

January 11, 2012

TO: Applicants Requesting a Review Pursuant to Section 61 of the Environmental Bill of Rights

RE: Request for Review of Local Improvement Charges and Related Regulations and Legislation

Please accept this letter as support to your application as indicated.

In 2007, Guelph City Council endorsed a community-developed Community Energy Plan (CEP). The plan calls for a 50% reduction in per capita energy use from 2005 to 2031 and a 60% per capita reduction in greenhouse gases over the same period.

The Plan addresses all aspects of energy in the community: conservation, renewable generation and distribution as well as compact urban form.

The CEP commits Guelph to seek high levels of efficiency in the built environment – particularly existing residential property.

Current levels of efficiency in this sector are being driven by self-directed residents or incented by provincially regulated conservation programs managed by our Local Distribution Company, Guelph Hydro Inc.

However, these levels of activity are not expected to move the City of Guelph towards the targets identified in the Community Energy Plan.

We are very motivated to continue to assess the tools and mechanisms at our disposal, as a municipal government, to support the community in pursuing the goals of the Community Energy Plan. Therefore, we urge all applicable parties to consider the requested review.

Best Regards,



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