



May 11, 2006

Premier Gordon Campbell  
Room 156, West Annex  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier:

At the May 11, 2006, Committee of the Whole meeting, City Council supports the following resolution and urges you to reconsider Bill 30:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and the Union of BC Municipalities, by Memorandum of Understanding signed September 22, 2004 are committed to:

- Fostering cooperative inter-governmental relations,
- Recognizing the jurisdiction and accountability of both orders of government,
- Facilitating the responsible development of clean, renewable energy sources to meet the energy needs of British Columbians,
- Providing efficient and effective IPP review and approval processes for both orders of Government.

AND WHEREAS the amendment to the *Utilities Commission Act* proposed by Bill 30 will serve to:

- Eliminate local government involvement and engagement in IPP review and approval processes,
- Remove jurisdiction of local government over IPP's on Crown Land,
- Remove local government from the responsible development of clean, renewable energy sources,
- Impair cooperative inter-governmental relations, and

AND WHEREAS these amendments will have significant impacts for local governments throughout the province when the full scope and potential of IPP's are considered (e.g. wind, geo-thermal, coal bed methane and run of river projects);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to immediately set Bill 30 aside and return to working with UBCM to complete the commitments of the MOU on Independent Power Projects as quickly as possible;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, UBCM, MLA's and British Columbia local governments.

**CARRIED**

THE CITY OF VICTORIA



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This recommendation is expected to be endorsed at the Victoria City Council meeting of May 25, 2006.

The City of Victoria is hopeful that you will honour this request and that we are able to resolve this contentious issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Lowe".

Alan Lowe  
MAYOR

c: UBCM  
BC Local Governments  
MLA's