RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GREY HIGHLANDS
March 9th, 2009

RE: Removal of local land use planning controls for renewable energy facilities

"WHEREAS, the Municipality of Grey Highlands is concerned that the removal of local land use planning controls for renewable energy facilities will have a detrimental effect on the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS, the passage of Bill 150 will limit the ability of the Municipality to provide meaningful comment and participation in the placement of wind and other renewable energy facilities with the removal of power under the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS, without powers under the Planning Act, the Municipality will no longer be able to require Agreements related to access, landscaping, and securities for renewable energy projects;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipality will no longer be able to address the needs of the local area in such an Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Municipality of Grey Highlands requests that the Province undertake a comprehensive review of the potential health and land use impacts (including property values) to the General Public associated with the placement of all Renewable Energy Facilities; and review the proposal to remove local land use planning controls under the Planning Act through Bill 150."

CARRIED.

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to Honourable Premier McGuinty and Council requested a copy be circulated to all Ontario municipalities for consideration and endorsement. We would ask that a copy of your resolution of endorsement be forwarded directly to: Honourable Premier McGuinty; Minister of Energy and Infrastructure; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Environment; Minister of Natural Resources; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Local member of Provincial Parliament; and the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

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