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This letter is in full support of the Haldimand Hydro's Board of Directors, which at THEIR Discretion , have applied for another Rate/Delivery Increase, which we country folk will have to pay.

But is this the best way for Haldimand Council to cull monies from its citizens. Do not impose a CountyTax Increase...to cover a possible misguided financial strategy.... Just increase the delivery rates and pay it back to the county as dividends!!!! A hydro rate increase sounds better than a county tax increase.

This stroke of genius will help solidify the Progressive Conservative grip on this county for years to come, as witnessed by the record majority vote for PC Toby Barrett. Even though the council approves these delivery rate increases any increase in energy costs can be blamed forthright, on Premier McGuinty and his Liberal Energy Platform.

Should we ask why the Ontario Energy Board did NOT make the citizens of Haldimand aware by of Written Notice in local newspapers of the Comparison Rates in this Province of Ontario of our cost of Hydro??? Again by not disclosing the comparative rates locally to demonstrate the escalating cost of Haldimand Hydro the blame can be placed on McGuinty's Energy Programs.

Therefore let us show our appreciation to the Ontario Energy Board for not publishing the direction Haldimand Hydro has taken with increasing delivery charges to the citizens of Haldimand County for the sake of a dividend and show our appreciation to Premier McGuinty for taking the heat on increased hydro costs and willingly risking his next liberal candidate for Haldimand/Norfolk.

For a job well done, the board of directors at Haldimand Hydro (Albert Marshall, Tony Dalimonte, Doug Miller, Fred Moodie Peter Smuk, Brian Snyder and the Mayor) deserve an slap of congratulations for making Haldimand a leader of Hydro costs in the Province of Ontario.

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