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TO	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 20, 2015
FROM:	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P. Eng. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	LOCAL RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION PROJECTS SEEKING ONTARIO FEED-IN TARIFF CONTRACTS FEED-IN-TARIFF (FIT) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR FIT 3.1 CONTRACT HOLDERS

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 3.1 of the Ontario Feed-In Tariff (FIT) program:

- a) Council of The Corporation of the City of London **SUPPORTS** the construction and operation of rooftop solar projects under the Feed-in-Tariff Program (FIT) contract version 3.1 anywhere in the municipality; and
- b) 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".

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.

October 29, 2013 – Report to PEC on projects seeking contracts under Version 3.0 of the Ontario FIT Program.

June 1, 2015 – Report to PEC on projects seeking contracts under Version 4.0 of the Ontario FIT Program.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to supplement previous Municipal Council support resolutions, with a resolution required by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) with a blanket resolution that enables suppliers to proceed with work under contracts that have been issued for FIT Version 3.1 projects in London.

BACKGROUND

The Provincial Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) Program was launched in 2009 to encourage the development of renewable energy technology, attract investment and create new clean energy jobs in Ontario. Renewable energy projects that are supported through FIT include rooftop and ground mounted solar installations, wind turbines, biomass and biogas. The program allows homeowners,

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communities, business owners and private developers to generate renewable energy and sell it to the province at a guaranteed price for a fixed contract term.

The FIT program was previously administered by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and is now administered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). The program is updated annually and projects are awarded on the basis of points that are assigned for a variety of attributes, including support from local municipal councils which must be in the prescribed format. The program criteria requires updated municipal council support resolutions that are specific to each version of FIT, with standardized wording for the resolutions prescribed by the IESO.

A blanket Council resolution for new projects under FIT Version 4.0 was recommended in a report to the June 1st PEC meeting and endorsed by Council on June 10th, 2015. The City has recently been advised that in addition to the blanket resolution for projects under Version 4.0, the IESO also requires a blanket resolution for projects that were previously issued contracts under FIT Version 3.1, so that they can proceed through to the development stages of their contract with IESO. Several contracts have been awarded in London and contract holders are required to obtain a new blanket resolution for these sites.

The sole purpose of the recommended resolution is to allow suppliers to proceed under their FIT Version 3.1 contracts for rooftop solar installations, and does not apply to any other form of municipal approval. No changes are proposed to the category types or fee structure for processing applications, which were established through an amendment to By-law CP-18 - adopted by Council on January 15, 2013, and illustrated in Table 1 below:

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	\$1,000

The action being recommended at this time is the endorsement of the Municipal Council resolution form prepared by the Province for contracts issued under the FIT 3.1 program. The Municipal Council Blanket Support Resolution for FIT 3.1 contracts is attached as Appendix "A". The actual Municipal Council Support Resolution form to be signed and provided to applicants for blanket resolutions for FIT 3.1 contracts is attached as Appendix "B".

CONCLUSION

Municipal Council is being requested to endorse a blanket resolution form for rooftop solar panel applications that were issued contracts under the Provincial FIT 3.1 program. The purpose of the resolution is to enable suppliers to proceed with the implementation of their contracts with the Independent Electricity System Operator.

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APPENDIX "A"

TEMPLATE: MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION (BLANKET) - NOTICE TO PROCEED
(Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, Version 3.1)

Resolution NO: _____

Date: _____

[WHEREAS] capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1;

[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 subject to FIT Contracts and may be constructed and operated in
_____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____ ("Local Municipality");

[AND WHEREAS] in accordance with the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, the Council of the Local Municipality ("Council") had previously indicated, by a resolution, its support for Projects in the Local Municipality (the "Prior Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS] Council now indicates, by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015, Council's continued support for the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Local Municipality (the "New Resolution");

[AND WHEREAS], pursuant to the FIT Contract, where a New Resolution is received in respect of the Projects in the Local Municipality, Suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in Suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s);

[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 the _____ insert the name of the Local Municipality _____.

This resolution's sole purpose is to enable Suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose.

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

Title:

Title:

(signature lines for elected representatives.)

FIT Contract ID #: _____

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APPENDIX "B"

Resolution No: _____

Date: July 28, 2015

WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the FIT Contract, Version 3.1;

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

AND WHEREAS one or more Projects may be subject to FIT Contracts and may be constructed and operated in London, Ontario (“Local Municipality”);

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, the Council of the Local Municipality (“Council”) had previously indicated, by a resolution, its support for Projects in the Local Municipality (the “Prior Resolution”);

AND WHEREAS Council now indicates , by a resolution dated no earlier than June 10, 2015, Council’s continued support for the construction and operation of the Projects anywhere in the Local Municipality (the “New Resolution”);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the FIT contract, where a New Resolution is received in respect of the Projects in the Local Municipality, Suppliers will be recognized as fulfilling the requirements under Section 2.4(d)(vii) of the FIT Contract, which may result in Suppliers being offered Notice to Proceed in accordance with the terms of their respective FIT Contract(s);

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 Suppliers to achieve Notice to Proceed under their FIT Contracts and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT Contract or Project or for any other purpose.

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

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

FIT Contract ID #: _____