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Via Email: Registrar@oeb.ca

**Attention: Board Members
Ontario Energy Board (OEB)**

Dear Board Members:

**RE: Region of Durham on behalf of the Brooklin North
Landowners Group (BNLG)
Letter of Support – ICM Application**

On behalf of the Brooklin North Landowners Group (“BNLG”), the Region of Durham is providing this letter of support for the joint Incremental Capital Module (“ICM”) application submitted to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) by Elexicon Energy and BNLG. The Region supports the prospect of expanding the hydroelectric system to the North Brooklin Community Area, which will allow for the electrification of a significant number of residential units, retail commercial, employment, and other public uses over the next 20+ years.

Whitby Council passed a resolution on July 11th, 2022 to endorse the ICM application for the purpose of implementing smart grid technology (see attached letter dated July 12th, 2022). This endorsement follows an understanding that BNLG will commit to ensure newly constructed homes will provide ‘roughed-in’ for Distributed Energy Resources and Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers.

If this information is required in an accessible format, please contact Planning Reception at 1-800-372-1102, ext. 2548.

Providing rough-ins for future electric vehicle usage and photovoltaic inputs in North Brooklin is aligned with the objectives Durham Community Energy Plan and low carbon pathway. This will help to reduce fossil fuel consumption and GHG emissions in the community for transportation and help to offset electricity demand attributed to the growth anticipated for Durham Region to 2031, creating more sustainable, adaptable, and resilient communities. The expansion of this electricity system into North Brooklin is the critical path for facilitating development of the community which was enabled by the approval of Regional Official Plan Amendment 128 (ROPA 128) in 2010. The Brooklin Secondary Plan was adopted by the Town of Whitby in October 2017 and subsequently approved by the Region in July 2018. The Brooklin expansion will deliver new housing stock in Durham Region and provide an innovative and robust electrical distribution system capable of supporting a growing community.

Regional staff support the ICM application as it helps to implement the vision for growth in Whitby. It also allows the Region and the Town of Whitby to achieve their population and employment forecasts to the year 2031 as set out in the Durham Regional Official Plan, and enables many Regional objectives related to the development of healthy and complete, sustainable communities. We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. Please contact me at any time should you have any questions or wish to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,

Brian Bridgeman

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cc: Matthew Cory, Representative for the Brooklin North Landowners Group (BNLG)
Kevin Narraway, Sr. Manager, Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk, Town of Whitby
Paul Gillespie, Manager, Development Approvals, Works Department, Region
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Encl.

July 12, 2022

Via Email:

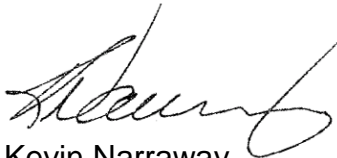
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Re: Confidential Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 21-22
Elexicon Energy – Potential Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Incremental Capital
Module (ICM) Applications: Whitby Smart Grid and Sustainable Brooklin

Please be advised that at a meeting held on July 11, 2022, the Council of the Town of
Whitby adopted the following as Resolution #186-22:

1. That Council endorse an Incremental Capital Module application to the Ontario Energy Board by Elexicon Energy for the purpose of implementing smart grid technology, including without limitation VoltVar Optimization (VVO), Fault Monitoring and Distribution Automation (FLISR) and an Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) in Whitby; and,
2. That Council endorse an Incremental Capital Module application to the Ontario Energy Board by Elexicon Energy for the purpose of funding the extension of the hydro electric grid to north Brooklin in return for the commitment from the North Brooklin landowners to ensure that newly constructed homes serviced by said extension are 'roughed-in' for Distributed Energy Resources and Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned Matthew Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer at 905.430.4316.



Kevin Narraway
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