

The Regular Meeting of the Hydro-Electric Commission for the Town of Amherstburg was held on March 11, 1998 with the following members present.

T. Tiefenbach, Chairman
R. Pillon, Vice-Chairman
W. Hurst, Mayor

Also Present: **L. Smith, General Manager**
A. Parnell, Secretary Treasurer
K. Atkinson, Superintendent

1. The Chairman of the Commission called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
2. **Motion:** That the minutes of the last regular meeting of February 11, 1998, be accepted as presented. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

3. There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.
4. There were no delegations.
5. **Motion:** That the bills and accounts since the last regular meeting of February 11, 1998, be received. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.1 **Motion:** That with respect to participation in Earth Day, April 22, 1998, the General Manager be authorized to purchase a tree to be planted on the Gibson Gallery site. *(Pillon/Hurst)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 6.2 Referred to Committee.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: That the Consent Agenda as presented, namely:

- 7.1 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update Volume 3, Number 5, entitled "MEA Board of Directors Adopts Summary Position on Electricity Industry Reform": Management recommended note and file.

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- 7.2 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 3, Number 6, entitled "Public Utilities One of 13 'Spheres of Jurisdiction' in New Draft Municipal Act"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.3 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update Volume 3, Number 7 entitled "MEA Relations with Ontario Hydro Top Issue List in Meeting with Energy Minister"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.4 ENERconnect Update entitled "50% Increase In ENERconnect Partners"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.5 Memo from the MEA regarding: Advice to Customers: Energy Brokers & Marketers; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.6 M.E.A. Date Pad, March 1998; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.7 Memo from the MEA regarding "Boundary Expansions and Utility Studies During White Paper Transition Period; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.8 Memo from the MEA regarding "Non-elected Municipal Utility Commissions/Utility Numbers and MEA Membership"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.9 MEA Customer Relations and Marketing Committee publication "Watt's Working", February 1998; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.10 Notice of the MEA Power Forecasting Advanced Workshop to be held April 20-21/98 in Toronto; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.11 Notice of a workshop entitled "Energy Diversion", co-sponsored by the MEA to be held March 13, 1998 in Toronto; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.12 Notice of the Canadian Urban Institute Conference entitled "Restructuring Ontario's Electricity Industry - What Municipal Decision Makers Need To Know" to be held April 2, 1998 in Toronto; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.13 Copy of presentation by William Farlinger, Chairman, President and CEO of Ontario Hydro to the Institute for International Research Conference on "Restructuring of the Electricity Industry in Quebec"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.14 Minutes of the Regular Monthly Safety Meeting of the Amherstburg Hydro-Electric Commission held on February 10, 1998; Management recommended note and file.

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- 7.15 MEA Summary Position on Electricity Industry Reform, February 1998; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.16 MEA News Release entitled "Protecting Electricity Customers' Interests, Focus on Municipal Electric Association's Response to White Paper"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.17 M.E.A. Reciprocal, Volume 98, Number 2: Management recommended note and file.
- 7.18 M.E.A. Benefacts, Volume 98, Number 1; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.19 Memo from M.E.A. entitled "M.E.A. Backgrounder on Stranded Costs"; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.20 Notice of the O.E.L. Essex Chapter, Ladies Night to be held April 4, 1998; Management recommended note and file.

be accepted as presented. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Correspondence**

- 8.1 **Motion:** That the notice of the M.E.A. District 7 and 8 Meterman's Meeting to be held the March 25, 1998 in London, be received and that Robert Sprague be authorized to attend. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

9. **Reports from Management**

- 9.1 **The General Manager, the Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer** provided verbal reports on the activities during the month of February.

Motion: That the reports of Management be received for information (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

- 9.2 **Motion:** That the report and recommendation from the Secretary Treasurer regarding an interim request for approval of 1998 Rates and Use of

Funds be received and that the Commission concur with Management's recommendation. *(Hurst/Tiefenbach)*

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That the Hydro-Electric Commission for the Town of Amherstburg request interim approval:

- a) In accordance with the Power Corporation Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario 1990, c.P. 18, Section 120, approval from Ontario Hydro to utilize funds available over and above current operating requirements for construction and extension of works during 1998 in the amount of \$300,000. and
- b) In accordance with the Power Corporation Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario 1990, c.P. 18, Section 120, approval from Ontario Hydro to invest and reinvest funds available, over and above current operating requirements, for the purchase, during 1998, of securities authorized under Section 120 of the said Act, with terms up to one year, such that the total amount of securities held at any one time, does not exceed \$750,000. *(Hurst/Tiefenbach)*

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 **Motion:** That the report from the Secretary Treasurer regarding participation in ENERconnect be received and that the H.E.C., as a medium utility, participate at the maximum required contribution of \$36,000. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 **Motion:** That the Overtime Report and Work Report for the month of February 1998 be received. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Comprehensive Insurance Policy Renewal as provided by Frank Cowan Company Limited, effective March 1, 1998, has not yet been submitted by Frank Cowan Company, however, coverages are in effect as of March 1, 1998. A full report along with recommendations will be presented at the next regular meeting.

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10. **Motion:** That the regular meeting of the H.E.C. be temporarily adjourned to enter into Committee-of-the-Whole for the purposes of discussing personnel, legal and property issues. *(Pillon/Hurst)*

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That the regular meeting of the H.E.C. resume. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

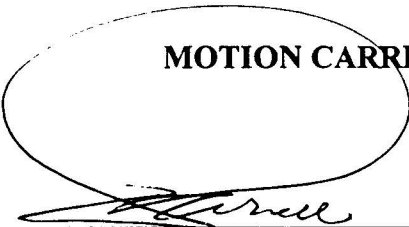
11. There was no new business.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer