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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Selection Committee Members:

**RE: Potential Member of the RPPAG Ontario Energy Board File No: EB-2020-0176**

On behalf of AMO we are responding to the request for expressions of interest to participate on a newly constituted Regional Planning Process Advisory Group (RPPAG). The regional planning process, local engagement and integration of plans and perspectives is crucial to effective deployment of energy assets. This group can provide tremendous value and we strongly support this action.

Municipal governments are required through the Provincial Policy Statement to address energy planning. As well, local communities are seized with determining what their part is in reducing GHG's and providing for economic development. AMO provides a broadly based voice for municipal interests across the province and can bring these perspectives to the RPPAG table.

AMO is requesting a seat on the RPPAG group. We had a seat on the previous committee and found it of mutual benefit. We recommend that Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor, be considered for participation on the RPPAG. She has extensive participation experience on province wide issues which are both technical and difficult to implement.

In our view, she meets the requirements you have indicated in that she has an excellent grounding in municipal interests, she participates in the municipal energy planning portfolio, and has extensive experience in community engagement. Her work liaising with local distribution companies and broadband providers to find ways to improve broadband deployment in rural and remote areas is just one example. Amber has demonstrated her capability to be a positive contributor in a number of working groups and can be counted upon to be a positive and thoughtful advisory group member as well as being able to provide clear municipal concerns and observations.

We trust you will find our RPPAG recommendation satisfactory and will provide it with serious consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graydon Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Graydon Smith  
AMO President  
Mayor of the Town of Bracebridge