



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.9.
Resolution Number 25-134
Title: Request for Consultation on Transmission Capacity Enhancements and Sub-Barrier Transmission Lines
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Sheard
Seconded by: Councillor Cade Fraser

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Energy and Mines, is exploring and advancing initiatives to enhance electricity transmission capacity between Northern and Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago is located within an ecologically sensitive and culturally significant region, and is directly impacted by decisions related to electricity transmission infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the concept of “sub-barrier transmission lines” and potential changes to existing transmission corridors present both opportunities and concerns for environmental stewardship, cultural heritage protection, community well-being, and local economic activity; and

WHEREAS the Township of The Archipelago recognizes the importance of reliable energy transmission for the province as a whole, while also emphasizing the need for thorough consultation and collaboration with affected municipalities to ensure that local priorities, land use considerations, and environmental safeguards are respected; and

WHEREAS meaningful municipal input is essential to ensure that provincial decisions reflect the unique geographic, environmental, and socio-economic context of The Archipelago.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of The Archipelago formally request that the Ministry of Energy and Mines engage in direct consultation with the Township regarding all current and future proposals to enhance transmission capacity between Northern and

Southern Ontario, including but not limited to sub-barrier transmission lines; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The Archipelago is proactively completing our socio-economic review of the sustainability of our settlement area, Pointe au Baril, and the impact of going to a secondary road of Highway 69;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that such consultation include timely sharing of relevant studies, route options, and impact assessments, and provide opportunities for the Township to convey feedback prior to final decisions; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Shawanaga First Nation, Henvey Inlet First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, and neighbouring municipalities potentially impacted by transmission line developments.

Carried