January 3, 2012

His Worship Bob Bratina
Mayor of the City of Hamilton
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Dear Mayor Bratina:

RE: CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CITY OF KINGSTON SUPPORT FOR FORMATION OF CONSORTIUM WIND TURBINES IN THE WOLFE ISLAND SHOALS – DECEMBER 20, 2011

I would confirm that Kingston City Council at its regular meeting held on December 20, 2011, approved the following resolution, being Clause 2., New Motions:

(2) Moved by Mayor Gerretsen
Seconded by Councillor Paterson

WHEREAS the City of Kingston has been requested to participate in a joint partnership with the City of Hamilton and Windstream Energy Inc. to enter into an association to establish a consortium that will be responsible 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; and

WHEREAS the Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) has embraced the effort to attract and retain green technology businesses to this region, as Kingston has been identified as a key market for this type of investment and job attraction; and

WHEREAS as a part of its retention and growth strategy, KEDCO continues to facilitate supply chain work with Kingston companies; and

WHEREAS the direct benefit to Kingston’s economy will be related to the local Clean Technology supply chain including several major industrial/marine related companies; and

WHEREAS the Mayor of Kingston, and the CEO of KEDCO, will work cooperatively with Hamilton counterparts to support, facilitate and expedite this development at the Provincial level; and
WHEREAS vertical axis wind turbines are known to reduce the negative effects on bird migration in comparison to horizontal axis wind turbines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor of Kingston and the CEO of KEDCO, Jeff Garrah, be authorized and directed to provide a letter to Windstream Energy Inc. confirming the City's support of the formation of this consortium and the importance of the estimated $850 million in direct economic benefits to the members of the local wind energy supply chain and the City of Kingston; and

THAT Council encourage the consideration of vertical axis wind turbines during the planning of any wind farm on or off shore; and

THAT a copy of the approved motion be sent to Jim Bradley, the Minister of Environment, Chris Bentley, the Minister of Energy, John Gerretsen, Attorney General and M.P.P. for Kingston and the Islands, Andrea Horwath, M.P.P. for Hamilton Centre, Paul Miller, M.P.P. for Hamilton East-Stoney Creek, Monique Taylor, M.P.P. for Hamilton Mountain, His Worship Denis Doyle, Mayor of the Township of Frontenac Islands and His Worship, Bob Bratina, Mayor of the City of Hamilton.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

John Bolognone
City Clerk

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