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February 11, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior, at their meeting held on February 10, 2014, adopted Resolution No. 059-14, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Arnprior and its residents;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew passed a resolution on November 27, 2013 encouraging the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the County of Renfrew in its attempt to encourage the Government of Ontario to not approve any further rate increases for electricity;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years;

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Arnprior;

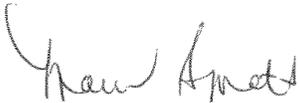
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges in the strongest possible way that the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power Authority, Associations of Municipalities (AMO), MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Municipalities and Local Municipalities in Renfrew County for support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges the Ontario Energy Board in the strongest possible way not to approve any further rate increases for electricity.”

Your assistance in ensuring our businesses stay competitive and our residents are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Maureen Spratt, Clerk

- c Minister of Energy and Infrastructure  
Ontario Energy Board  
Ontario Power Authority  
AMO  
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
Ontario Municipalities (by email)  
Renfrew County Municipalities (by email)

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The following resolution was adopted by Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara at their regular meeting held on January 16, 2014:

Moved by Councillor Jeffs

Seconded by Councillor Eke

WHEREAS the province's recently released Long Term Energy Plan anticipates that consumers will face hydro rates that will rise by 42% over the next five (5) years;

WHEREAS the Minister of Energy recently announced that past FIT prices are driving electricity prices higher and that changes to domestic content requirements for construction of future renewable energy projects are necessary to lower future electricity rates;

WHEREAS the recent auditor-general's report advised of extreme amounts of waste in the energy sector, particularly at Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One, due to high labour costs and generous public sector pension plans;

WHEREAS decisions including but not limited to the cancellation of gas plants in Ontario could cost taxpayers close to \$1.1 billion;

WHEREAS it is essential for the residents and businesses of Niagara to have access to affordable hydro to thrive and prosper;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Regional Municipality of Niagara **CALL ON** Premier Wynne and the Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent these and any other rate increases from being implemented; and

That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to all Ontario municipalities for support.

CARRIED.

Cc: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities in Ontario

**From:** [Fedy, Barb](#)  
**To:** [Vokes, Sharon](#); [Warder, Tara](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Attention: Warden/Councillors and Social Services Committee  
**Date:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 12:45:56 PM

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# Homeless Shelter For Sale

Thursday, February 13, 2014 11:20 AM by Kevin Bernard  
"The Sanctuary" is for sale, but there's hope it will stay in operation  
There is audio for this story.

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[\(Owen Sound\) -](#)

[A building that houses the only emergency homeless shelter in Owen Sound is now up for sale.](#)

[Pastor Randy Kennedy of the Victorious Living Centre on 2nd Avenue East, says "The Sanctuary" is listed for \\$425,000.](#)

[His hope is that someone will purchase the building and take over the homeless shelter. Kennedy says maybe someone else can get the ongoing support that the VLC has never received from the County, City of Owen Sound or the local churches.](#)

[The Victorious Living Centre has struggled to stay open and in mid-December the natural gas was turned off for unpaid bills.](#)

[However, churches in Woodford and Sauble Beach paid to have it turned back on.](#)

[Five years ago, the VLC received over \\$286,000 from the Federal Homelessness Partnering strategy.](#)

[That grant stipulated the 15 bed facility had to remain as an operating emergency shelter for five years.](#)

[That requirement ends this month.](#)

[Pastor Kennedy says if the building sells, they'll have enough to continue operating the soup kitchen, and drop-in centre.](#)

[For now, the homeless shelter will remain open, until a deal on the building is struck.](#)