



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

DATE : June 16, 2008

WHEREAS on January 31, 2008 the Ontario Minister of Energy issued a directive to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to procure a simple cycle natural gas fired electricity generation facility in northern York Region for peak power generation, with the rated generation of approximately 350 MW and not more than 400 MW; and

WHEREAS gas fired peaking generation for Ontario is an outdated solution which lacks innovation and progressive planning; and

WHEREAS three energy development companies have identified that they have a site for potential development within the Town of East Gwillimbury for gas fired peaking generation; and

WHEREAS proposed gas fired peaking generation is an energy solution based on obsolete, inefficient and wasteful fossil fuel burning technology which produces green house gas emissions, other pollutants and poses potentially serious health risks to residents of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the construction of expensive single cycle gas fired generation plants across Ontario will place a financial debt burden on user rates for residents of Ontario for generations to come; and

WHEREAS Ontarians' user rates should be directed to clean, renewable and environmentally friendly power generation technology and conservation; and

WHEREAS the process established and implemented by the Ontario Power Authority has led to public confusion due to insufficient communication and poor coordination with all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS the Town of East Gwillimbury is a nationally recognized environmental award-winning municipality that promotes sustainability and has enshrined the advocating and protecting of the environment as an integral component of its Strategic Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury is not a willing host to the proposed gas fired peaking generation plant or any options that uses fossil fuels; and

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury opposes and will work to oppose gas fired peaking generation anywhere in Ontario as a solution for the public's energy needs; and

THAT the Town of East Gwillimbury is supportive of innovative energy solutions and conservation practices and requests a progressive, innovative Provincial Energy Plan based on stakeholder engagement and the procurement of environmentally friendly, renewable energy options; and

THAT a copy of this resolution along with an informational letter be distributed to the Premier of Ontario, Opposition Party Leaders, Provincial Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Environment, Natural Resources and Energy and their respective critics, the Ontario Power Authority, and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent for information to the Region of York, York Region Municipalities, the County of Simcoe, Bradford West Gwillimbury, local MPP's, and all other stakeholders including residents; and

FURTHER THAT the Mayor request a meeting with Ontario's Minister of Energy to discuss East Gwillimbury's position and the importance of preserving the health and environment of Ontarians as it relates to energy generation and conservation.

- Recorded vote taken, unanimously passed.