

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2014 - 037

DIVISION LIST	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	DATE: March 4, 2014
Councillor P. BORNEMAN		· ·	MOVED BY:
Councillor B. HORNE Councillor B. KEITH			RS La
Councillor D.MCCAULEY			
Councillor K. SAULNIER Councillor D. WILLIAMS		-	SECONDED BY:
Mayor McGARVEY			Till all
CARRIED: DEFEATED:			Postponed to:

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound recognizes that increase electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Parry Sound and its residents;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Town of Parry Sound supports the Town of Arnprior's Resolution 059-14, attached as Schedule "A", to the Government of Ontario urging the government to ensure that electricity rates both in the short and long-term allow businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of Ontario's communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates; and

Further That this resolution of support be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power authority, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the West Parry Sound area municipalities.

MAYOR)



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February 11, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amprior, at their meeting held on February 10, 2014, adopted Resolution No. 059-14, as follows:

"WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Arnprior and its residents;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew passed a resolution on November 27, 2013 encouraging the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Amprior supports the County of Renfrew in its attempt to encourage the Government of Ontario to not approve any further rate increases for electricity;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years;

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Arnprior;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges in the strongest possible way that the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power Authority, Associations of Municipalities (AMO), MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Municipalities and Local Municipalities in Renfrew County for support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Amprior urges the Ontario Energy Board in the strongest possible way not to approve any further rate increases for electricity."

Your assistance in ensuring our businesses stay competitive and our residents are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Maureen Spratt, Clerk

c Minister of Energy and Infrastructure
Ontario Energy Board
Ontario Power Authority
AMO
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Ontario Municipalities (by email)
Renfrew County Municipalities (by email)