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**Subject:** NPEI 2023 Board of Directors Appointments

Good Evening Mayor Junkin & Members of Council

First and foremost, congratulations to you all on your election and re-election bids! Well earned and deserved.

Secondly, my name is William Reilly and I'm writing to you all this evening in regards to your two future board appointments with Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc through your Peninsula West Power Inc. seats commencing in January of 2023.

I'm currently finishing my third year on the board of directors at Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. I've really enjoyed my three years there, and have gained a mountain of new knowledge and information. I have come to learn that your former appointee, director Gordon Marasco, will not be returning to the board and his seat will need to be replaced as well. My seat was for only three years, and requires reappointment. I also realize these positions can be hard to find people to both volunteer their names for and to actually have the time to fulfill the commitment. Their meetings & workshops tend to happen mostly in the morning during regular business hours, and being self-employed myself I have the flexibility to attend. I have a perfect attendance record which NPEI can confirm at your request.

The reason for my email this evening, is that on December 5th you will need to decide who will fill these seats which brings me to an idea if the will of Council would consider, and that idea would be to ask Council to consider re-appointing me to one of those two seats. One of the seats this year is a seat that Lincoln, Pelham, and West Lincoln all share and the decision who is appointed to that seat rotates between each municipality every three years. Besides having previous experience serving on this board, I also would like to highlight one of the key issues found within our strategic plan workshop was board of directors turnover. It can be difficult to maintain consistency when there's change in continuity within leadership and especially with this board turning over at almost every election make it even more difficult. Plus there is literally a mountain of new information, training, education, changes in Provincial legislation, etc required to carry out the duties on this board which can be overwhelming for some. I've always had a dedication for continuing my education, and would love the opportunity to serve another three years on this board with my newly gained knowledge and willingness to learn more. I also believe it would also be in the best interest of all of NPEI's rate

payers given my previous knowledge and experience serving on this board to ensure the right decisions continue to be made during these challenging and difficult times, and should the will of Council decide to wait on filling in the second board position, appointing myself would allow the board to maintain some continuity within it's current leadership until that decision is made.

Lastly, I also serve on NPEI's Finance and Governance committees as well as the board. And some of my other responsibilities outside of this board is being on the board of directors for the Employment Help Centre, A commissioner for the inaugural Niagara Transit Commission, and a Ward 3 Councillor from West Lincoln where I'm currently the chair of Planning Building and Environment. I've served on many boards and have had many roles in my time, those are just a few. And in 2019, I was named one of Niagara top 40 under the age of 40 Business Achievement Awards recipients which I believe demonstrates my passion to serve and my commitment to excellent customer service.

Anyways, I won't take up much more of your time. Thank you for the consideration, and potential opportunity. Should anyone have any questions for me regarding this request, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reach at [REDACTED]

Have a wonderful night, and thank you again.

William Reilly