
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report EDT-08-2024 Update to Report EDT-05-2024 and Moratorium on Wind Development in Haldimand County



For Consideration by Council on December 16, 2024

OBJECTIVE:

To update the recommendations as presented in Report EDT-05-2024 Independent Electricity System Operator Long Term 2 Request for Proposal Municipal Support Resolutions, in response to Council's referral of the same Report on December 10, 2024 and to confirm that the 2013 Moratorium on Wind Development is to remain in effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report EDT-08-2024 Update to Report EDT-05-2024 and Moratorium on Wind Development in Haldimand County be received;
2. AND THAT Recommendations 1 through 7 as presented in Report EDT-05-2024 Independent Electricity System Operator Long Term 2 Request for Proposal Municipal Support Resolutions excluding any support for wind development be approved;
3. AND THAT Council may request proponents to delegate at a future Council meeting for information purposes only once the required criteria has been met and the Blanket Municipal Support Letter has been prepared;
4. AND THAT the 2013 Moratorium on Wind Farms remain in effect;
5. AND THAT the Blanket Municipal Support Resolution and Blanket Municipal Support Letters shall not apply to or be issued for any industrial wind turbines in Haldimand County.

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Approved: Cathy Case, Chief Administrative Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the Council in Committee meeting on December 10, 2024, Council passed a motion referring Report EDT-05-2024 Independent Electricity System Operator Long Term 2 Request for Proposal Municipal Support Resolutions (EDT-05-2024) back to staff requesting that the Moratorium on Wind Farms remain in force, and that municipal support not be granted for any development of wind energy in Haldimand County.

BACKGROUND:

Report EDT-05-2024 was prepared by staff and received by Council on December 10, 2024. The purpose of the above-mentioned Report was to lay out the criteria that would be required by proponents

submitting proposals to be cited in Haldimand County through the upcoming Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Long Term 2 Request for Proposal (LT2 RFP). Also, within the Report, Council was asked to consider the repeal of the Moratorium on Wind Development that was put into effect in 2013. In response, Council passed a motion directing staff to remove any support for new wind development projects and to confirm that the Moratorium on Wind Farms remain in effect. Council confirmed its support for all other types of energy projects, in the locations recommended by staff and subject to the projects meeting the municipal benefit criteria as outlined in Report EDT-05-2024.

ANALYSIS:

Following the receipt of Report EDT-05-2024, Council passed a motion referring the Report back to staff citing that any support of wind development projects be removed from the criteria and that the moratorium on wind farms and wind development remain in place. The purpose of this Report—EDT-08-2024 update on Report EDT-05-2024 and Moratorium on Wind Development in Haldimand County—is to confirm Council’s direction that municipal support will not be provided to projects proposing to construct industrial wind turbines within Haldimand County for the LT2 RFP intake and any future procurements.

A set of required criteria to be met/agreed to by each proponent seeking municipal support confirmation for a proposal submission to the LT2 RFP process was laid out in detail in the earlier Report (EDT-05-2024) and will remain as is; however, all wind development proposals will now be excluded. The proposed locations for projects (page 7 of EDT-05-2024) will be updated as set out below. Of note, staff have inserted roof-top solar as an additional ‘clean technology’ in the Agricultural areas given its popularity, benefits and low impacts. While this was a technology considered as appropriate, it was not explicitly listed and staff are of the opinion it provides clarity to process by identifying it at this time.

Updated Project Types and Permitted Locations:

Project Type*	Permitted Location
Wind turbine	Not permitted in any designation or zone in Haldimand County
Ground-mounted solar, battery energy storage systems, hydro, biomass, nuclear, natural gas, biogas, biomass, co-generation	Industrial designation and zones
Innovative “clean” technologies which are directly associated with an existing agricultural use – e.g., biomass, biogas, co-generation, roof-top solar	Agricultural designation and zone

*Any project type not listed would not be subject to delegated authority and would require analysis by the County and unique consideration by Council prior to a Municipal Support Confirmation Letter being issued.

Based on the direction staff received from Council, blanket municipal support resolution will only be applicable to those projects identified above and will not be provided for any proposed wind development projects in any designation or zone within Haldimand County. Further, a blanket support municipal confirmation letter will be prepared and provided to projects (excluding wind) once the community benefit agreement has been signed by both parties and the proponent has satisfied all criteria as set out in Report EDT-05-2024.

Staff are recommending one further addition to the criteria previously provided in EDT-05-2024. Should Council wish a proponent to attend Council as a delegation, the timing of the delegations should be once the proponent has signed the community benefit agreement, completed the criteria to the

satisfaction of staff and the municipal support resolution letter has been prepared and signed by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). Once these steps are completed, Council will then have the opportunity to request that the proponent appear as a delegation at a future Council meeting. The purpose of the delegation will be for information purposes only and will not be part of the approval process.

FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no change to the information as previously provided in Report EDT-05-2024.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:

There is no change to the information as previously provided in Report EDT-05-2024.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: Yes

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: Yes

Policy: No

REFERENCES:

1. [*EDT-05-2024 Independent Electricity System Operations Request for Proposal Long Term 2 Municipal Support Resolutions*](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

None.