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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0276 – Application for approval to purchase Orillia Power Distribution.

I have been following the proceedings of this purchase for some time now .. I am a lifelong resident of Orillia and have strong concerns that the sale of our distribution to Hydro One will be a burden to the residents of Orillia in the future. This is not just my view but the view of most every person I talk to about this issue. Whether its a coffee shop gathering , local social media or a community BBQ, the general consensus is the same. **DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!!**

The decision to hold in abeyance approval to purchase Orillia Power Distribution was overwhelmingly welcomed by the citizens of Orillia.

I wish to point out that five out of eight councillors voted to approved this sale. None of them had a mandate to sell one of our important historic assets. I would also suggest that if these five had stated during the last municipal election that they would sell our power distribution shortly after being elected. the election results would have been very different.

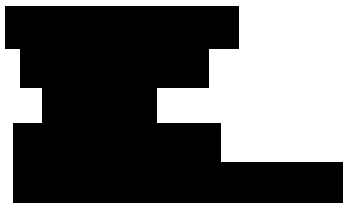
Despite the pressure from Hydro One and Orillia Power I am asking the board to hold any decision to approve the sale until this time next year. The decision to sell such an **important asset** that has been owned by the citizens of Orillia for **over one hundred years** can wait one more year before being finalised.

Municipal elections are less than a year away and those who wish to sell can campaign on that issue. All the councillors seem to be well respected and working hard to do what is best for Orillia. Some are new to politics and a few have past experience working with the Provincial Liberals, however it will be up to the voters to decide during the election next fall.

Please allow democracy to settle this matter by letting the citizens of Orillia decide.

Yours Truly

Marcel Rousseau

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