



*Huron-Bruce Matters*

**LISA THOMPSON, MPP**

***Mandatory Municipal Participation in Renewable Energy RFPs Petition***

**To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

WHEREAS, The Independent Electrical System Operator has requested input on the RFP process used to award renewable energy contracts; and

WHEREAS, The government indicated that new contracts would be directed to willing host communities with the Minister of Energy indicating on March 7<sup>th</sup> that it would be “almost impossible” for a contract to be granted under the current process without municipal agreement; and

WHEREAS, Three of the five contracts announced on March 10<sup>th</sup> did not have municipal support for the project; and

WHEREAS, The current process does not meet the government’s standards for openness and transparency; and

WHEREAS, The province has not demonstrated that renewable energy projects are of sufficient strategic importance in meeting Ontario’s electricity generation requirements and/ or carbon emission reduction targets to warrant the province taking action to override municipal decisions;

THEREFORE, we the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and the Government of Ontario to make municipal support a mandatory requirement in the IESO RFP process, require that full details of the project be made available to local Councils, and allow municipalities to provide comments on the project directly to the IESO, before any more approvals are granted.

Name (Printed)	Address	Email	Signature

**Please mail (do not fax) the original signed petition (no copies) to: Lisa Thompson, MPP –  
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