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To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: **Ontario Energy Board Order**

Town of Innisfil Council at its meeting held on August 13, 2008 adopted Resolution No. CR-341.08 as follows:

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board has ordered Innisfil Hydro to undergo a process to analyze revenue to cost ratios for each customer class; and

WHEREAS Innisfil Hydro's analysis indicates that the annual impact is a \$387,500 increase to the Town of Innisfil for streetlight distribution costs; and

WHEREAS this increased cost translates to a 2.74% property tax increase for the residents of the Town of Innisfil to bear; and

WHEREAS the proposed distribution rates for the relatively small size of streetlight services is proportionally much higher than that for most other distribution customers; and

WHEREAS Innisfil Hydro has canvassed other Local Electricity Distributors in Ontario and similar situations exist for all of them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as an intervener at the Ontario Energy Board requests that this distribution charge be reviewed/reduced.

FURTHER THAT the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board (Howard Wetston) be requested to review and amend streetlight distribution rates to reflect a more accurate cost allocation; and

FURTHER THAT the Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure be requested to ensure that the Ontario Energy Board fulfill its mandate being "We will endeavour to consider the interests of all stakeholders in performing our duties in the public interest", by ensuring that the above matters be addressed; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their support; and

FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario and local MPP's in Simcoe County.

Your Council's consideration of this matter is appreciated.

John D. Leach

Town Clerk

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