



16 August 2012

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor and Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Endorsation of Resolution circulated by N.O.M.A.

- Ontario Power Generation suspension of Thunder Bay Project

Recommendation:

That further to a resolution circulated by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association with respect to suspension of the Ontario Power Generation project to convert the Thunder Bay Generating Station from coal to natural gas until they get a power purchase agreement from the Ontario Power Authority, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kenora hereby requests the Minister of Energy to direct the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to immediately finalize a Power Purchase agreement with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) so that the timely conversion of the Thunder Bay Generating Station is completed to meet the production requirements by January 1, 2015; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Sarah Campbell, Kenora-Rainy River M.P.P.

Background:

Recently, as advised by NOMA, the Ontario Power Generation has announced the suspension of their project to convert the Thunder Bay Generating Station from coal to natural gas until they get a power purchase agreement from the Ontario Power Authority.

Not only is the plant's full generating capability required for the economic prosperity of Northwestern Ontario and the City of Thunder Bay, the date for the end of coal use for power plants in Ontario is December 31, 2014. As well, a drought from low snowfall in the winter of 2014/15 and low spring rainfalls would mean the hydro system which can supply our current needs could not under those conditions, and supplying the area by long distance transmission is not a viable option under several power system related scenarios.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

In accordance with resolution.