July 26/99

The Regular Meeting of the Hydro-Electric Commission for the Town of Amherstburg was held on June 9, 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 Chairman of the Commission called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.
- 2. Motion: That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 1999, be accepted as presented. (Hurst/Pillon)

# **MOTION CARRIED**

# 3. Unfinished Business

3.1 Motion: That the letter from the Chairman to the Municipal Electric Association, in support of Learnington's position on a transfer of Ontario Hydro retail distribution system to Municipal Electric Utilities in consideration of assigned stranded debt, be received for file. (Hurst/Pillon)

# **MOTION CARRIED**

- 3.2 The Superintendent made available Teacher Feedback Forms pertaining to the Electrical Safety Program conducted by Bill Coakley of Electrical Safety & Conservation.
- 4. There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

### 5. <u>Delegations.</u>

- 5.1 The Chairman introduced Mr. David Southam, RDII Utility Consulting & Technologies Incorporated. Mr. Southam presented the results of Phase I, The Financial Impact Study on the A.H.E.C., resulting from Bill 35, The Energy Competition Act. The presentation was followed by questions and answers.
  - Motion: That the Phase I Financial Impact Study as prepared by RDII Consulting & Technologies be received, and further that a joint meeting with Council be set up to be facilitated by the Secretary

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Treasurer to further discuss the implications of the study. (Hurst/Pillon)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Motion: That the bills and accounts since the last regular meeting of May 12, 1999, be received. (Hurst/Pillon)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 7. <u>Consent Agenda</u>

Motion: That the Consent Agenda as presented, namely:

- 7.1 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 4, Number 10; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.2 M.E.A. Industry Reform Update, Volume 4, Number 11; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.3 M.E.A. Benefacts, Spring 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.4 ENERconnect Update, May 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.5 Notice of the 1999 MEARIE Insurance and Risk Management Conference to be held in Huntsville June 23-25, 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.6 M.E.A. Circuit Breaker, June 1999; Management recommended receive for file.
- 7.7 Notice of the M.E.A. Activity-Based Costing Seminar to be held in Toronto, June 13-14, 1999; Management recommended receive for file.

be accepted as presented. (Pillon/Hurst)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### 8. <u>Correspondence</u>

8.1 Motion: That the notice of the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce Summer BBQ to be held June 15, 1999, be received and that the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent be authorized to attend. (Hurst/Tiefenbach)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

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# 9. Reports from Management

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

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion: That the verbal report from the Superintendent regarding activities during the month of May 1999 be received. (Hurst/Pillon)

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

9.2 Motion: That the minutes of the regular Safety Meeting of the A.H.E.C. held on May 11, 1999, be received. (*Pillon/Hurst*)

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

9.3 Motion: That the Overtime and Work Report for the month of May 1999 be received. (Hurst/Pillon)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

9.4 Motion: That the Y2000 Compliance Report for the month of May 1999 be received. (*Pillon/Hurst*)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

9.5 Motion: That the report and recommendation from the Secretary Treasurer pertaining to the cost of providing a billing and collecting service for sewer and water to the municipality for the year 1999, be received and that same be referred to the Municipal Treasurer. (Hurst/Pillon)

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

9.6 Motion: That the proposal from B & B Technology Services Incorporated to complete a Due Diligence-Operational Assessment on the Amherstburg H.E.C., along with a report from Management be received and that the recommendation to engage B & B Technologies, at a cost of \$25,900. plus G.S.T., be accepted. (*Pillon/Hurst*)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Concern was raised by Mayor Hurst that considerable costs are being incurred by municipal electric utilities as a result of the imposition of Bill 35, costs that are ultimately borne by the end consumers.

Motion: That a letter be directed to the appropriate provincial authority requesting that transitional funds be provided by the government to municipal electric utilities to help offset the costs of restructuring, incorporation, separation, etc.,. (*Pillon/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/Pillon*)

### **MOTION CARRIED**

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

# **MOTION CARRIED**

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

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