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Subject: Letter or Comment - file numbers EB-2017-0373 (Town of Collingwood) & EB-2017-0374 (EPCOR)
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Re: file numbers EB-2017-0373 (Town of Collingwood) & EB-2017-0374 (EPCOR)

May 7, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I and my family are very concerned about the impending sale of Collus, Collingwood's electrical utility, to the Edmonton-based EPCOR. What little we have learned during the process suggests this is a not good deal for the residents of the town.

This sale was decided upon and all its discussions held behind closed doors. There has never been a single public information session, a request for public comments or even a public explanation as to why this is a good deal. The public has been told nothing about the deal, what it does for Collingwood, or the about the proposed new partner.

Please do not endorse this process by approving the sale. This secrecy is not the way a public asset should be disposed of. It is the very opposite of the process followed last term when Council sold a share in the utility to PowerStream. That process was completely open and engage the public along the way.

What guarantees are there that the sale will not result in higher electrical rates? What guarantees are there that current levels of staffing and service will be maintained?

This council has called for a judicial inquiry into the previous sale. Council's motion to approve that inquiry calls into question the ethics, the credibility and the honesty of everyone involved in the previous sale – four municipalities, two utility boards, and the OEB. Until that inquiry is completed, a miasma of suspicion hangs over everyone and every agency involved. At the very least, please postpone your decision until that inquiry is completed.

After that, we ask that, if you want to continue, you require the Town of Collingwood to restart the process and conduct it openly and transparently instead of secretly, and that there be public consultation and engagement at every step, just as there was last term. Even better would be to require the town to conduct a referendum about the proposed sale.

Sincerely,

Rick Lloyd

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P.S. Please present the above letter to the Commissioners at the hearing. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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