

Minutes of a Special meeting of the Amherstburg Municipal Council held February 22, 1999 at 6:00 p.m..

PRESENT: Mayor Wayne Hurst
Deputy Mayor Tony DiBartolomeo
Councillor Robert Anderson
Councillor Lynne Fox
Councillor Robert Pillon
Councillor Gerry Theriault
Councillor Tony Tiefenbach

ALSO PRESENT: Bill King, Chief Administrative Officer
David Mailloux, Clerk
Paul Beneteau, Treasurer
Allan Parnell, Amherstburg Hydro Electric
Kevin Atkinson, Amherstburg Hydro Electric

Council met with Allan Parnell and Kevin Atkinson of the Hydro Electric Commission to review Bill 35 'The Energy Competition Act'.

Mr. Parnell and Mr. Atkinson gave Council a history of the Amherstburg P.U.C. and what options Council would have under Bill 35.

The Basic thrusts of Bill 35 are:

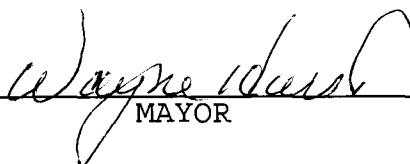
- There will be competition in the generation of electricity;
- There will be competition in supplying electricity to customers;
- The Ontario Energy Board will regulate monopoly services, including the wire services of Transmission and Distribution;
- All sectors of the electrical industry will be encouraged to achieve efficiency, gains and innovations, either through the need to compete or through regulations.
- Sets up a method to begin to pay down Ontario Hydro's substantial debt of 39.1 billion.

Municipalities will have the option of setting up Local Distribution Companies to distribute electricity or may decide not to provide electricity and dispose of the distribution assets.

The H.E.C. representatives stated that they would keep Council updated on the progress of Bill 35.

Council thanked Mr. Parnell and Mr. Atkinson for their professional presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



MAYOR



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