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Re: TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project

At its April 1, 2026 Council Meeting, the Township of Tiny Council ratified the following resolution regarding TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project:

Moved by Councillor Sean Mskimins
Seconded by Councillor Dave Brunelle

WHEREAS the Township of Tiny recognizes the importance of developing reliable and sustainable energy infrastructure for the Province of Ontario and acknowledges that energy projects of this scale may have significant environmental, economic, and social implications for our region, particularly for Georgian Bay and surrounding ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS the proposed TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project is located within the Municipality of Meaford, the Township of Tiny is committed to ensuring that the interests of our residents and the health of Georgian Bay are fully considered;

AND WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has twice recommended to the Ministry of Energy (MOE) that this Pumped Storage project would not reduce electricity costs and have no economic value to Ontario ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS the IESO has authorized newer, more efficient and less environmentally invasive technologies such as Long-Duration Battery Storage, as they not only take less property and time to build, they can be built at more locations closer to high demand markets, reducing the need for long transmission corridors;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Defence has warned of toxic contamination of Georgian Bay when soil on 4th Canadian Division Training Centres is disturbed by construction;

AND WHEREAS some 30 endangered species will be put at risk should the project proceed;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara escarpment is a UNESCO designated geological formation deserving of protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tiny Council emphasizes the following principles:

1. **Environmental Stewardship:** The Township of Tiny is deeply concerned about potential irreversible impacts on aquatic ecosystems, water quality, and species at risk in Georgian Bay. Any project of this magnitude must meet the highest standards of environmental assessment and protection.
2. **Transparent Governance and Consultation:** We call for full transparency in the project approval process, including open communication with neighbouring municipalities and local stakeholders. Public consultation and meaningful engagement with communities in the Georgian Bay region are essential.
3. **Regional Collaboration:** The Township of Tiny encourages collaboration between municipalities, provincial authorities, and Indigenous partners to ensure that any energy project reflects regional priorities, including environmental protection, economic sustainability, and community well-being.
4. **Precautionary Approach** Given the uncertainties and potential ecological risks, the Township of Tiny advocates for a precautionary approach. We support comprehensive independent studies and a thorough review process before any approvals or construction activities proceed.

AND THAT Council reaffirms its commitment to representing the interests of our residents and protecting the natural heritage of Georgian Bay, and stands ready to engage constructively with TC Energy, the Municipality of Meaford, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and provincial authorities to ensure that energy development in our region proceeds responsibly and sustainably;

AND THAT Council requests that the IAAC requires a full Comprehensive Environmental Assessment in a radius of 100 kms of Georgian Bay and release these findings to the public prior to issuing any decision on TC Energy's Pumped Storage project;

AND THAT Council further requests that the IAAC fully implements a Coastal Engineering study involving a coupled. High fidelity numerical modeling combined with physical lab testing (wave flumes) and long-term, high-resolution field data monitoring for a radius of 100kms of the shoreline;

AND THAT that this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin, IAAC (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada), the IESO, DND, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, Simcoe North Member of Parliament, Simcoe North Member of Provincial Parliament, Canadian Coast Guard, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to request their co-operation in preventing this project from proceeding;



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AND THAT, due to the urgent and time sensitive nature, this request is filed prior to the public comment period from the IAAC of April 06, 2026;

AND THAT the correspondence from the SSEA dated September 9, 2025 regarding the TC Energy Pumped Storage Proposal be included in the submission;

AND THAT Council read and pass this motion on April 01, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

<original signed by>

Sarah Cathcart
Deputy Clerk

Copy to:

- IAAC (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada), the
- IESO,
- Ministry of the Environment,
- Conservation and Parks,
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry,
- Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans,
- Simcoe North Member of Parliament,
- Simcoe North Member of Provincial Parliament,
- Canadian Coast Guard,
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- Association of Municipalities of Ontario.