CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: January 25, 2012

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

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ………………………… ………………………….

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).

Introduced as Notice of Motion
at January 11, 2012 Council Meeting