THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR INFORMATION:

1. **Halton (Skyway Project) Request for Proposals (Item 5.1)**

   That no further action, respecting the bid for the Halton Skyway project, be taken at this time.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2.1)**

   The Board was advised of the following change to the agenda:

   (i) **Added as Item 5.2 – Verbal Update respecting Tree Removal for Placement of Hydro Poles in Glanbrook**

   The Agenda of the July 25, 2008 meeting of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. (HRPI) Board of Directors was approved, as amended.
(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (3.1)

There were none declared.

(c) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

4.1 June 9, 2008

The Minutes of the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Board of Directors meeting held on May 5, 2008 were approved, as presented.

(d) Halton (Skyway Project) Request for Proposals (Item 5.1)

Jim Harnum, Vice President of the HRPI Board of Directors, provided the Board with a verbal update respecting the Halton Skyway project bid:

- Contract could be a very high risk to the City of Hamilton. HRPI would own, but Halton would retain the rights to dictate the design, construction, and subsequent operations and maintenance of the facility.
- There is a clause in the contract allowing Halton to purchase the facility back should they choose in either 5, 10 or 15 years.
- Halton not wanting to provide any funding for this project.
- Proponent would receive free gas and in turn, Halton to receive free heat.
- The contract is structured in a two envelope structure; 500 points for technical and 1,000 points for financial with a pre-design expectation of between 30%-40% (cost to HRPI would be approximately $200,000).
- Halton has the authority to approve or disapprove the design.
- Halton requires guaranteed minimum payment.
- HRPI currently selling heat to the City of Hamilton and paying for gas.

Mr. Harnum also noted that Torment is the contractor for two other projects for HRPI; therefore, Mr. Harnum would want to let them know in advance if HRPI does not bid on the Halton Skyway project. Halton would also be notified, prior to the bid closing date, which is September 11, 2008.

(e) Tree Removal for Placement of Hydro Poles in Glanbrook (5.2)

Jim Harnum and Councillor D. Mitchell advise the Board of the situation in Glanbrook respect Hydro One’s removal of both public and private trees in...
order to install new hydro poles in the area; noting the following events and concerns:

- The original costs to HRPI, for the installation of hydro poles in Glanbrook were to have been $450,000 and are now $750,000.
- Hydro One also requires a $1 million purchase order from HRPI; leaving $250,000 for Hydro One to spend as they see fit.
- Hydro One did not communicate with HRPI or the local area residents with respect to when they would be removing the trees or which ones would be removed.
- Large orange “Xs” were placed on both public and private trees and then the trees were cut down. Residents are quite upset.
- Trees were originally planted as a condition to land use for the Glanbrook Landfill site in order to block the view and smell from surrounding residents.
- Most of these trees are 15 to 20 years old and have had time to mature – Hydro One is now offering residents a $75 gift certificate to replace their trees or will replace them with small 1 inch saplings.
- There is to be a media event at the end of September for this event, which was to have been a very positive occurrence for Glanbrook residents and all of Hamilton. Event has been negatively tainted due to the manner in which the trees were removed and the lack of communication from Hydro One to HRPI and the local residents.
- Approximately 60 trees have been removed (roughly 60% already dead).
- HRPI was advised by Hydro One that the hydro poles that are to be put in are taller than the standard poles.

Mr. Harnum was directed to meet with the homeowners to assess the damage and report back to the Hamilton Renewable Power Inc. Board of Directors with recommendations as to how to mitigate the residents concerns, at the September meeting.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8.1)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Mitchell, Chair
Hamilton Renewable Power Inc.

Stephanie Paparella
Acting Secretary
July 25, 2008