



A group of Concerned Citizens of Iroquois Falls was also formed and members of this Coalition also appeared before council looking for answers and none were given. Numerous requests for council to come clean and public over NOW met with no answers excepting the statement that "you elected us to do a job". A public petition requesting an immediate Plebiscite Vote was signed by 275 citizens within one week. That is very good, for our small municipality, considering the petition was only displayed at two gas stations in town. Please see the attached form, it follows Provincial Government petition standards.

As well, a sign campaign was and is, still on the community streets. Some of the signs read; SAVE N.O.W., N.O.W. PLEBISCITE, and OPEN TOWN HALL. Still, the municipal council is operating in a bubble with total disregard for public input over the matter.

I have also gone to the Ontario Provincial Police to request an investigation of the Municipal operations noting specific infractions over NOW under the Ontario Municipal Act. The local branch refused to get involved, stating it is not a criminal matter, therefore not enforceable by them. I have furthered this matter to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the OPP Head Quarters via the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services. I am awaiting their responses. In addition; the Minister of Municipal Affairs has refused to review the situation. This will be challenged publicly and politically.

Furthermore, legal council Miller Thomson, is representing two distinct Municipal Corporations in this legal matter, this is of question. The public and I would like to view the written accord stating the agreement of legal services of their firm representing two distinct municipal identities, with two distinct municipal interests and shareholders.

To further complicate matters, obvious, and possibly deliberate, conflict of interest infractions have occurred, this along with dubious financial ethics are both are of question and must be scrutinized by appropriate authorities. For your information, the Chair of Northern Ontario Wires is a Provincial Government Employee, an overt Liberal supporter and a board director of the local Caisse Populaire, the financial institution and banker of the NOW utility. Considering Hydro One, a provincially owned service provider, is lurking in the background, and is seeking intervenor status; his allegiances and views are rightfully of question. Appropriate legal, ethical and government scrutiny and rulings are required prior to this acquisition of NOW shares proceeding and occurring.

Surely with the matters I have brought forward you will see fit to refuse this application and appropriately defer this matter back the public in the Town of Iroquois Falls for appropriate scrutiny and public approval via open public meetings and reports followed by a plebiscite vote. The public deserves to understand the facts, rationale and benefits prior to approval by the OEB.

Should this not occur, a complete written explanation as to the rationale for refusal of this request would be appreciated. Then consider this is an objection to a written hearing with a request for a complete public and oral hearing for Northern Ontario Wires File EB 2008-0339 be held in Iroquois Falls.

Yours truly,

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