

Whereas Inverness County believes in the wise development and use of our resources to build a sustainable economic base that contributes to local employment opportunities

Whereas the municipality of Inverness has the responsibility, through the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, to engage communities and citizens in planning for the social, economic, environmental and cultural priorities for its region.

Whereas the Municipality of Inverness has not been consulted by Industry or the Provincial Government from the beginning with regards to the ongoing plans for oil/gas exploration in the Lake Ainslie Block

Whereas drilling and hydraulic fracturing for shale gas/oil is a new extraction process in our region and still under review by the Province

Be it resolved:

- That drilling for shale oil/gas not be permitted within a safe and acceptable distance from any lake or flowing water source to be determined in consultation with representatives from the community and municipality.
- That the Province will consult with Inverness Municipal Council in all present and future planning and review of oil/gas exploration in our region.
- That the Province carry-out an environmental impact study of the Lake Ainslie/Margaree Watershed and in the future, all watersheds before any permit for drilling is issued.
- **That a committee be struck to research and develop an energy strategy for Inverness County that will help to identify investment opportunities for locally based energy solutions in heating, electricity and transportation, including improving energy conservation and efficiency.**

I so move the acceptance of this resolution

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