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Her Worship Christa Lowry
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Dear Mayor Lowry:

I am writing to thank you for your Council's leadership and support for our government's work to ensure that Ontarians can count on a reliable, affordable and clean electricity grid.

Ontario's economy and population are continuing to grow, and work to electrify transportation and industrial processes is advancing. To support this growth, we know we have to be ready to build out our electricity system to keep up with rising demand.

New electricity generation and storage are needed to enable that electrification, support a growing population and attract new investment in the province's economy. As you know, at our government's direction the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is working to procure new resources through competitive processes that will ensure the long-term reliability of the system while keeping costs down for ratepayers.

Your partnership is vital to developing these new energy projects, and further to my letter of December 23, 2022, the IESO has made it very clear that for projects to be eligible to compete in the procurements, a municipal council resolution declaring support for that project was mandatory. This is to ensure that proposed projects are only built in willing host communities.

I was pleased to learn that your Council has passed such a resolution declaring that your community is supportive of future energy development. I'd like to personally recognize you as one of Ontario's Energy Champions.

Thank you again for supporting our work to build out Ontario's world-class electricity system and for doing your part to keep it reliable, affordable and clean.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Smith".

Todd Smith
Minister

c: Hon. Joe Oliver, PC, Board Chair, IESO
Lesley Gallinger, President and Chief Executive Officer, IESO