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KINGSTON -- City council's support of new electricity projects doesn't include those that use fossil fuels.

City council unanimously voted in favour of an amended motion that will see "blanket municipal support" automatically provided to projects that contribute to Ontario's electricity supply.

"I think it is highly unlikely that we will see any gas plants coming to Kingston but just to be crystal clear we put it in writing," said Lakeside Dist. Coun. Wendy Stephen, who put forward the amendment.

"Supporting electricity generated through the burning of fossil fuels would really run counter to the direction we've chosen for our city."

Only projects that involve solar, electricity storage and biofuels will be supported.

The move to keep fossil fuels out of the support resolution was supported by 11 of the twelve councillors present, with Countryside Dist. Coun. Gary Oosterhof being the only dissenting voice.

Oosterhof said ruling out the use of fossil fuels could increase energy costs in the future.

"We have to be very careful with this," Oosterhof said. "We are speaking on behalf of 130,000 people in the city who, when they wake up in the morning, want their power to be there."

"There is a role for gas to play," he said, noting that "politicians can mess up the energy file."

The Independent Energy System Operator (IESO) is seeking to foster the creation of an additional 2,518 megawatts of year-round electricity by 2028.

According to the IESO, there are 55 applicants in Ontario qualified to submit proposals under the request for proposals, which could include a significant amount of solar installations, electricity storage resources, hybrid generation and storage options, natural gas and biofuels.

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