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## **PROPOSED GREEN ENERGY ACT**

**09-054**

**Moved by Councillor Christie  
Seconded by Councillor Seagram**

**WHEREAS** the Township of The Archipelago, consisting of a number of inland, freshwater lakes and several thousand islands in the 30,000 Islands of Georgian Bay, is known for its pristine scenic beauty;

**AND WHEREAS** the Georgian Bay coastline comprises part of the Great Lakes Heritage Coast and has been designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has established Provincial Parks and a number of Conservation Reserves within and surrounding the Township of The Archipelago;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township encourages the development of alternative energy forms, it is imperative that any renewable energy proposal not cause a negative impact visually or audibly, nor should it create a significant risk to the health of residents and visitors, to the local environment and to local property values;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township is concerned that the removal of local land use planning controls proposed under Bill 150 will have a detrimental effect on the Township's goal to preserve the unique and high quality of the natural environment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, in keeping with the Province's initiatives to protect Ontario's natural heritage and to preserve scenic values, the Township of The Archipelago requests that the Province exclude all Crown lands, including Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves, and the Great Lakes Heritage Coast and Biosphere Reserve, from consideration for any large-scale energy conversion systems;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that staff be directed to forward Council's resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and to Wind Concerns Ontario for inclusion on the list of municipalities who have passed resolutions with respect to the proposed Green Energy Act.

Carried.