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**TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL**

April 12, 2013

**Ontario PC's Interest Arbitration Private Members' Bill Lost on Vote**

Today in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Jim Wilson's Private Member Bill "*The Public Sector Capacity to Pay Act*, 2013, Bill 44, was lost on a motion for Second Reading. The vote was: Ayes 36 and Nays 52.

This could be seen as a lost legislative opportunity to make improvements to the interest arbitration system that municipal leaders and others have called for to rebalance it and make it accountable and transparent. We had been encouraged by the introduction of Bill 44 as we did see that it captured many of the practical changes AMO has been asking for.

The government's intentions as signaled in the 2013 Throne Speech have not been shared. The 2013 Throne Speech said that it would: "sit down with its partners across all sectors to build a sustainable model for wage negotiation, respectful of both collective bargaining and a fair and transparent arbitration process".

At this time, AMO and its members continue to encourage all parties in the Ontario Legislature to work together to find common ground to make interest arbitration, more accountable and transparent. Changes are needed to ensure that interest arbitration achieves its intent, which is fairness to essential service employees, their peers and employers. Ontario's interest arbitration system will work as intended, when there are equal incentives for employee and employer groups to choose negotiated settlements over interest arbitration.

Changes to legislation that will increase everyone's interest and desire to be successful in collective bargaining is an outcome municipal governments believe all members of the Legislature share.

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**A French version of this message is included below.**

**La version française de ce message se trouve ci-dessous.**

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Dear Clerk,

This letter is a friendly reminder about the upcoming series of six regional forums for municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees (AACs) being hosted by the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario (ADO). The theme of the forums is "Engaging Effectively with your Community".

The target audience for the forums is members of municipal AACs and municipal staff who work with and support these committees. As well, we hope to attract community organizations and businesses that provide services or support to people with disabilities.

The schedule of the regional forums is below. I have included the deadline dates for informing us of your accommodation or support requests. Allowing us to plan in advance will ensure that we will be able to meet your needs on the day of the event. If you do not require accommodation or support, you may register up until two days prior to the forum date.

Location	Date	Venue	Deadline for Accommodation or Support Requests

New Liskeard	May 2, 2013	Holiday Inn Express and Suites	April 19, 2013
Sault Ste. Marie	May 7, 2013	Delta Sault Ste. Marie	April 22, 2013
Burlington	May 9, 2013	Holiday Inn Burlington	April 22, 2013
Toronto	May 22, 2013	Metro Toronto Convention Centre	May 6, 2013
London	May 29, 2013	London Convention Centre	May 13, 2013
Ottawa	June 20, 2013	Delta Ottawa City Centre	June 4, 2013

The Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) is coordinating the regional forums on our behalf. For questions regarding the forums or to request the registration in an accessible format, contact Julia Frost at OMSSA via any of the following:

**e-mail:** [jfrost@omssa.com](mailto:jfrost@omssa.com)

**Telephone:** 416-646-0511

**TTY:** Dial 711 and ask to be connected to 416-646-0511

You can register for:

- New Liskeard at <http://aacnewliskeard.eventbrite.ca>
- Sault Ste. Marie at <http://aacsault.eventbrite.ca>
- Burlington at <http://aacbu.eventbrite.ca>
- Toronto at <http://aacto.eventbrite.ca>
- London at <http://aaclo.eventbrite.ca>
- Ottawa at <http://aacott.eventbrite.ca>

I look forward to your attendance and joining our journey toward an accessible Ontario.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By:*

Alfred Spencer  
A/Assistant Deputy Minister



## **OFSC and OFATV Advocate No Riding on Private Land Without Landowner Permission**

(Barrie, ON April 15, 2013) - The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) and the Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicles (OFATV) urge all motorized riders to be responsible by respecting landowner rights. This respect starts with not entering any private land without permission. This means staying off of trails on private land that are not available to any rider during a given season (e.g. OFSC snowmobile trails during non-winter months) or that are available only for the use of a specific rider group during a specific season (e.g. snowmobilers during the winter).

All OFSC Prescribed Snowmobile Trails on private land are shut down at the end of each winter and not available again until the next winter. This is because landowners have given permission to local snowmobile clubs to allow snowmobiles on these trails on their land, but only in the winter. This permission does not include any other riders or seasons.

Unauthorized use of OFSC trails on private land in the non-winter months can not only lead to trespass charges, but can also result in a landowner permanently closing a trail to all riders for all seasons. Before entering any trail on private property in any season, every rider must have land use permission, either directly from the landowner or through membership in a provincial or regional organization or local club. When in doubt, check with the OFSC or OFATV to confirm where trail riding is available, acceptable and authorized in each season.

Ontario snowmobilers and ATV riders have enough shared or dedicated trails to ride legally in this province without trespassing on private land. Snowmobilers and ATV riders need to earn and keep the respect of local landowners and of their home communities by riding only where authorized and by staying on the trail. The best way to enjoy riding responsibly on authorized trails is to join your local club and ride with other club members.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs is dedicated to providing strong leadership and support to member clubs and volunteers, to establishing and maintaining quality snowmobile trails which are used in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, and to furthering the enjoyment of organized snowmobiling.

The Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicle Clubs is a not-for profit, volunteer driven association that along with support staff provides resources to our member clubs so that together, we are able to strengthen the public's perception and the position that our clubs strive to provide responsible, safe, legal, and environmentally friendly trails for riding all-terrain vehicles (ATVs & ROVs) in the province of Ontario.

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**2010 OMPF Reconciliation Announced Amid Future Funding Uncertainty**

Today the Ministry of Finance released the final reconciliation of the 2010 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). This means 180 municipalities from across the province will receive payments totaling nearly \$28 million. It was also re-announced that this is the last year in which the Ministry will provide OMPF reconciliation payments.

Since the inception of the OMPF the government has provided reconciliation funding which responds to actual municipal costs for social services and policing versus estimates. This responsiveness has been a key feature of the Fund. The OMPF is a critical provincial funding program that assists municipalities with social program costs, equalization, policing costs, and assists northern and rural communities to provide services to citizens.

AMO is very disappointed with the government's plan to discontinue reconciliation payments for 2011 and beyond. Since the termination of these payments was first announced in November 2012, AMO has pressed the issue with successive Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs and Housing.

A great deal of uncertainty surrounds future OMPF allocations and the operating budget support it provides to qualifying municipalities. Four issues are at play:

1. The end of reconciliation means that from fiscal year 2011 onwards any variances in municipal costs for social assistance or policing will not be offset by the OMPF. It means that under the OMPF formula of 2011 and 2012, that the government will not pay bills for actual program costs. Municipalities will have to absorb these expenses.
2. OMPF allocations in 2013 (under the new OMPF 'transition' formula) have been determined as a percentage of 2012 OMPF allocations exacerbating the Fund's non-responsiveness to changing municipal costs.
3. A further \$25 million cut to the OMPF is scheduled for 2014 which will be an added negative impact for municipalities. The OMPF exists to help those municipalities which don't have the assessment base or household incomes to pay higher property taxes.
4. Expected increases to 2014 OPP policing costs due to the implementation of the 4th year of the OPP collective agreement and what might happen to OPP billing in the future.

As a result, AMO's pre-budget submission called on the government to restore reconciliation for 2011 and 2012. It also seeks a deferral of the \$25 million OMPF cut schedule for 2014. Finally, AMO has been advocating for decreases in policing costs through our participation in the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC) and other policing forums, including the OPP billing working group. Discussion with the government on all these points continues.

See <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2010/> for information about the OMPF reconciliation release.

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