LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Along with many frustrated Innisfil residents, we also object to Innpower's request for a hike to electricity rates. It is apparent that currently there are businesses drowning in "hydro debt", barely keeping their heads above water, even before word of another proposed hike. Innpower has a history of making decisions that do not reflect a consideration of the impact they will have on the ratepayers.

When it was suggested that the cost for the "artwork" be borne by the residents, it took a firestorm to reverse that decision. It appears no lessons were learned from that experience, as the new mega hydro office has been explained away, in part, as a "health and safety issue" by Mr. Malcolm. Undoubtedly, the previous buildings were inadequate to house the hydro offices very well, but who of us finds it acceptable (or possible) to(over)compensate by going ahead with this huge, overpriced, half empty "mansion". At least, one would have thought there would be prior firm commitments by other agencies or companies to share the costs, rather than hope the space would be filled in the future. It seems unreasonable, therefore, that Innpower, having a history of spending money so unwisely, now finds it necessary to require its ratepayers to pay for the building of its new infrastructure.

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