



TILLSONBURG DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce

April 2, 2019

To: Board of Directors, Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.
Ian MacKenzie, General Manager, Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.
Mayor Stephen Molnar
Members of Tillsonburg Town Council

Re: Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. (THI) Distribution System Expansion Costs and Charges

This letter is a follow-up to our Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce (TDCC) policy of December 13, 2018 titled **"Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. (THI) Amendments to Expansion Deposit Collection and Calculation of Incremental Costs to New Customers"**.

The TDCC remains concerned that the changes THI has adopted negatively impacts economic growth in Tillsonburg and our ability to remain competitive with our neighboring jurisdictions.

Recommendations

The Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce urges Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. to:

1. Utilize a minimum 45-day consultation with the Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce, local stakeholders such as developers, Tillsonburg Economic Development Advisory Committee and Tillsonburg Town Council for any changes in policies, procedures and fees that affect developers and business customers of THI.
2. Eliminate the mandatory expansion deposit until mandated by the OEB.
3. Continue with the 50/50 calculation rather than the 90/10 calculation that commenced January 1 2019 between THI and the developer until mandated by the OEB. Once mandated utilize the minimum percentage for the developers' portion permitted by the OEB. Use the same costs that were used previously to determine the amount while permitted by the OEB.
4. Negotiate with the OEB to reduce regulatory burdens to communities such as Tillsonburg.

Our original policy dated and submitted December 13, 2018 is enclosed with this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matt Esseltine', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Matt Esseltine
President of the Board
Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce

Encl.

cc: Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
David Calder, CAO Town of Tillsonburg
Cephas Panschow, Development Commissioner, Town of Tillsonburg
Jesse Goossens, Chair, Economic Development Advisory Committee
Honorable Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford County & Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
Honorable Greg Rickford, MPP Kenora & Minister of Energy, Northern Development & Mines