

The Regular Meeting of the Hydro-Electric Commission for the Town of Amherstburg was held on August 5, 1998 with the following members present.

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

Also Present: A. Parnell, Secretary Treasurer
K. Atkinson, Superintendent

1. The Chairman of the Commission called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M.
2. **Motion:** That the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 10, 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 June 10, 1998, be received. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Business Arising From the Minutes/Unfinished Business**

- 6.1 The Secretary Treasurer provided a verbal report with respect to the expansion of hydro service to the new Town boundaries as it relates to the recently released Bill 35, Energy Competition Act 1998. The Secretary Treasurer recommended and the Commission concurred that a written submission should be presented to the Ontario Legislature, Standing Committee on Resources Development, outlining the Commission's concerns with respect to the fact that Bill 35 has hampered the Town's efforts to proceed with expansion to the newly created Town boundaries.

The Secretary Treasurer will draft the submission and provide copies to the Commission for their input.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: That the Consent Agenda as presented, namely:

- 7.1 M.E.A. Circuit Breaker, July/August 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (a)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.2 M.E.A. Utility Administration News, Spring 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (b)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.3 M.E.A. Circuit Breaker Insert entitled "M.E.A. Summary Position on Electricity Industry Reform" (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (c)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.4 M.E.A. District 8 News, July 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (d)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.5 M.E.A. Date Pad, July 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (e)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.6 Memo from the M.E.A. regarding Provincial Surveying (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (f)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.7 Memo from the M.E.A. pertaining to MEA Membership (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (g)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.8 Minutes of the Regular Safety Meeting of the A.H.E.C. of June 9, 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (h)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.9 Memo from the M.E.A. entitled "Review of Bill 35, the Energy Competition Act, 1998 (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (i)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.10 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 3 Number 14 entitled "New Municipal Act Delayed" (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (j)); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.11 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 3 Number 15 entitled "Update on MEA Activities on Bill 35, Energy Competition Act, 1998" (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (k)); Management recommended note and file.

- 7.12 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 3 Number 16 entitled "Market Design Committee Releases Second Interim Report" (included in your July 16, 1998 information package item (1); Management recommended note and file.
- 7.13 A.H.E.C. Regular Monthly Safety Meeting Minutes of July 14, 1998; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.14 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 3 Number 17; Management recommended note and file.
- 7.15 Sarnia Hydro 1998 Annual Report; Management recommended note and file.
- be accepted as presented. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 **Motion:** That the letter from Radio Shack requesting exemption from the A.H.E.C. current deposit policy be received and that Radio Shack be denied exemption and that a letter be sent immediately requesting reinstatement of an acceptable security deposit. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

- 8.2 **Motion:** That the notice of the M.E.A. District 7 & 8 Annual Meeting to be held on October 8, 1998 along with a request for resolutions to be submitted by August 31, 1998, be received for file. (*Hurst/Pillon*)

MOTION CARRIED

9. Reports from Management

The Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent provided verbal reports on the activities during the months of June and July 1998.

10. New Business

- 10.1 **Motion:** That the recommended changes by Management to the Amherstburg Hydro-Electric Commission Deposit Policy be accepted. (*Hurst/Tiefenbach*)

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.2 **Motion:** That the recommended changes by Management to the Amherstburg Hydro-Electric Commission Collection/Disconnection Policy be approved as amended. *(Pillon/Hurst)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.3 **Motion:** That the Amherstburg Hydro-Electric Commission Procedural Resolution be approved as amended. *(Pillon/Hurst)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.4 The Secretary Treasurer presented the proposed 1998 Hydro Budget along with Suggested Rate Structure for 1998. Discussion followed, with Management responding to various items and stating that they were very comfortable with the financial position of the utility.

Motion: That the proposed 1998 Capital Budget in the amount of \$361,800. and the proposed 1998 Operating and Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$692,230. be accepted as presented, incorporating a zero percent rate increase. *(Pillon/Tiefenbach)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.5 The Secretary Treasurer presented the recommended Schedule of Service Charges effective August 5, 1998.

Motion: That the recommendation with respect to specific Service Charges effective August 5, 1998 as presented by Management be approved. *(Hurst/Pillon)*

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.6 **Motion:** a) That the A.H.E.C. request, 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 the construction and extension of works during 1998 in the amount of \$361,800; and
- b) That the A.H.E.C. request, 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.
(Pillon/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

- 10.7 **Motion:** That the A.H.E.C. request, in accordance with the Power Corporation Act Revised Statutes of Ontario, c.P.18, Section 113, approval from Ontario Hydro for the adoption of the rates and charges listed on the attached Schedule of Rates and Charges, to be effective as indicated on the rate schedule and to rescind the approval of the existing schedule. (Hurst/Pillon)

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

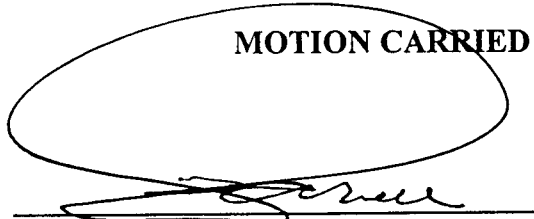
Motion: That the Letter of Understanding between the I.B.E.W. Local 636 and the A.H.E.C. pertaining to revision to Article 20.04 of the Collective Agreement be accepted as presented. (Hurst/Pillon)

MOTION CARRIED

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 P.M.
(Hurst/Pillon)

MOTION CARRIED


Chairman


Secretary Treasurer