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Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Dear Premier,

At the Regular Meeting of Council of March 4, 2014, the following resolution was adopted:
Be It Resolved That: WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Espanola and its residents;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Espanola encourages 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 Council of the Corporation of the Town of Espanola supports other concerned councils in their attempts 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 Espanola;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Espanola urges in the strongest possible way 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, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Mike Mantha.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Townsend
Clerk Treasurer/Administrator

Cc: Minister of Energy
Ontario Energy Board
Ontario Power Authority
AMO
Mike Mantha, MPP

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