

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Council Report

Report Number PLAN2018-056

Date: July 17, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Victoria Room

Ward Community Identifier: Ward 13 – Dunsford

Title: Request for Municipal Council Support Resolution Confirmation

Description: Feed-In Tarriff (FIT) 3.0 Municipal Council Support Resolution Confirmation – Ground Mount Solar Projects, 1674 County Road 36, Geographic Township of Verulam

Author and Title: Ian Walker, Planning Officer – Large Developments

Recommendations:

That Report PLAN2018-056, **Request for Municipal Council Support Resolution Confirmation**, be received;

That Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands described as 1674 County Road 36, Geographic Township of Verulam. This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Supplier to achieve Notice to Proceed under its FIT Contract and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose;

That the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Development Services be authorized to sign the required Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) forms on behalf of Council for the ground mount solar project at 1674 County Road 36, Geographic Township of Verulam, which was previously endorsed; and

That this resolution shall expire 12 months after its adoption by Council.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

On January 15, 2013 Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2013-027

Moved By Councillor Elmslie

Seconded By Councillor Luff

RESOLVED THAT Council for the City of Kawartha Lakes supports the construction and operation of ground mount solar projects located at the following locations:

- 1) 38 Esker Drive, Township of Emily, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 2) 1674 County Road 36, Township of Verulam, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 3) 3269 County Road 36, Township of Verulam, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 4) 309 Northline Road, Township of Fenelon, City of Kawartha Lakes
- 5) 131 Northline Road, Township of Fenelon, City of Kawartha Lakes; and

THAT this resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

The City has been notified that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) requires the Council Resolution of Support to be submitted, and provide confirmation in the prescribed forms.

Rationale:

Since that resolution, the project at 1674 County Road 36 has received a **Renewable Energy Approval (REA) from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), under the FIT 3.0 program**. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) requires that successful applicants of the FIT 3.0 program must receive confirmation of the original Municipal Council Support Resolutions.

Planning Comments:

The project seeking a Municipal Council Support Resolution Confirmation is a ground mount solar project. This ground mount project is located on land designated Rural in the City of Kawartha Lakes Official Plan (OP). The land area of this parcel is 32.2 hectares (79.7 acres), of which the footprint of the project is a maximum of 1.2 hectares (3.0 acres). Small scale solar installations are considered an accessory use to rural uses, and would not create a land use conflict with abutting uses.

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternatives were considered.

Risks/Considerations

The FIT Contract has commenced based on the January 15, 2013 Council Resolution No. CR2013-027, enabling the Supplier to achieve Notice to Proceed under its FIT Contract. As the contract has proceeded, a motion to reconsider or rescind the January 15, 2013 motion is not being recommended.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

In March 2018, the City's Fee Schedule was updated to require a fee of \$425 per request for a Municipal Council Support Resolution. This fee offsets the cost for staff resources to screen each request for completeness of information, sign the IESO prescribed form/template, and prepare a package to the proponent. The package includes the resolution from Council.

Relationship of Recommendations to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The Council Adopted Strategic Plan identifies these Strategic Goals:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment

The Feed-In Tariff program does not directly impact or align with a specific Strategic Priority. One of the top 10 Strategic Priorities is to protect prime agricultural land. The project is not proposed on prime agricultural land.

Consultations:

IESO Website

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendices, maps, and photographs. If you require an alternative format, please call Ian Walker, Planning Officer – Large Developments, (705) 324-9411 extension 1368.

Appendix 'A' – Correspondence from Proponents



PLAN2018-056
Appendix A.pdf

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