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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

August 8, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, Suite 2700  
P.O. Box 2319  
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Application for leave to construct (LTC)  
Amending the relief granted in EB-2013-0203:  
OEB File No. EB-2016-0196

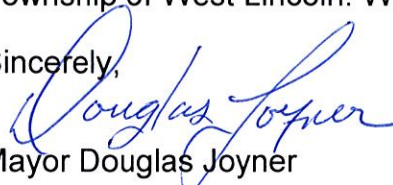
It has recently been brought to our attention that the above noted request for relief has not been approved by the OEB.

Please be advised as follows:

- 1) On June 28, 2016 a letter of support was originally sent to the OEB , " Attention Kirsten Walli" (copy attached) signed by Chris Carter, CAO with the full support of Township Council for the requested relief from EB-2013-0203
- 2) Further, future commercial, residential and employment growth in our Township will be placed in jeopardy by the transmission line if it is constructed in its original approved location. In addition, a new elementary school will be significantly compromised by the transmission line as originally approved. The health of our young citizens and our community should be of paramount importance.
- 3) Environmental and social concerns are significantly minimized by the proposed alternate location which is proposed in the application for relief. The Township has been instrumental in having this wind proponent apply for this relief, and urge the OEB to grant approval of this application for relief. This application is in the community's interest and is an economically and socially less costly option to the original approved route.
- 4) Finally, as required by REA approval, the Township of West Lincoln has entered into a Road Use Agreement as signed on October 9, 2014. Clause 6.1 of the Road Use Agreement required application to the Province for an amendment to REA for the purpose of this bypass. This application for relief is consistent with our Road Use Agreement.

Therefore, for the best interests of the Township and its residents, I implore you to grant relief immediately for this alternate transmission route location around the urban area of Smithville, Township of West Lincoln. We stand in full support of this application for relief.

Sincerely,



Mayor Douglas Joyner

cc. Council Members