

The Regular Meeting of the Hydro-Electric Commission for the Town of Amherstburg was held on March 10, 1999 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 Vice-Chairman of the Commission called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
- 2. Motion: That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 1999, be accepted as presented. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

- 3. There was no unfinished business.
- 4. There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.
- 5. There were no delegations.
- 6. **Motion**: That the bills and accounts since the last regular meeting of February 10, 1999, be received. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Consent Agenda

Motion: That the Consent Agenda as presented, namely:

- 7.1 Letter from Windsor Utilities enclosing a copy of the Chair's Annual Report for the year 1998; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.2 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 4, No.1, entitled "Regulations Energy Competition Act 1998"; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.3 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 4, No. 2, entitled "Regulations Energy Competition Act 1998"; Management recommended receive for file.

- 7.4 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update Volume 4, No. 3, entitled "Independent Electricity Market Operator (IMO) Board of Directors Appointed"; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.5 M.E.A. Benefacts, Winter 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.6 ENERconnect Update February 99, Volume 2, Issue 2; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.7 ENERconnect Special Bulletin, January 27-28, 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.8 M.E.A. Date Pad, March 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.9 Ministry of Energy, Science and Technology Power Switch, Volume 2, Issue 2; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.10 MEARIE Annual Report 1998 (distributed prior to Annual Meeting); Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.11 Town of Amherstburg Official Plan, February 1999 Revision (available at the meeting); Management recommended receive for file.

be accepted as presented. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

8. Correspondence

8.1 Motion: That the letter from Ontario Hydro concerning the 1999 Regulatory Approval Requirements be received, with a response to same being the submission of the 1999 Regulatory Requirements on March 11, 1999. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9. Reports from Management

9.1 **Motion**: That the verbal report from the Secretary Treasurer on activities during the month of February 1999, be received. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That the verbal report from the Superintendent regarding activities during the month February 1999, be received. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9.2 Motion: That the minutes of the regular Safety Meeting of the A.H.E.C. held on February 9, 1999, be received for file. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9.3 Motion: That the Overtime and Work Reports for the months of January and February 1999 be accepted as presented. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9.4 **Motion**: That the verbal report from the Secretary Treasurer on activities during the month of February with respect to Year 2000 Compliance be received. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9.5 Motion: That the report from the Secretary Treasurer on the election of the Board of Directors for ENERconnect for the year 1999/2000 be received and that the recommendation of Management be accepted. (Hurst/Pillon)

MOTION CARRIED

9.6 Motion: That the report from the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent pertaining to Bill 35 Restructuring be received and that the recommendation of Management to participate with the five other Essex County Utilities in Phase I Financial Impact Study by RDII Utility Consulting & Technologies Incorporated, at a cost of \$2,250. plus G.S.T. per utility, be accepted. (Tiefenbach/Hurst)

MOTION CARRIED

9.7 The Secretary Treasurer presented the Proposed 1999 Hydro Budget along with Suggested Rate Structure for 1999. 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 1999 Capital Budget in the amount of \$694,800. and the Proposed 1999 Operating & Maintenance Budget in the amount of \$716,541. be accepted as presented, incorporating a zero percent rate increase. (Tiefenbach/Hurst)

MOTION CARRIED

9.8 The Secretary Treasurer presented the recommended Schedule of Service Charges effective April 1, 1999.

Motion: That the recommendation with respect to specific service charges effective April 1, 1999 as presented by Management be approved. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

- 9.9 Motion: a) That the A.H.E.C. request, in accordance with the Power Corporation Act Revised Statutes on Ontario 1990, cP18, Section 120, approval from Ontario Hydro to utilize funds available, over and above current operating requirements, for construction and extension of works during 1999 in the amount of \$694, 800. and
 - b) That the A.H.E.C. request, in accordance with the Power Corporation Act Revised Statutes of Ontario 1990, cP18, Section 120, approval from Ontario Hydro to invest and reinvest funds available, over and above current operating requirements, for the purchase during 1999 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 \$900,000. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

9.10 **Motion**: That the A.H.E.C. request, in accordance with the Power Corporation Act Revised Statutes of Ontario 1990, cP18, 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. (*Tiefenbach/Hurst*)

MOTION CARRIED

10. 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. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That the Regular Meeting of the A.H.E.C. resume. (Tiefenbach/Hurst)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: That the report from the Superintendent with respect to the hiring of an

apprentice Line Maintainer be received and that the recommendation

to hire Mr. Mike Rose be accepted. (Tiefenbach/Hurst)

MOTION CARRIED

11. There was no new business.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

(Tiefenbach/Hurst)

MOTION CARRIED

Secretary Treasurer

Chairman '