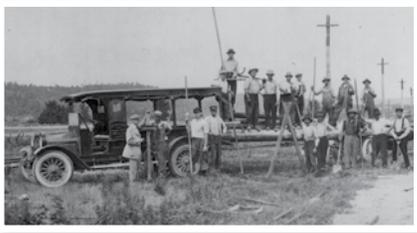


**Traverse City Buys
Queen City Light & Power!**

**Voters Approve
a Separate
L&P Board!**

**L&P Bayfront Plant
is Removed!**

Looking Back Helps Us Look Ahead.



In the early part of the 20th century, the poles and wires used to distribute electricity were all installed above-ground with manual labor.

For nearly a century, Traverse City Light & Power (L&P) has played an important part in the community. Owned by the citizens of Traverse City, L&P's roots trace back to 1912 with the purchase of Queen City Light & Power, the Keystone Dam and the property around Brown Bridge Dam.

In 1928, the first steam turbine was added to the Traverse City Waterworks building, which became the site of our coal-fired Bayside Power Plant.

In 1976, the City Commission established an ad hoc committee to study the advisability of establishing a separate L&P Board. The committee was made up of the following five members: Larry Hardy, Les Biederman, R. S. "Bill" Terry, Peter Tyner and Joseph Zimmerman.

A two year L&P Advisory Board was approved by the voters in April 1977.

On April 2, 1979, after a public meeting and other citizen input, voters approved the permanent structure of a separate L&P Board which is still intact today.

In 1996, L&P pioneered America's first utility grade wind turbine on M-72.

In 2005, the Bayside Power Plant, which had been relegated to peak power support, was removed and sold to a Honduran company.

In 2009, L&P signed a contract to purchase all generation output from five 2-megawatt wind turbines located southeast of Cadillac. In the fall of 2010, when all five turbines are running, L&P will have the highest percentage of wind generation to total generation of any utility in Michigan.



Operating an electric utility is complex, as illustrated by the controls at the Kalkaska Gas Combustion plant. As a joint participant, L&P maintains & operates this Michigan Public Power Agency project with 4 other municipal utilities.

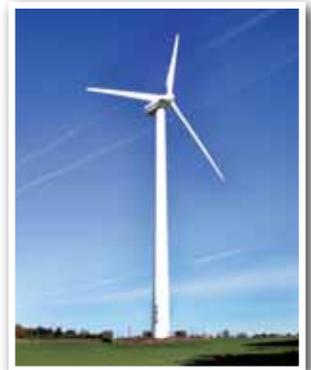
As we approach our 100th year anniversary in 2012 we'll be bringing more facts and information about L&P's history, its important role in our community and our vision for the future.

Many of today's issues have been debated before - See other side.



Photo: Anderson Aerial Photography

L&P removed this coal-burning plant along Grandview Parkway in 2005, expanding the "Open Space" to the Bay.



Built in 1996, L&P's wind turbine was the first utility scale wind turbine in Michigan and the largest in the country!



TCL&P Mission: To provide safe, affordable, reliable energy services in an environmentally conscious manner.



Meet Your L&P Board Members

In addition to his L&P duties, Ralph is the retired Chief of the TC Police Department and TC Fire Department, Mayor Pro Tem on the City Commission, Chairman of the Goodwill Industries Board, Vice Chair of the Women's Resource Center Board and a member of the Munson Corporate Board.

Comments from Commissioner
Ralph Soffredine - Board Member since 2005

The L&P Board is made up of seven members, two of which are City Commissioners. The two City Commissioners on the L&P Board are tasked with voicing the overall opinion of the City Commission and voting accordingly on L&P issues.

Since 2005, I have had to learn the complexity of the electrical system, the risks of our system and the L&P rate structure. This was not an easy task and it took well over a year before I felt comfortable with the technical aspect of the utility business.

The City Commission has direct voting authority over the L&P annual budget, six year capital improvements plan and bonding issues. The City Commission also interviews and appoints each L&P Board Member.

Together, the L&P Board and City Commission are working to secure our energy future.

~ Ralph Soffredine, Board Member

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Below are questions and answers from a 1979 city election publication when Traverse City voters approved the creation of a separate board to govern L&P.

Question: "Why have the Advisory Committee and City Commission recommended a change in management form?"

Answer: "Operation and planning in the electric utility industry has become increasingly complex, and each major decision has become important in guaranteeing customers a secure yet low-cost source of electricity. The operating budget of the Light and Power Department has become larger than that of the City. The general business of the City has also multiplied and increased in complexity, taking more and more time of the City Commission. A specialized board could devote all its time to the Light and Power Department and the future of the electrical utility could be more thoroughly examined."

Question: "Would the public have input into the new Board?"

Answer: "Yes. All meetings of the Board would be open to the public and any person could speak on utility matters. A public hearing must be held before electric rates and charges are set. Board members would be appointed by the City Commission and can be removed by the City Commission for misconduct, unfaithful performance of duty or failure to attend meetings."

Question: "Would the City Commission have authority over the Board?"

Answer: "The City Commission could disapprove the board's annual budget, its capital improvements plan or a request to issue bonds for a construction project. In this way the major electric utility decisions would need the approval of the City Commission."

L&P proudly serving our community for  years

The complete 1979 Fact Sheet is on our website under "About Us."



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