



Minutes: The Blue Mountains, Council Meeting

Date: December 18, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers and Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Prepared by: Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Members Present: Mayor Andrea Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon,
Councillor Gail Ardiel, Councillor Paula Hope, Councillor Alex Maxwell
Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Councillor June Porter

Staff Present: CAO Shawn Everit, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of
Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Director of Planning and
Development Services Adam Smith, Acting Director of Finance & IT
Services Sam Dinsmore

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES:

D.1.3 Township of Archipelago
Re: Resolution No. 23-189, TC Energy Pumped Storage Project (For Council Consideration)

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the November 17, 2023 correspondence of the Township of Archipelago Re: Resolution No. 23-189, TC Energy Pumped Storage Project;

Yay (7): Mayor Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Bordignon, Councillor Ardiel, Councillor Hope, Councillor Maxwell, Councillor McKinlay, and Councillor Porter
The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

Moved by: Councillor McKinlay
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bordignon

THAT, with respect to the November 17, 2023 correspondence of the Township of Archipelago Re: Resolution No. 23-189, TC Energy Pumped Storage Project, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports in principle, the resolution and directs staff to circulate the resolution to those listed in the Archipelago resolution.

Yay (7): Mayor Matrosovs, Deputy Mayor Bordignon, Councillor Ardiel, Councillor Hope, Councillor Maxwell, Councillor McKinlay, and Councillor Porter

The motion is Carried (7 to 0)

Agenda Number: 15.2.
Resolution Number: 23-189
Title: TC Energy Pumped Storage Project
Date: Friday, November 17, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Cade Fraser
Seconded by: Councillor Emery

WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has recommended to the Ministry of Energy (MoE) that the TC Energy Pumped Storage Project (the “Project”) on Georgian Bay should not be approved because it is a very bad financial deal for Ontario; and

WHEREAS the proposed TC Energy Pumped Storage Project on Georgian Bay would cause irreparable harm to the environment and would have significant negative impacts on the local animal, plant, fish, and human populations; and

WHEREAS the Project would irreversibly alter and damage the unique ecological, cultural, and historical features of the area, putting at risk the important tourist industry, sport and commercial fishing that relies on these natural benefits; and

WHEREAS the Department of National Defense (DND) have failed to adequately remediate the environmental impacts of the military base over the years making it a brownfield site, meaning that the area is already polluted and that the proposed project would exacerbate the situation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago vehemently opposes the TC Energy Pumped Storage Project on Georgian Bay and urges DND to immediately implement measures to remediate the military base to ensure that the area is fit for human and animal habitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MoE cease their support of the Project, accept the IESO recommendations that the Project should not be approved, and therefore avoid placing an unnecessary financial burden on Ontario taxpayers; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin, the IESO, DND, the Honourable Andre Khanjin Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Scott Aitchison, M.P. Parry Sound-Muskoka, Diane Lebouthillier Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard to request their co-operation in preventing this project from proceeding.

Carried