

Municipal Support Resolution for Renewable Energy Projects

Required for renewable energy and electricity projects requesting Municipal Council support as part of an Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) application.



Application Requirements
1. Location key map
2. Site Plan, including access to site
3. Description of existing building(s) and/or land use, e.g. whether the site is greenfield, brownfield, or greyfield
4. Description of any farmland, grassland, and/or soil type
5. Description and area of any vegetation that is to be removed
6. Before and after site photos, drawings and/or renderings. What is the visual impact in the wider viewshed (e.g. clearing trees on ridgelines and high points)?
7. Setbacks from the nearest building(s), sensitive land feature(s) and/or structure(s). Are there any natural heritage features (example, wetlands, watercourses) in the vicinity? At what proximity? Is there Class 1 Fish Habitat?
8. Does the site encompass part of a mapped woodland? Is the woodland uninterrupted and significant?
9. Project size and dimensions (e.g. land area covered)
10. Description of project and renewable generation technology used
11. Letter of acknowledgement and support from the property owner, including permission for staff to visit the site
12. Confirmation that the proponent has undertaken, or has committed to undertake, Indigenous and community engagement activities in respect of the Long-Term Reliability Project to the satisfaction of the Township
13. Proponent-led Community Engagement Plan
14. Information on any community benefits (e.g. portion of revenue returned to the local community, in-kind contributions, local employment).
15. Delegation to Council by project applicant, owner and/or developer. Register as a Delegation for a Council meeting date corresponding to the Township staff report.
16. Confirmation that solar panels will use a non-reflective coating as a means of reducing glare
17. Greenhouse gas emission reductions and other environmental benefits
18. Confirmation of Zoning and Official Plan designations, and information on whether the project is "consistent" with the relevant regulations/policies

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- Applications for a Municipal Support Resolution as part of the application for the Independent Electricity Supply Operator (IESO) project must be made at Township of Ramara Committee of Whole or Council meetings;
- Onus is on the proponent to be informed of the schedule of Committee of the Whole and Council meetings and to supply the required information to staff in a timely manner. Planning staff require a minimum of 4 weeks to review and make recommendations on IESO applications;
- Onus is on the proponent to correctly complete the resolution template provided by IESO and provide to the Planning Department in a timely fashion;
- If errors are made by the proponent, they must wait until the next regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole or Council meeting to re-submit. The Township will not hold special meetings for consideration of these applications.

If requesting a Resolution confirmation and/or applicable form(s), confirmation that:

- The Project that is being proposed is the same identical Project on the same Lands as the Project that was the subject of the original Municipal Council Support Resolution
- The project details, including (but not limited to) its location, size, Applicant and subject Project site landowner have not changed
- The Applicant/proponent has not received any complaints/concerns from the public/adjacent landowners/agencies since the original Resolution was considered
- All parties involved in the original proposal (e.g. applicant, developer, landowner of the proposed site) remain the same
- The applicant/proponent will continue to fulfill any conditions previously agreed to with the Township (e.g. host a public information session)
- Any other information that the Township may require for a complete assessment.

Resources:

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