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Township Opposed to Ministry of the Environment's Approval of Bio-En Facility

Elmira, Ontario - On Monday of this week, the Environmental Approvals Branch of the Ministry of Environment notified the Township via email that they had approved the proposed Bio-En facility in Elmira.

The Township is extremely disappointed with the Province's decision. The municipality's opposition to the project's location is well documented. Council has previously filed in writing its concerns (i.e. land use compatibility, truck traffic and odour) regarding the project with the Province, met with Provincial officials at both AMO and ROMA within the last year to underscore the municipality's concerns, and ask for their support and assistance with re-location of the project.

Based on recent comments from Provincial officials at ROMA, Council has been optimistic that the Province fully appreciated the municipality's concerns and was supportive of facilitating the re-location efforts. In fact, the Province had committed at ROMA to facilitating a meeting with the Ontario Power Authority concerning the proposed re-location.

The Township is supportive of green energy, and did propose to the Province a viable alternative site that would have been a valuable win for energy, the environment, agriculture and the local economy.

In light of the recent decision, Council will be considering and evaluating the options available to the Township with respect to appealing the Province's approval.

"Council has actively voiced its concerns about the project to the Province, has attempted to facilitate the re-location of the project, and plans to continue to do so", stated Mayor Cowan.

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