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Hon. Doug Ford
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Honourable Premier Ford,

**RE: Township of King Resolution
Ontario's Gas Fired Electricity Power Plants**

At its Council meeting of November 30, 2020, Council of the Township of King received and unanimously supported a Resolution with respect to seeking support that the Province addresses Ontario's gas fired electricity power plants as follows:

"WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is planning to increase reliance on gas-fired electricity generation from Ontario's gas-fired power plants to replace the output of the Pickering Nuclear Station which is scheduled to close in 2024 causing the amount of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from electricity generation to increase by more than 300% by 2025 and by more than 400% by 2040, relative to the 2017 baseline; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's plan to increase reliance on gas-fired electricity generation will adversely impact more than a third of the GHG reductions it achieved by phasing-out its dirty coal-fired power plants; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is not on track to meet its climate target to reduce Ontario's GHG pollution by 30% by 2030 relative to the 2005 level and furthermore the Auditor General reports that meeting this target requires reductions of 7.3 to 14 million tonnes to meet its target; and

WHEREAS the forecasted GHG pollution from gas-fired electricity power plants in 2030 is 11 million tonnes if the gas power plants are used to replace nuclear power and meet future demand for electricity in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the Township of King declared a climate emergency on July 8, 2019 in response to the recognition that there is a need for urgent and transformative action to reduce GHG to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees to avoid catastrophic climate change and accordingly has initiated plans to reduce our corporate emissions 35% by 2030 relative to 2018 and to promote our residents and businesses to reduce emissions; and

WHEREAS research shows that there will be heavier winter snowstorms and spring rains, with more flooding in vulnerable areas in the Great Lakes region as it is warming faster than other areas of Canada because of its southerly position and the moderating behaviour of the Great Lakes themselves, and the warmer air will hold more moisture; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has alternative options to increasing gas-fired electricity generation, such as the Province of Quebec's offer to provide low-cost 24/7 power from its water powered reservoir system; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has alternative options to increasing gas-fired electricity generation by reversing short sighted cuts to energy efficiency programs and maximizing our energy efficiency efforts which would cost the same or lower per kilowatt-hour (kWh) as we are currently paying for power from nuclear plants (e.g., up to 9.5 cents per kWh); and

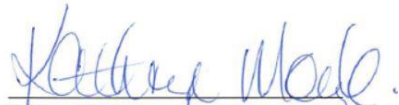
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario should continue to support renewable energy projects that have costs that are below what we are paying for nuclear power and work with communities to make the most of these economic opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of King requests the Government of Ontario to place an interim cap of 2.5 mega tonnes per year on our gas plants' greenhouse gas pollution and develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its climate targets; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Stephen Lecce, MPP, King-Vaughan, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP, York-Simcoe, Leaders of the Provincial Liberal, New Democratic and Green Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Regional Municipality of York, and York Region's Municipalities."

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Yours truly,



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