

# CITY OF HAMILTON

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Council Date: January 11, 2012

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR .....J. PARTRIDGE.....**

Consideration of the following motion will be pending the outcome of the previous reconsideration motion.

### **Industrial Wind Turbine Development in the City of Hamilton**

Whereas, in approving Item 26 of General Issues Committee Report 11-036 on November 16, 2011, Council confirmed its support from the City of Hamilton for the formation of a consortium, in joint partnership with the City of Kingston and Windstream Energy Inc., for the fabrication, assembly, staging and installation of 100 off-shore wind turbines in the Wolfe Island Shoals wind project which is located approximately 5 kilometres off Wolfe Island in eastern Lake Ontario; and

Whereas, the City of Hamilton will benefit economically by the creation of manufacturing jobs; and

Whereas, the Hamilton Steelworkers Union Local 1005 has joined forces with Environmental Defense to formally endorse the Windstream Energy consortium; and

Whereas there has been significant concern expressed by Hamilton's business and manufacturing community regarding the Council approved motion of September 28, 2011 to establish a moratorium on any industrial Wind Turbine Developments in Hamilton.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved:

- (a) That the Premier of Ontario be requested to immediately restore local planning approval authority to local governments regarding decisions on Industrial Wind Turbines;
- (b) That a moratorium be placed on the establishment of any new Industrial Wind Turbine developments in the area bounded on the north by the Niagara Escarpment; on the east by the Town of Grimsby and West Lincoln; on the south by the County of Haldimand; and on the west by the Upper Centennial Parkway and Highway #56, until a comprehensive, independent and peer-reviewed scientific study, as well as a psycho-social impact study, can confirm that industrial wind energy projects do not pose a risk to the community, the health of its citizens, property values, the rural environment and the affects to wildlife, specifically bees;

- (c) That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Energy, and the Minister of Health and Long-term Care, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for their information.