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TO	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 29, 2013
FROM:	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P. Eng. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	LOCAL RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION PROJECTS SEEKING ONTARIO FEED-IN TARIFF CONTRACTS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Manager of Development Services and Planning Liaison, the following actions be taken with respect to local renewable electricity generation projects seeking contracts under Version 3.0 of the Ontario Feed-In Tariff (FIT) program:

- a) for Category 1 Projects, the Mayor and the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign any requested Council Resolution using the Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution attached hereto as Appendix "A";
- b) for Category 2 Projects, the proposed resolution that the construction and operation of ground-mounted solar projects having little or no potential for impacts on adjacent properties be supported at specific locations identified by the project developer where permitted by the FIT Program rules, **BE APPROVED** as a two step process:
 - i) the Civic Administration prepare a recommendation report to the appropriate Standing Committee, commenting on the proposed location; and,
 - ii) if supported by the Civic Administration, submit a Municipal Council Support Resolution attached as Appendix "B" to the appropriate Standing Committee.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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July 23, 2012 – Report to PEC on municipal support resolutions for local renewable electricity generation projects seeking Ontario Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) Contracts.

September 24, 2012 – Follow-up report to PEC on municipal support resolutions for local renewable electricity generation projects seeking Ontario FIT Contracts.

January 8, 2013 – Report to PEC on Planning Fees By-law CP-18, to implement fees for applications under the FIT Program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to replace the municipal support resolutions previously approved by Council under the Province's FIT Program Version 2.0 with revised resolutions provided by the Ontario Power Authority for projects under FIT Version 3.0.

BACKGROUND

As a result of proposed changes to the Provincial FIT Program operated by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), staff brought forward a recommendation report to Planning and Environment Committee on July 23, 2012 to establish a process for civic administration to implement the FIT Program requirements. The recommendations were approved at the July 25th, 2012 meeting of Municipal Council, including two standardized forms prepared by staff for the purpose of Municipal Support Resolutions.

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The OPA subsequently released prescribed forms for both a Blanket Municipal Support Resolution and individual project Municipal Support Resolutions for use by Ontario municipalities. The prescribed forms were adopted by Council on October 9th, 2012, together with a By-law (No. A.-6872-291), which confirms the proceedings of the Council meeting and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver all documents as are required to give effect to the decisions, motions and resolutions adopted at the meeting. This authorization was specific to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) FIT Program Version 2.0 and expires on October 9th, 2013.

The window for applications to the OPA under FIT Program Version 3.0 is expected to open November 4th, 2013 and in order to establish a context for favorable consideration under the program, it is necessary to endorse the updated forms (Appendix "A" & Appendix "B") prepared by the OPA for FIT 3.0 through the adoption of a Municipal Council resolution. No changes are proposed to the fee structure for processing applications, which was established through an amendment to By-law CP-18 - adopted by Council on January 15, 2013, and illustrated in Table 1. The actual form to be signed and provided to applicants is attached as Appendix "C".

Table 1:

Project Type	Description	File Handler	Process Requirements	Fee
Micro FIT	Renewable Electricity Generation Projects (10 kW or less)	Zoning Officer	Issuance of Compliance form	\$60
FIT - Category 1	All rooftop solar panel installations anywhere	Zoning Officer	Issuance of Compliance form	\$30
FIT - Category 2	All ground mounted solar panel installations at specific locations with little impact on adjacent properties	Development Services Staff	PEC Report for Municipal Support Resolution	\$300
FIT - Category 3	Wind turbines, biomass and biogas installations at specific locations	Development Services Staff	PEC Report for Municipal Support Resolution	\$1000

The only action required at this time is the endorsement of updated Municipal Council resolution forms prepared by the Province for Category 1 & Category 2 applications under the FIT 3.0 program.

CONCLUSION

Municipal Council is being requested to endorse the updated resolution forms for applications to the Ontario Power Authority FIT 3.0 program, which is proposed to commence on November 4th, 2013, it being noted that Council endorsed the previous forms for FIT 2.0 on October 9, 2012.

PREPARED & RECOMMENDED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
TERRY GRAWAY, RPP MCIP MANAGER, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & PLANNING LIAISON	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P.Eng. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

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APPENDIX "A"



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TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BLANKET SUPPORT RESOLUTION

(Section 5.1(g)(i) of the FIT Rules, Version 3.0)

OPARP/f-FIT-011r1

Resolution NO: _____

Date: _____

[WHEREAS] capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0.

[AND WHEREAS] the Province's FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of

_____ insert renewable fuel (e.g., rooftop solar PV, ground mount solar PV, biogas) _____ generation projects (the "Projects");

[AND WHEREAS] one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ ;

[AND WHEREAS], pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

[NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT]:

Council of the _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ supports the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ .

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

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

Title:

Title:

(signature lines for elected representatives.)

FIT reference number: _____
(The reference number must be inserted by the Applicant in order for the resolution to comply with the FIT rules, even where Local Municipal letterhead is used. This is not to be inserted by the Local Municipality.)

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APPENDIX "B"



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(Section 5.1(g)(i) of the FIT Rules, Version 3.0)

OPARP/i-FIT-012r1

Resolution NO: _____

Date: _____

[WHEREAS] capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0.

[AND WHEREAS] _____ insert name of Applicant _____ (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a
_____ insert description of facility, including renewable fuel (e.g., rooftop solar facility, biogas facility) _____

(the "Project") on _____ insert address or legal description _____ (the "Lands") in
_____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ under the Province's FIT Program;

[AND WHEREAS] the Applicant has requested that Council of _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____
indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;

[AND WHEREAS], pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local
Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons
applying for FIT Contracts;

[NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT]:

Council of the _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ supports the
construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the
purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project or any other purpose.

Title:

Title:

(signature lines for elected representatives.)

FIT reference number: _____
(The reference number must be inserted by the Applicant in order for the resolution to comply with the FIT rules, even where Local Municipal letterhead is used. This is not to be inserted by the Local Municipality.)

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APPENDIX "C"

Resolution No: _____

Date: _____

WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0.

AND WHEREAS the Province’s FIT Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar PV generation projects (the “Projects”);

AND WHEREAS one or more Projects may be constructed and operated in London, Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIT rules Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in these Applicants being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the Corporation of the City of London supports the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in London, Ontario.

This resolution’s sole purpose is to enable participants in the FIT Program to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Projects or any other purpose.

This resolution shall expire twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council (November 5, 2014).

Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

FIT reference number: _____

(The reference number must be inserted by Applicant in order for the resolution to comply with the FIT rules, even where local Municipal letterhead is used. This is not to be inserted by the Local Municipality)