

DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING HYDRO ONE

Moved by _____, seconded by _____:

“WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy; and

WHEREAS the public electricity system generates significant revenue for municipal and provincial governments and gives Ontario a competitive advantage; and

WHEREAS Hydro One is a provincial utility; and

WHEREAS local control and decision making is important to meet the needs of our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS local electricity distribution companies provide a source of stable and predictable revenue to our communities; and

WHEREAS some Ontario municipalities have examined possible sales or mergers of their local distribution companies, and have decided not to sell to Hydro One or the private sector; and

WHEREAS the privatization, partial or whole, of electricity has led to higher rates and less control;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT the Western Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (WOWC) member counties call on the Provincial Government to:

- ♣ Stop the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a wholly public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;
- ♣ Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading aging infrastructure;
- ♣ Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

B. THAT the Municipality maintain ownership and control of its local distribution company; and

C. THAT the Provincial Government will negotiate with a Municipality to negotiate the selling of the customers/assets within the municipality’s boundary.”

D. THAT the WOWC member counties circulate this resolution to the WOWC the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Electricity Distributors Association, and work for its adoption.