immediately, to local governments regarding decision on Industrial Wind Turbines;

(b) That a moratorium be placed on the establishment of any new Industrial Wind Turbine developments in Hamilton until a comprehensive, independent and peer-reviewed scientific study, as well as a psycho-social impact study, can confirm that industrial wind energy projects do not pose a risk to the community, the health of its citizens, property values, the rural environment and the affects to wildlife, specifically bees;

(c) That this resolution be forwarded with a request for action to: the Premier's Office, the Ontario Ministries of Health, Environment and Energy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).
CITY OF HAMILTON  
NOTICE OF MOTION  

Council Date: January 11, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR ........J. PARTRIDGE........................................

Consideration of the following motion will be pending the outcome of the previous reconsideration motion.

Industrial Wind Turbine Development in the City of Hamilton

Whereas, in approving Item 26 of General Issues Committee Report 11-036 on November 16, 2011, Council confirmed its support from the City of Hamilton for the formation of a consortium, in joint partnership with the City of Kingston and Windstream Energy Inc., for the fabrication, assembly, staging and installation of 100 off-shore wind turbines in the Wolfe Island Shoals wind project which is located approximately 5 kilometres off Wolfe Island in eastern Lake Ontario; and

Whereas, the City of Hamilton will benefit economically by the creation of manufacturing jobs; and

Whereas, the Hamilton Steelworkers Union Local 1005 has joined forces with Environmental Defense to formally endorse the Windstream Energy consortium; and

Whereas there has been significant concern expressed by Hamilton’s business and manufacturing community regarding the Council approved motion of September 28, 2011 to establish a moratorium on any industrial Wind Turbine Developments in Hamilton.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

(a) That the Premier of Ontario be requested to immediately restore local planning approval authority to local governments regarding decisions on Industrial Wind Turbines;

(b) That a moratorium be placed on the establishment of any new Industrial Wind Turbine developments in the area bounded on the north by the Niagara Escarpment; on the east by the Town of Grimsby and West Lincoln; on the south by the County of Haldimand; and on the west by the Upper Centennial Parkway and Highway #56, until a comprehensive, independent and peer-reviewed scientific study, as well as a psycho-social impact study, can confirm that industrial wind energy projects do not pose a risk to the community, the health of its citizens, property values, the rural environment and the affects to wildlife, specifically bees;
(c) That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, and the Minister of Health and Long-term Care, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for their information.