

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending February 5, 2016**

## **REPORTS**

1. 2015 Council Meeting Attendance

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Township of Wainfleet re: resolution requesting that Ontario cancel RFP for added wind power generation
2. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands re: request to Province to increase funding to Long Term Care Facilities
3. Ontario Energy Board Notice re: hearing to consider mechanisms to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service
4. Ministry of Transportation notice re: completion of detailed design study for the Victoria Street widening and bridge location

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. None

# INFORMATION REPORT



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TO City Council

SERVICE AREA City Clerk's Department

DATE February 5, 2016

**SUBJECT 2015 Council Meeting Attendance**

REPORT NUMBER CS-2016-12

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### SUMMARY OF REPORT

To advise of the attendance of Members of Council at Council and Standing Committee meetings during the time period January 1 to December 31, 2015.

## REPORT

The Clerk's Department maintains a record of the attendance of Members of Council at Council and Standing Committee meetings during the year based on the attendance recorded in the 2015 Council and Standing Committee minutes. The Standing Committee attendance record reflects the attendance of Committee Members only.

The attendance record includes the number of meetings, the hours spent in meetings and the attendance at:

- Regularly scheduled Closed and Regular Council meetings
- Special Closed and Open Meetings of Council
- Audit Committee
- Corporate Services Committee
- Governance Committee
- Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee
- Public Services Committee (which includes attendance at meetings as Committee of Management for the Elliott)
- Council meeting as Shareholder.

The Special Council meetings include workshops and budget meetings.

The attendance of Councillors at meetings as Shareholder reflects when Council met as the Shareholder of Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc. and Guelph Junction Railway.

# INFORMATION REPORT

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## **CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Supports Strategic Focus #1 – Organizational Excellence.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

ATT-1 2015 Council and Committee Attendance

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## 2015 Council and Committee Attendance

**AUD** – Audit Committee

**CS** – Corporate Services Committee

**GOV** – Governance Committee

**IDE** – Infrastructure, Development & Enterprise Committee

**PS** – Public Services Committee

	<b>Closed Meetings of Council</b>	<b>Special Closed Meetings of Council</b>	<b>Council Meetings</b>	<b>Special Council Meetings</b>	<b>Council Meeting as Shareholder</b>	<b>AUD</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>GOV</b>	<b>IDE</b>	<b>PS</b>
<b># of meetings</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
<b># of hours spent in meetings</b>	<b>23.75</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>6.25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19.25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17.75</b>	<b>18</b>
Guthrie	15	13	20	32	5	5	10	7	10	12
Allt	15	12	19	30	5	5	11			
Bell	14	13	19	32	4			7	11	
Billings	15	12	20	32	5		10			14
Downer	15	13	20	31	5			7		13
Gibson	14	9	19	26	5				10	
Gordon	14	12	18	29	5					14
Hofland	15	13	18	28	4		11	7		
MacKinnon	14	12	19	30	5	5	10			
Piper	14	10	19	28	5				8	
Salisbury	15	13	19	31	4				8	
Van Hellemond	14	12	18	26	4	4				13
Wettstein	15	12	20	28	5	5		7		

\*Shareholder of Guelph Municipal Holdings Inc. and Guelph Junction Railway.

\*attendance reflects only those committees a member is appointed to

\* Public Services Committee also includes attendance at meetings as Committee of Management for the Elliott



# Township of Wainfleet

*"Wainfleet - find your country side!"*

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

VIA EMAIL

Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food  
111 Wellesley Street West Room 281  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

**RE: Resolution Requesting that Ontario Cancel RFP for Added Wind Power Generation**

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Wainfleet, at its meeting held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the Independent Electrical System Operator, under Ministerial Directive, issued an RFP for additional renewable energy generation including 300 MW of wind generation and is considering issuing further RFPs for 2016;

**AND WHEREAS** the December 2015 Auditor General's report confirmed that Ontario is generating surplus electricity with capacity increasing by 19% in the last 8 years while demand fell by 7.5% in the same period. Additional capacity is not required at this time;

**AND WHEREAS** the Auditor General also reported that the existing Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts mean that Ontario power consumers will pay a premium of \$9.2 billion for renewable power with wind power pricing that is double the prices paid in other jurisdictions;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Chamber of Commerce reports that the escalating price of electricity is undermining their members' capacity to grow, hire new workers, and attract investment, and that Ontario's electricity costs are among the highest in North America, making the province uncompetitive for business growth;

**AND WHEREAS** adding wind to Ontario's grid drives CO<sub>2</sub> emissions higher. The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers estimated that wind with natural gas backup produces base-load electricity at about 200 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/kWh compared with the current system average level of 40 grams CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/kWh;

**AND WHEREAS** Nature Canada reports that wind power facilities have a substantial negative impact on endangered species including migrating bats and birds as well as destroying habitat for species at risk;

**AND WHEREAS** wind power is an intermittent source of electricity generation meaning that it cannot be used to replace dependable generating capacity without natural gas as a back-up;

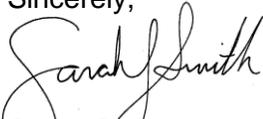
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Wainfleet requests:

1. That the Province of Ontario exercise its rights in Section 4.13 (12) of the current LRP I RFP to 'cancel the process at any stage and for any reason' and not issue any new wind generation contracts;
2. That the Province of Ontario hold off any further renewable procurement process until the capacity is actually required and focus on sources that will actually reduce carbon emissions;
3. That the IESO review the outstanding FIT contracts that have not achieved 'Commercial Operation', and vigorously enforce the terms of the FIT contract with a view to eliminating further expensive wind generation capacity being added to the grid.

Council has requested that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and support, as well as to local MPP's, the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Ontario NDP.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Sarah Smith  
Acting Clerk

cc: Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy  
Patrick Brown, Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party  
Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP  
Tim Hudak, MPP Niagara West – Glanbrook  
Cindy Forster, MPP Welland  
Ontario Municipalities

*The Town of*  
***NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN***  
*and the ISLANDS*

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14 Water Street East

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Little Current, ON  
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**Resolution No. 34-02-15**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: D. Orr

Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the following resolution forwarded from the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and forward a copy of this resolution on to Minister of Health, Dr. Eris Hoskins, MPP Michael Mantha, other municipalities, First Nations and UCCMM for support.

Whereas funding requests from member municipalities was frozen from 2010-2011 resulting in a zero growth budget;

And Whereas funding increases from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has been increased but not kept pace with increases in costs to Long Term Care Facilities including staff salaries and benefits;

And Whereas Long Term facilities are one of the most important aspects of eldercare in the Province's care scheme;

And Whereas Capital renewal funding needs to be provided to ensure facility standards are maintained;

And Whereas additional funding is required by the LTC's to meet increased costs for Behavioral Services Ontario (BSO) to better manage dementia and mental health care;

And Whereas funding has not been provided to provide Alternate Care for complex health conditions requiring specialized staff and equipment such as IV therapy or tube feeding especially in smaller facilities;

And Whereas attracting and maintaining adequate staff requires recognition of the partnerships that exist between the LTC's and the health sector;

And Whereas fundraising campaigns have not met the needs of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in its efforts to maintain superior care for its residents;

Be it resolved that the Board request its member municipalities support a request to the Province to increase funding to Long Term Care Facilities in keeping with the foregoing;

And Further that this request be forwarded to the Manitoulin Municipal Association for whatever action they deem necessary;

Carried

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

The Ontario Energy Board is holding a hearing to consider what mechanisms may be used to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities that are currently not served.

Learn more. Have your say.

The Ontario Energy Board is commencing a hearing on its own motion to consider what mechanisms may be used to recover the costs of expanding natural gas service to Ontario communities that do not currently have access to natural gas.

In July 2015, Union Gas Limited filed an application (EB-2015-0179) to expand natural gas service to certain rural and remote communities. That application included a proposal to have existing Union Gas Limited customers pay a portion of the costs to connect new customers. The Ontario Energy Board has determined that the requests made by Union Gas Limited in that application raise issues that may be common to any entity that wishes to provide natural gas service to communities that do not currently have access to natural gas service. The Ontario Energy Board will therefore address these issues through a generic proceeding.

The Ontario Energy Board will put the hearing of Union Gas Limited's application (EB-2015-0179) on hold until the generic hearing is complete.

In the generic proceeding, the Ontario Energy Board will consider possible alternative ratemaking frameworks to provide natural gas service to Ontario communities that do not currently have access to natural gas. The OEB plans to seek input from intervenors on exactly what the issues should be. However, broadly speaking the OEB intends to review the following issues:

1. Should the OEB implement new ratemaking mechanisms including changes to current economic tests to encourage utilities to expand natural gas distribution service to new communities? If so, what should these new mechanisms be?
2. Should the OEB consider imposing conditions or making other changes to Municipal Franchise Agreements and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to reduce barriers to natural gas expansion?
3. Does the OEB have the authority to require the ratepayers of one utility to subsidize the costs of another utility to expand into new communities? If so, under what circumstances (if any) would this be appropriate?

To see the detailed draft issues list, please select the file number EB-2016-0004 on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice)

## THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the kind of cost recovery mechanisms that may be appropriate for rural and remote community expansion projects in Ontario. We will hear arguments from parties involved in the process and will decide what, if any, new mechanisms are appropriate.

The OEB will adopt into the record of this proceeding, all evidence filed in EB-2015-0179 that is relevant to the issues to be determined for the generic hearing. The OEB will provide an opportunity for the filing of further evidence in subsequent procedural orders.

The OEB will deem the intervenors in the EB-2015-0179 case to be intervenors in this generic hearing and grants to any such intervenors the same cost eligibility status as was granted in EB-2015-0179.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

## BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review this Notice and related documents on the OEB's website now.
- You can sign up to observe the proceeding by receiving OEB documents related to the hearing.
- You can file a letter with your comments which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **February 22, 2016** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

## LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2016-0004**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case (including the draft issues list), please select the file number **EB-2016-0004** from the list on the OEB website at [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

## ORAL HEARING

The OEB intends to proceed with an oral hearing for this case.

## PRIVACY

*If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.*

*This hearing will be held under sections 19 and 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.*



# Draft Issues List

## EB-2016-0004

1. Does the OEB have the legal authority to establish a framework whereby the customers of one utility subsidize the expansion undertaken by another distributor into communities that do not have natural gas service?
2. Based on a premise that the OEB has the legal authority described in Issue #1, what are the merits of this approach? How should these contributions be treated for ratemaking purposes?
3. Should the OEB consider exemptions or changes to the EBO 188 guidelines for rural and remote community expansion projects?
  - Should the OEB consider projects that have a portfolio profitability index (PI) less than 1.0 and individual projects within a portfolio that have a PI lower than 0.8?
  - What costs should be included in the economic assessment for providing natural gas service to communities and how are they to be determined and calculated.
  - What, if any, amendments to the EBO 188 Guidelines would be required as a result of the inclusion of any costs identified above?
  - What would be the criteria for the projects/communities that would be eligible for such exemptions? What, if any, other public interest factors should be included as part of this criteria? How are they to be determined?
4. Should the OEB allow existing natural gas distributors to establish surcharges from customers of new communities to improve the feasibility of potential community expansion projects? If so, what approaches are appropriate and over what period of time?
5. Are there other ratemaking or rate recovery approaches that the OEB should consider?
6. Should the OEB allow for the recovery of the revenue requirement associated with community expansion costs in rates that are outside the OEB approved incentive ratemaking framework prior to the end of any incentive regulation plan term once the assets are used and useful?

7. Should the OEB consider imposing conditions or making other changes to Municipal Franchise Agreements and Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to reduce barriers to natural gas expansion?
8. What types of processes could be implemented to facilitate the introduction of new entrants to provide service to communities that do not have access to natural gas. What are the merits of these processes and what are the existing barriers to implementation? (e.g. Issuance of Request for Proposals to enter into franchise agreements)

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

## Detailed Design Study to Advance Construction for Highway 7 New Victoria Street Widening and Bridge Replacement and Shirley Avenue Extension and Widening GWP 3040-14-00, GWP 3103-15-00 & GWP 3104-15-00

### THE STUDY

The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **WSP | MMM Group** to complete the detailed design for the Victoria Street widening and bridge replacement (GWP 3040-14-00); Shirley Avenue extension and widening (GWP 3104-15-00); and relocation of Victoria Street municipal utilities (GWP 3103-15-00). This work is an advanced contract for construction of the approved Highway 7 New – Kitchener to Guelph project (GWP 408-88-00).

#### The work on Victoria Street will generally include the following:

- Replacement of the Victoria Street Bridge over Highway 85 on the existing alignment
- Modifications to the vertical alignment (profile) of Victoria Street to allow for the new bridge deck depth and maintain the required vertical clearance over Highway 85
- Widening of Victoria Street to accommodate a two-way centre left turn lane between Edna Street and Bruce Street
- Intersection improvements at Victoria Street/Bruce Street
- Installation of a new median barrier on Victoria Street between Edna Street and Bruce Street
- Modifications to the Bruce Street on-ramp
- Installation of street lights between Edna Street and Bruce Street
- Relocation of municipal services

- Relocation of municipal services at the bridge
- Construction of retaining walls

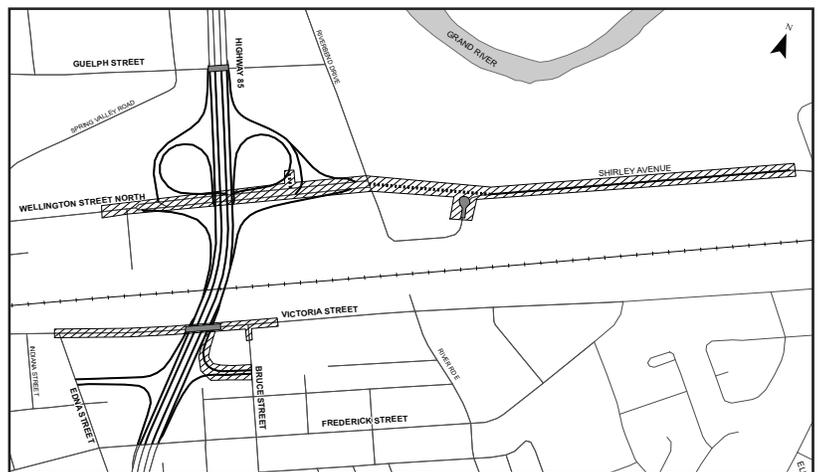
#### The work on Shirley Avenue will generally include the following:

- Extension and widening of Shirley Avenue to four lanes plus a median two-way left turn lane
- Construction of sidewalks and bike lanes on Shirley Avenue
- Utility relocations
- Entrance modifications
- Illumination
- Installation of storm sewers and stormceptors
- Construction of retaining wall
- Improvements to the Highway 85/Wellington Street interchange

Victoria Street will be closed to through traffic between Edna Street and Bruce Street during the construction of the Victoria Street Bridge replacement. This will require local road detours, which will be in place for at least one year. Local access to businesses on Victoria Street between Edna Street and the Victoria Street Bridge will be provided. This project incorporates the Regional Municipality of Waterloo's planned improvements to Victoria Street as documented in their April 2013 Class EA Schedule "B" planning process to develop an operational and safety improvement strategy for the Victoria Street Corridor between Edna and Bruce Street. The remainder of Highway 7 New will be designed in subsequent phases and constructed under separate contracts.

### THE PROCESS

This project followed the *Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)* process for Group 'A' projects. Therefore, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to document the detailed design. The DCR will be available for a 30-day public review period beginning **February 8, 2016**. Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments in writing to the Consultant Project Manager or the MTO Project Manager by **March 8, 2016**. The DCR is not eligible for a Part II Order ('bump up').



The DCR is available for review at the following locations during regular business hours:

#### Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch  
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12 A  
Toronto, Ontario

#### Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

West Central Regional Office  
119 King St. West, 12th Floor  
Hamilton, Ontario

#### Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Guelph District Office  
1 Stone Road West  
Guelph, Ontario

#### City of Kitchener

Clerk's Department  
200 King Street West  
Kitchener, Ontario

#### Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Clerk's Department  
150 Frederick Street  
Kitchener, Ontario

#### Kitchener Public Library

85 Queen Street North  
Kitchener, Ontario

#### Ministry of Transportation

West Region, Front Lobby  
659 Exeter Road  
London, Ontario

### COMMENTS

We are interested in hearing your comments regarding this study. Comments and information are being collected to assist the study team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This information will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O., 1990, c.F.31*.

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