



TILLSONBURG DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce

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Tillsonburg Hydro Inc (THI) Amendments to Expansion Deposit Collection and Calculation of Incremental Costs to New Customers

Tillsonburg District Chamber of Commerce Position

Issue

The TDCC is submitting this policy to support the economic growth in Tillsonburg by maintaining residential and commercial development projects at a competitive cost.

Background

THI has adopted changes that take effect January 1, 2019 with regards to work flow, expansion deposit collection and the way in which the calculations for incremental costs for new customers are done.

These adopted changes increase the costs of developing new projects in the Town of Tillsonburg. These can lead to discouraging residential and commercial developers from picking Tillsonburg to do business in. Although there are other LDC's that have adopted similar models, there are some that have not, and Tillsonburg needs to remain competitive.

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, the 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 is slated to commence 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.

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