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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands is interested in developing sources of renewable energy within the Municipality. In furtherance of this objective, the Municipality is inviting expressions of interest from individuals or firms who are interested in exploring the feasibility of micro hydro-electric power generation within the Municipality.

Government engineers have identified several sites located within the Municipality that may be suitable for the development of small hydro-electric power projects. The identified sites can be accessed by shoreline road allowances owned by the Municipality. The Municipality is interested in assisting potential developers to determine the feasibility of hydro-electric generation at these identified locations.

The Municipality envisages a two stage process for the development of these hydro-electric sites. In the first stage, the Municipality would enter into an agreement with a selected developer allowing the developer to use the shoreline road allowance to conduct a feasibility study of the potential project. If after the study is complete the developer determines that a power project is desirable at the location, then a long term agreement can be negotiated with the Municipality for construction and operation of the facility.

Potential developers may also wish to review the Ontario Power Authority's Standard Offer Program. The Standard Offer Program supports businesses and entrepreneurs in selling renewable power to the grid by setting a fixed price for 20 years for small generation projects. Information on the program can be found at: <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/SOP>

For more information on the location of the identified sites, or to express your interest in conducting a feasibility study, we ask that, no later than July 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., you contact:

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Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Mills".

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