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## TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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December 11, 2013

Mr. Brian Schulz  
Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services  
Sudbury Forest Fire Management Centre  
6150 Skyline Drive  
Postal Bag 500  
Garson, ON P3L 1W3

RECEIVED  
DEC 16 2013

Dear Mr. Schulz:

**Re: Removal of Fire Crews from Pembroke**

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa is in receipt of your letter of November 7, 2013 advising of changes to your Fire Management Program. Of particular importance and concern is the decision you have announced to remove fire crews from the Pembroke Office of the MNR.

The removal of this service from Pembroke will have a direct negative impact on the Town of Petawawa and its Fire Department. Our Fire Department will be expected by the public to respond to bush fires immediately. We cannot wait for the MNR to respond from miles and hours away while property and lives may be at stake. There is no assurance that the MNR will be able to fulfill its obligations by responding in a timely manner. The Town does not know how the MNR intends to live up to its legal obligations under the Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement between the Town of Petawawa and the MNR dated April 1, 2013. Please advise on how you intend to address these concerns. Perhaps it would be wise for the MNR to reconsider the decision to move the crews from Pembroke.

This concern not only applies to the Town of Petawawa but to all of Renfrew County. By copy of this letter we are advising all municipalities in the County of our concerns and ask for their support.

Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter and we await your immediate response.

Yours truly,

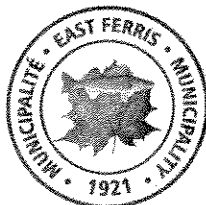
Mitchell W. Stillman, B.Sc.(Hons), C.M.O.  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

cc: Minister of Natural Resources  
Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP  
All Municipalities in Renfrew County  
County of Renfrew, CAO/Clerk

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# MUNICIPALITÉ · EAST FERRIS · MUNICIPALITY

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October 16, 2013

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: The Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund

I am writing to advise you of my great disappointment and concern with the recent announcement regarding the distribution of the \$100 million Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund. We received the announcement late Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Municipalities individually and collectively through AMO and ROMA/OGRA have provided honest and quantitative input to your government over the past year regarding the best method to distribute these monies. We have all put a great deal of effort into this process but obviously the consultations were a complete waste of everyone's time and energy. We are back to the hat in hand/lottery system for the distribution of funds. This is a total disregard for the input of the municipalities of this province.

In addition, municipalities are being given less than one month to choose a project and develop an Expression of Interest. Municipalities are currently working on their municipal asset management plans and preparing for their 2014 budget deliberations. Many asset management plans will not be completed before the end of this year yet we are all being asked to submit an Expression of Interest by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 which promotes poor priority planning and provides little time for proper decision making.

The proposed process is once again geared to larger urban municipalities which have the capacity to quickly respond to the Expression of Interest call and application submission rather than to the very Small, Rural and Northern municipalities which it is supposed to help.

We have been told that this program was truly going to be for small, rural and northern communities but the definition of 'small and rural' has been confirmed to include municipalities with a population of up to 100,000. We wonder how a city of 100,000 can be considered to be a small and rural community. This also means that 95 per cent of our municipalities will qualify.

Our Municipality was shut out of the first round of MIII funding last year and had to move forward and complete the selected road project this year, at our cost, which resulted in a tax increase for our ratepayers (3.4% this year).

We appreciate the funding that we have received over the years and more recently in 2009 through a Building Canada Fund Program and the NOHFC for the renovation of the East Ferris Community Centre/Arena which extended its life and allows us to continue to serve our residents and those of the surrounding communities. However, the Municipality of East Ferris has not received any substantial funding for our roads for over 5 years and we are in a difficult position. We were completely shut out of both the Stimulus Fund Program and the last Building Canada Fund (BCF) program for roads projects. We have seen the list of approved projects from that round of funding and are aware that while municipalities were told to submit no more than three stimulus fund applications and one BCF application many received far in excess of that number. One municipality received hundreds of approvals for millions of dollars. The total number of approved projects for the northern region was small in comparison to the number of approvals and the total value of approved projects for southern Ontario.

The Municipality of East Ferris has always managed its finances in a very responsible manner. However, we have been told the following on many occasions over the past few years:

1. Your reserves are too high, use them for infrastructure projects;
2. You have never borrowed, borrow for infrastructure projects; and
3. Your residents have a high income level, raise taxes for infrastructure projects.

Premier Wynne, we have been doing all that has been asked of us by the Province and more yet we continue to be shut out of infrastructure funding. The Municipality has:

1. Reduced our reserves by approximately 41% over the past five years by using the monies for various infrastructure projects;
2. Changed from the pay as you go system of budgeting and borrowed last year for the first time ever (\$1.2 million) for roads projects which we had to complete; and
3. Raised our taxes at a level comparable to or greater than the cost of living for each of the past five years.

We have also developed a long term economic development strategy, a facilities master plan, a reserve funds policy and we are nearing the completion of our long term capital asset management plan.

We are trying our best to be creative and innovative in our approach to our planning in an attempt to become financially healthier and move towards greater sustainability in the future. Now we can say that we, together with AMO and most of the other municipalities, are not even being listened to.

We, like many other municipalities, are also being faced with continuing decreases in our funding through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF); and, significant increases in our policing (OPP) costs. We are also facing the high costs associated with our share of the future redevelopment of the Cassellholme East Nipissing District Home for the Aged (\$60 million dollar project).

We have been and continue to ask for a source of sustainable infrastructure funding for all municipalities. We fully understand that many municipalities, including East Ferris, will have significant infrastructure projects whether they be roads, bridges, water or sewer and that there needs to be monies set aside for these larger projects as well.

AMO has recommended a fair and equitable method to distribute the \$100 million Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund and it or some similar formula should be considered.

Premier Wynne, we are in a very difficult situation as are most small rural communities in this Province.

We are respectfully requesting the following:

1. that this announcement be rescinded and that either the method advanced by AMO to distribute funds through the program or something comparable to it be implemented instead; and
2. to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss options and opportunities for the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

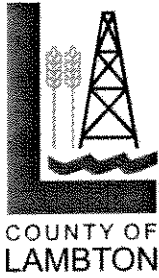
Sincerely,

*Original signed*

Mayor Bill Vrebosch, Municipality of East Ferris

Cc. Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs  
Hon. Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation  
AMO and all Municipalities  
OGRA  
Jay Aspin, MP Nipissing Temiskaming  
Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing  
All residents of the Municipality of East Ferris

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December 18, 2013

The Honorable Linda Jeffrey  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
College Park  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

**RE: Resolution opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials**

Dear Honorable Linda Jeffrey:

In support of the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association, The Corporation of the County of Lambton is seeking support in opposing the requalification of Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code.

While we oppose the requalification requirement, we do feel that ongoing training of any changes to the Ontario Building Code is necessary and the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association would like to work with the Ministry on such a training initiative.

Please be advised that Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton at its meeting on November 27, 2013, passed the following resolution:

**Whereas**, municipal building officials are the main practitioners of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and use the OBC on a daily basis in the carrying out of their duties;

**And whereas** Bill 124 that passed in 2005 required all municipal building officials to undertake a series of qualification exams;

**And whereas** a subsequent regulation 332/12 (knowledge and maintenance examinations) requires our already qualified officials to requalify by taking a similar series of qualification exams again;



**And whereas** this requalification process will provide municipalities with financial hardships in terms of registration costs, mileage costs, days away from the office to undertake their regular duties in performing timely inspections that is expected by the building industry;

**And whereas**, municipal building officials acknowledge the need to stay current with legislation and to undergo necessary training to do so;

**And whereas**, the builders and home owners will suffer slower response time for building permits and inspections until all of the building officials are qualified;

**Now, therefore**, The Corporation of the County of Lambton, in support of the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association resolves:

**That** any amendments to the OBC include provisions for training opportunities rather than requalification examinations as the means by which building officials remain current of changes to the OBC.

**That** municipal building officials, as the primary practitioners of the OBC, receive the same treatment as plumbers, electricians, professional engineers and architects with regards to exemption from requalification.

**That** the negative impact and delays that Ontario regulation 332/12 will have on the issuance of permits, inspections and response times to inquiries by municipal building officials should be taken in to consideration.

**That** municipalities and taxpayers be spared the cost of 'knowledge and maintenance examinations' under the proposed amendment to the OBC which will provide undue hardship to municipalities through lost productivity, early retirement and costs associated with the 13 categories of examinations required by fully qualified inspectors.

Should any persons have any questions please contact:

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Yours truly,



Todd Case  
Warden

cc: All Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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# TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY



477 Stone Road, RR 2  
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January 17, 2014

Hon Linda Jeffrey  
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Dear Ms. Jeffrey:

**RE: Proposed Fee Changes and Requalification  
Requirements of Municipal Building Officials in 2014**

The Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley discussed the request from the County of Lambton and unanimously agreed to support them by passing the following resolution at the Council Meeting held Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Moved by: Michael Donohue, seconded by Dirk Rook

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council support the County of Lambton resolution opposing the proposed fee changes and requalification requirements of Municipal Building Officials commencing in 2014.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario Building Officials Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Renfrew County municipalities.

"Carried"

Sincerely;

Annette Louis, Clerk-Treasurer

c.c. Ontario Building Officials Association  
A.M.O. Association of Municipalities  
County of Renfrew Municipalities  
John Yakabuski M.P.P., Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke

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January 29, 2014

Todd Case, Warden  
County of Lambton  
789 Broadway Street, Box 3000  
Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0

Dear Mr. Case:

At its Regular Meeting of January 27, 2014, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone approved the attached resolution providing support to the County of Lambton's resolution opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials.

By copy of this letter and attachments, I am also advising all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elomke", written in black ink.

Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke  
Clerk

c.c. Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



# MUNICIPALITY OF GREENSTONE

## Motion

Meeting Held: **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL**

14-27

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

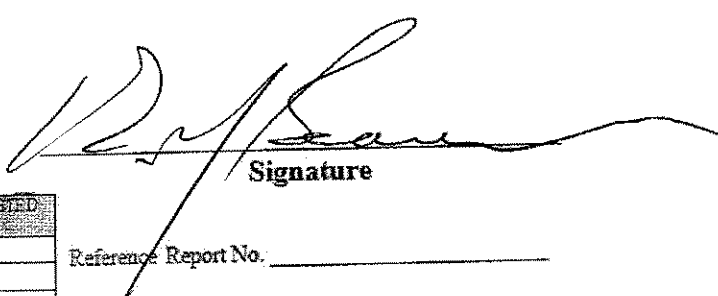
Seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

**THAT** Council of the Municipality of Greenstone support the County of Lambton in their efforts to support the Ontario Building Official Association in opposing the requalification of Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code as per the letter and resolution attached hereto;

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

Defeated

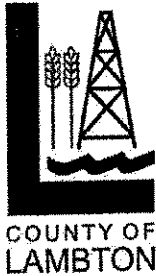
  
Signature

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	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Assad			No Vote (Negative)	
Beaulieu			No Vote (Negative)	
Daiter			No Vote (Negative)	
Ciguere			No Vote (Negative)	
Jantunen			No Vote (Negative)	
Melanson			No Vote (Negative)	
Melhuish			No Vote (Negative)	
Moylan			No Vote (Negative)	
Walterson			No Vote (Negative)	

Reference Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Certified that this copy is a true copy of the original document which has not been altered in any way.

Clerk, Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone



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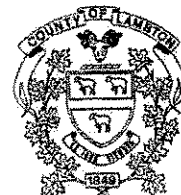
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Yours truly,



Todd Case  
Warden

cc: All Ontario Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

## Claim the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit

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The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit (HHRTC) is a permanent, refundable personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them.

Seniors 65 years and older and their live-in family members are eligible for the HHRTC of up to \$1,500 on home modifications that improve safety and accessibility – regardless of income. Eligible improvements include things like support bars, ramps or walk-in bathtubs.

The Ontario Ministry of Finance is sending you a supply of promotional materials regarding the HHRTC. These products are being sent to organizations, home renovation/home building companies and charitable agencies across Ontario as part of an ongoing awareness campaign. The campaign is intended to remind seniors and their caregivers of the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit and encourage them to claim the credit for eligible renovations when they file their taxes.

We ask for your assistance by making these products available to clients who use your organization's services.

Additional brochures are also available:

- Order online through Publications Ontario: [www.publications.serviceontario.ca](http://www.publications.serviceontario.ca)
- Download and print copies from the Ontario Ministry of Finance's HHRTC website: [www.ontario.ca/healthyhomes](http://www.ontario.ca/healthyhomes)

For More Information:

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TTY 1 800 263-7776

Thank you for your participation.

Communications Services Branch  
Ontario Ministry of Finance

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Date:** January-31-14 4:49 PM  
**To:** <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Subject:** AMO President's Letter to OPP Policing Municipalities

January 31, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

Hundreds of Ontario municipalities are concerned, and frustrated, with efforts to improve the fairness and transparency of the OPP's billing model. AMO's Board of Directors recognizes that OPP costs, and the rising cost of policing in general, are concerns for all municipalities. AMO believes that we all need to pull together and work together to approach this challenge from the strongest possible position.

To achieve this, AMO's Board met today and approved the creation of a new OPP Billing Steering Committee. This committee will represent the diversity of all OPP communities, and it will guide efforts to achieve a billing model that municipalities can live with.

The discussion among AMO's Board members captured some of the principles that can guide the AMO Steering Committee's work:

- The government's and the OPP's approach is dividing municipalities. We must stand together.
- A broad range of communities, including very small communities, must be represented on the Steering Committee.
- Municipalities have tried to approach the problem in a way that works for the Ontario government and the OPP; it's time to demand greater appreciation from the government of municipal needs.
- The OPP has tried to simplify a complex problem; municipalities need a comprehensive and transparent solution.
- Some municipalities pay as little as \$9 per household, while others pay more than \$1,000 which is not seen as fair.
- Residents in unorganized townships should be paying their fair share.
- The model should mitigate cost increases for municipalities that face high tax increases.
- The capacity of property taxpayers to adjust to sudden changes is limited.

AMO is also concerned that discussions about the billing model are shielding the Ontario Government and the OPP from the root issue, which is unchecked growth in policing costs. In addition to addressing how OPP costs are allocated, Ontario must address the need for greater efficiency, more cost effective approaches to policing whether own force or OPP, and changes to interest arbitration. All communities must have access to affordable and effective policing, now and in the future.

04/02/2014

February 7, 2014

**OPP Policed Communities: UPDATE 1**

A week ago, AMO's Board of Directors directed the establishment of an OPP Billing Steering Committee. Its purpose is to look at the proposed OPP billing model, including objectives and outcomes that could be acceptable to the different interests of the municipal sector. It will also look at elements of the underlying matters that contribute to high policing costs and how these too might be improved. It will be up to the provincial government to accept or reject those recommendations.

In response to the communique sent last Friday about the Steering Committee's formation, AMO received many expressions of interest to volunteer for this Committee. The volume of volunteers who put their names forward displayed an overwhelming breadth and depth of concern for this issue. We are grateful and express appreciation to all who recently stepped forward. In addition, the Board wanted to invite a representative from the three sub-municipal groups (Mayors' Coalition, OPP Discussion Group and the Under 5,000 Group).

The Board directed that representatives come from all corners of the province with careful consideration to the diversity of interest, circumstance, region, knowledge and experience of each individual. All municipalities should be able to see themselves represented in the women and men who will be participating in these critical discussions.

Based on the Board's direction, the President has confirmed the following elected officials as members of the AMO OPP Billing Steering Committee:

Politis, Peter	Mayor	Cochrane (Chair, Mayors' Coalition)
Vrebosch, Bill	Mayor	East Ferris (Chair Under 5,000 Group)
TBC	TBC	TBC (OPP Discussion Group)
McNamara, Gary	Mayor	Tecumseh (Future of Policing Advisory Committee)
White, Chris	Warden	County of Wellington
Canfield, Dave	Mayor	Kenora
Spacek, Al	Mayor	Kapuskasing (FONOM)
Ron Nelson	Mayor	O'Connor Township
Barfoot, Alan	Mayor	Georgian Bluffs
Conn, David	Mayor	Seguin Township
Marr, David	Warden	Elgin County
Mertens, Peter	Mayor	Prince Edward County
Reid, Barb	Reeve	Minden Hills
Reycraft, Doug	Mayor	Southwest Middlesex
Thompson, Linda	Mayor	Port Hope

The first meeting of the Committee has been set for February 14, 2014 at AMO offices in Toronto. At the first meeting, the Committee will establish its work plan, how it will operate, what it will do and how it will communicate more broadly. Last week's communique to you generated some municipal feedback and ideas. We want to provide all municipalities the opportunity to submit ideas, including those they offered during the OPP's fall consultation or subsequent ideas. We have set up [oppbillingsc@amo.on.ca](mailto:oppbillingsc@amo.on.ca) as a dedicated e-mail for this Steering Committee.

The Board wishes the Steering Committee to move expeditiously on these matters and I hope that the Committee will be in a position to present public recommendations by end of March/early April. You should expect the next communique shortly after the Steering Committee's initial meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.F. Powers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R.F. (Russ) Powers  
President



## **Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "Peggy Young-Lovelace" <peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca>  
**Date:** January-24-14 12:47 PM  
**To:** "undisclosed-recipients:"  
**Attach:** OPP Billing Model January 20th Meeting Notes.pdf  
**Subject:** Proposed OPP billing model

Good Morning Everyone!

Reeve Bovin (Baldwin Township) and Mayor Laurier Falldien (Nairn & Hyman Township) hosted a meeting in Sudbury on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss the proposed OPP Billing Model. Participants from 23 municipalities, population less than 5,000) attended the meeting. The PDF file attached is a summary of the discussion and including a resolution that was generally agreed to by those in attendance. It was agreed that this resolution would be forwarded to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario with a population of less than 5,000 for their consideration and potential support thereof. It was further agreed that the resolutions would be collected and that a follow up meeting would be scheduled to discuss next steps.

There was also discussion around the following but was not included in the summary as it was felt that the summary would be the document that would be circulated by Mayor Watson and Mayor Vrebosch to FONOM and AMO:

1. the province has legislated municipalities to provide police services but they do not have any ability to affect policy of the OPP;
2. it was difficult for small communities to negotiate contracts with the OPP and that even those who had contracts under section 10 were not happy with how the costing worked in the end.
3. the proposed model has no cap and there is potential for it to costs to go beyond what is being reported as the "average";
4. that the disparity between what communities pay should never have existed for so long and that the OPP needs to get its own budget under control before they seek costs from municipalities;
5. fair and equitable payment from those living in the 1580 unincorporated townships for policing;
6. potential funding formulas that include "the ability to pay"(assessment), population, calls for service, crime rate etc.;
7. negotiating changes to the OMPF that would be fair to small communities in exchange for the province assuming policing costs; and
8. the need for something that is fair and sustainable for all - not something that continues to divide municipalities and would see astronomical increases for some.

The following resolution is what is included in the PDF file so that you can cut and paste it into your own format.

**WHEREAS** municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;  
**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing



service;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.

If your community will be considering this resolution, could you please email me and let me know the date of the meeting that it will be tabled at? Also, if a resolution does get passed can you please scan and email a copy to Sylvie Walsh at Nairn & Hyman? Her email address is [sylviewalsh@nairncentre.ca](mailto:sylviewalsh@nairncentre.ca)

At this time, the media has not been advised of what happened at the meeting and it was agreed that an official statement would be issued after the next meeting.

This email is being sent out to all municipalities including those who were at the meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

***Peggy Young-Lovelace***

Clerk-Treasurer

Baldwin Township

PH 705-869-0225

FX 705-869-5049

*Where there is UNITY there is always VICTORY.*

- *Pubilius Syrus*

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Mayor Falldien and Reeve Bovin hosted a meeting in Sudbury Ontario where the following communities participated in a dialogue about the proposed OPP billing model and the inequality around policing cost in general. The overall purpose of the meeting was to identify a solution to the issue of OPP costs for small communities with a population of less than 5,000.

Assignack  
Baldwin  
Blind River  
Charlton & Dack  
Chisholm  
Coleman  
East Ferris  
Gore Bay  
Huron Shores  
Joly  
Killarney  
Latchford  
MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l  
Markstay Warren  
McDougall – also representing  
    McKellar  
    The Archipelago  
    Seguin  
    Whitestone  
    Carling

McMurrich/Monteith  
Nairn & Hyman  
North Shore  
Plummer Additional  
Sables Spanish Rivers  
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St. Joseph  
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Also in attendance were representatives from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands who had to leave prior to the vote on the resolution.

The communities in the room represented municipalities facing extreme cost increases if the proposed model was implemented and also included those who would see cost savings. Three municipalities pay in excess of \$600 per household for policing. There were communities that have or had contracts with the OPP and those that were non-contract.

After due deliberation and discussion the following resolution was generally approved by those in attendance:

**WHEREAS** municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service;

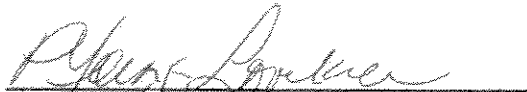
**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.

It was agreed that this resolution would be forwarded to all municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 for their consideration; forwarded to Mayor Bill Vrebosch for sharing with ROMA and AMO; and to be sent to Mayor Lynn Watson for sharing with FONOM.

This is certified to be a true representation of what transpired at the meeting of small municipalities in Sudbury Ontario on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014



Peggy Young-Lovelace  
Clerk-Treasurer  
Baldwin Township

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**CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON**

Office of the Mayor

Municipal Office  
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December 23, 2013

Honourable Madeleine Meilleur  
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
18th Floor, George Drew Building  
25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur:

**Re: OPP Billing Reform**

The Municipality of Brockton is supporting, by way of Resolution 13-22-266, the new billing model recently proposed by your Ministry as it is a more equitable approach to paying for policing services delivered by the OPP across its entire client base. For decades, the residents of Brockton have also been funding courtroom security for the Walkerton Courts in their taxes. The new billing model proposes to have all municipalities pay a portion of courtroom security rather than placing one hundred percent of that financial burden on the shoulders of the municipality that hosts the court facilities. The Municipality of Brockton supports this more equitable approach.

The Municipality of Brockton has historically been paying a proportionally higher cost per household for OPP policing services when compared to other municipalities with similar population and occurrences. Brockton Council realizes that the new billing model for OPP police services, as proposed by the Ministry, may increase the financial burden for some municipalities in the province. However, a new billing model needs to be created that is less complex and more equitable.

We will be circulating Resolution 13-22-266 to all municipalities in the province through Association of Municipalities of Ontario and ask that if they support the proposed new billing model, that they forward verification of that support to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau and copy the Municipality of Brockton.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Inglis'.

David Inglis  
Mayor

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Mary Silverthorn & Rick Philbin, OPP Municipal Policing Bureau  
Mrs. Bev Willick, Chair – Brockton Police Service Board  
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# The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

No. 13-22-266

Session: December 16, 2013

Moved By: Charles Reidl

Seconded By: André Gauthier

Whereas the provision of police services to municipalities by the OPP should be based upon fairness and transparency; and,

Whereas the cost-recovery for those services should be provided in an equitable manner that does not result in wide variations between municipalities of similar size and population; and

Whereas in 2013 Brockton allocated 35.5% of the taxes levied for municipal purposes, or \$587 per household, to cover the cost of OPP policing; and,

Whereas there are many municipalities of a similar size and population as Brockton that are paying substantially less for OPP policing.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton hereby supports the new billing model for OPP municipal policing services as proposed by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) as presented at the local engagement session hosted by the OPP and the MCSCA.

And further, that this resolution be circulated through AMO to all municipalities in the province for their support.

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# Tay Valley Township

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Honourable Madeleine Meilleur  
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services  
18<sup>th</sup> Floor, George Drew Building  
25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y6

The Honourable Madeleine Meilleur:

**Re: OPP Billing Reform**

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its Council meeting on November 26, 2013 adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION #C-2013-11-35**

**"WHEREAS**, the Ontario Provincial Police are seeking stakeholder input on a new billing model to be used to charge municipalities for policing services starting in 2015;

**AND WHEREAS**, the current billing model is a deployment model whereby cost recovery is based on a percentage of detachment workload, actual department staffing levels, wages and benefits, and a cost recovery component for other expenditures, and has been in place for over 15 years;

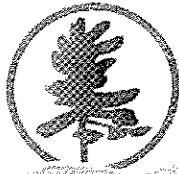
**AND WHEREAS**, the proposed billing model would calculate municipal policing bills using a "base" amount plus a charge for service calls, with the base level purported to be 73% of OPP costs and represents \$260 per household regardless of the resources actually consumed by each municipality and the balance (27%) representing reactive calls for service based on the number and type of calls;

**AND WHEREAS**, crime rates in Ontario generally, and Tay Valley specifically, are in decline;

**AND WHEREAS**, the proposed model would result in the OPP costs for Tay Valley Township increasing from \$485,000 annually to almost \$1.4 million annually, a staggering increase of 189%, translating into a property tax increase of more than 20%;

**AND WHEREAS**, the proposed billing model has been endorsed by an exceptionally small percentage (18%) of OPP policed municipalities based on a survey conducted during the summer of 2013;

**AND WHEREAS**, an almost identical number of survey respondents chose the existing billing model based on the same survey;



# Tay Valley Township

**AND WHEREAS**, the metric used by the OPP to compare costs between municipalities based on costs per household is fundamentally flawed as it implies that only residential taxpayers pay for policing, and does not take into account the greater ability to pay that the urban centres possess because of their larger commercial, industrial and institutional tax bases;

**AND WHEREAS**, expressing costs on a per household basis effectively exaggerates the unit cost of policing in municipalities with urban centres;

**AND WHEREAS**, the billing reform process appears to be moving forward completely independent of the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC) work;

**AND WHEREAS**, the proposed model is fundamentally flawed, unfair, and inequitable;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Tay Valley call on the Province of Ontario, Premier Wynne, and Minister Meilleur to cease the OPP billing reform process until the Future of the Policing Advisory Committee has completed its report and the recommendations therein have been studied, and municipalities have been consulted and afforded an opportunity to comment;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, the Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all rural municipalities with a permanent population of 12,000 or less."

Tay Valley Township Council believes the proposed OPP billing reform model is entirely inconsistent with the Province's commitment to strengthen rural Ontario.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or [clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca](mailto:clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca).

Sincerely,

Amanda Mabo  
Clerk

cc: Kathleen Wynne, Premier and Minister of Agriculture and Food  
Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs  
Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Leslie Drynan, Deputy Clerk, Lanark County  
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February 4, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Consumer Services, in cooperation with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA), has developed proposals to refine the regulation of propane transfer facilities in Ontario. The proposals are posted on the Regulatory Registry for public consultation. You can review the proposals at: <http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=15162&language=en>

The ministry welcomes your feedback on the proposals and ask that comments be provided by March 21, 2014. The ministry will review all comments received during the consultation period prior to preparing regulatory amendments for government consideration.

The four proposals were developed with the input of a round table made up of representatives of the propane industry, fire services, and consumers. The proposals are designed to enhance safety and minimize burden on business. They are:

- Moving from annual inspections to risk-based inspections;
- Setting minimum insurance requirements as a condition of licensing;
- Aligning the decision making authority for Risk and Safety Management Plan guidelines; and,
- Simplifying the record of training requirement.

If you have any questions about the proposals or would like to meet with ministry staff to discuss them, please contact Mohamed Awad, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Consumer Services, at (416) 326-8879 or by email at [propanepolicy@ontario.ca](mailto:propanepolicy@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your interest and feedback.

Sincerely,

Nicole Stewart  
Director, Public Safety Branch

c John Marshall, Director, Fuels Safety Program, TSSA





Ontario

**Randy Pettapiece, MPP**  
Perth-Wellington

Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario

January 13, 2014

Melinda Reith  
Clerk  
Township of Head, Clara and Maria  
15 Township Hall Rd  
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

**Re: Resolution on Joint and Several Liability**

Rising municipal insurance premiums must be reined in. For years, municipalities have asked the province to address joint and several liability, which is the primary contributor to rising premiums. Municipalities, often targeted as insurers of last resort, can be on the hook for massive damage awards even if they are deemed just one percent responsible.

We are told that 38 U.S. states have enacted some form of proportionate liability, and that other jurisdictions are also pursuing reform. Municipalities have said that we in Ontario cannot afford to wait any longer. I agree. As a former member of a municipal council, I fully appreciate the impact of rapidly rising insurance premiums. It is unfair and unrealistic for the provincial government to allow this situation to continue - especially as it affects small and rural municipalities, which can least afford to pay.

Municipalities have heard many promises for discussion, including former Premier Dalton McGuinty's commitment at the 2011 AMO conference. But the time for discussion is over. We need to impress upon the government, in a constructive way, that it must take meaningful action. Recently I introduced the following private member's resolution in the Ontario legislature:

**That, in the opinion of this House, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs.**

Because this issue affects municipalities across the province, I believe there is good reason for all MPPs, regardless of party affiliation, to support my resolution. I also believe it is important that the government act by June, before the legislature breaks for the summer.

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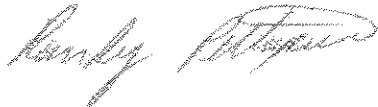


**If your municipality supports the intent of my resolution, I would encourage you to consider passing a formal resolution to support it.** If your Council decides to proceed in this way, I would appreciate receiving a copy of your resolution as soon as possible. Debate on this resolution is scheduled for February 27, 2014.

If you have any feedback on this issue, or if you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 519-272-0660 or by email: [randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org](mailto:randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org).

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Pettapiece".

Randy Pettapiece, MPP  
Perth-Wellington

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Date:** February-07-14 2:51 PM  
**To:** <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Subject:** Joint and Several Liability - Municipal Action Needed

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

February 7, 2014

**Recent Developments in Joint and Several Liability – Municipal Action Needed**

Two recent developments are worthy of the immediate written support of municipal councils and municipal solicitors.

The first is a private member's resolution introduced by Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth-Wellington. It calls on the government to implement comprehensive reform to joint and several liability by June 2014. Debate on this motion is scheduled for February 27, 2014. While a resolution of the Ontario Legislature is not a specific legislative plan, it does capture the spirit of municipal concerns. Mr. Pettapiece has written directly to all councils seeking your support; AMO encourages your reply.

Of immediate significance, the Ministry of the Attorney General has recently written to members of the legal community seeking their input on two specific proposals under consideration. Feedback is due by February 14, 2014. The proposals include a modified version of proportionate liability that applies in cases where a plaintiff is contributorily negligent (the Saskatchewan model). Also under consideration is a limit on awards such that a municipality would never be liable for more than two times its proportion of damages (the Multiplier model). AMO supports the adoption of both of these measures.

This is a positive development for municipalities and a step in the right direction. The adoption of both reforms would be a significant incremental step to addressing a pressing municipal issue. The written support of municipal councils and solicitors is requested. Below is a draft letter for municipalities to submit to the provincial government by February 14, 2014. Please add your voice of support.

As you know, municipal governments have long advocated for liability reform because the legal regime of joint and several liability makes municipalities and property taxpayers an easy target for litigation.

It has been two years since AMO conducted the first ever municipal insurance survey, which found that municipal liability premiums had increased 22 per cent over 5 years and 4 years since AMO presented a comprehensive report detailing municipal challenges to the Attorney General. We have argued for some time that the heavy insurance burden and legal environment is unsustainable for Ontario's communities.

**AMO Contact:** Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, [mwilson@amo.on.ca](mailto:mwilson@amo.on.ca) - 416.971.9856 ext. 323.

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February 12, 2014

Dear Mayor in Council:

As of January 1, 2014, Ontario became the first province to require the retrofit of automatic sprinklers in all vulnerable occupancies, which include care occupancies (e.g. group homes and supportive housing where residents need care for cognitive or physical disabilities and require assistance to evacuate), care and treatment occupancies (e.g. long-term care homes – formerly known as nursing homes, municipal homes for the aged and charitable homes) and licensed retirement homes (i.e. homes for seniors who may require assistance with daily living). I would like to clarify what this means for municipalities like yours.

Mandatory sprinklers are but one part of a comprehensive set of changes to the province's fire safety regulations. There are a number of other fire safety changes that are required, by law, in care occupancies, care and treatment occupancies and licensed retirement homes. These changes and the timelines for their completion are listed below.

Beginning January 1, 2014, the changes will be phased in as follows:

**In Care Occupancies and licensed Retirement Homes (within scope of Section 9.7 of Division B of the Fire Code)**

- Two months to install smoke alarms in individual sleeping rooms (**New & Deadline is March 1, 2014**);
- One year to install fire alarm monitoring and emergency lighting (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2015**);
- Two years to install self-closers and voice communication systems (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2016**);
- Five years to install automatic sprinklers (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2019**).

Refer to Section 9.7 for details, design options and exemptions.

**In Care and Treatment Occupancies (within scope of Section 9.4 of Division B of the Fire Code, excluding hospitals)**

- Eleven years to install sprinklers to coincide with the existing Long-Term Care Home Renewal Strategy for redevelopment (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2025**).

## **In Care Occupancies, Care and Treatment Occupancies and licensed Retirement Homes**

- Implementation of approved fire safety plan (**Now without exception & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- Carry out annual fire drills representing lowest staffing level scenario as approved by local fire services (**New & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- Sufficient number of supervisory staff available to assist residents to evacuate in an emergency (**Now without exception & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- Record keeping for training of supervisory staff on their roles and responsibilities within the fire safety plan (**New & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- All owners and operators or delegates responsible for implementing the approved fire safety plan to complete mandatory training in the next three years (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2017**)

## **For Fire Services (in respect to Care Occupancies, Care and Treatment Occupancies and licensed Retirement Homes)**

- Three years to complete mandatory training for all Chief Fire Officials responsible for approving facility fire safety plans (**New & Deadline is January 1, 2017**)
- Observation of annual fire drills based on approved scenario (**New & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- Annual fire safety inspections based on a standardized checklist (**New & in effect as of January 1, 2014**)
- Registry of Vulnerable Occupancies (**New & in effect as of January 1, 2014 – See below for details**)

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) is committed to providing support to municipalities through advice, assistance and hands-on training, if required. The following are a list of items to demonstrate how the OFMEM is doing this.

### **1. Training program/course acceptable to the Fire Marshal**

To meet the requirements for this mandatory training, facility owners and operators and Chief Fire Officials must have completed a training program/course acceptable to the Fire Marshal. For supervisory staff, there is an optional course. These courses are in the final stages of development. Registrants will be able to take the courses based on their preferred method of learning; online or in-class. English and French online courses will launch in April 2014. Registration for the English in-class learning will open in May/June with fall dates for regional delivery. All courses will be delivered by Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA).

### **2. Registry of Vulnerable Occupancies**

The other piece to this comprehensive set of changes is the development of an OFMEM administered Registry of Vulnerable Occupancies. As part of this, the new regulatory requirements mandate fire departments to enter specific information about vulnerable occupancies in their municipality into the Registry after they have completed a site visit. The benefit of gathering this information in one place is that it will enable fire departments to track fire drills and inspections of vulnerable occupancies within their boundaries. Recently the OFMEM initiated a one-week online pilot program for municipal fire departments to test the usability of the online application that will host the Registry. Once feedback is received and incorporated, the online application will be available for use by all municipal fire departments. Distribution of passwords to individual fire departments allowing access to local records will follow shortly.

### **3. Training with Municipal Fire Departments**

Beginning in February, OFMEM Field Services staff will be attending some municipalities to speak about the new requirements with the local fire services. In exchange, the local fire service has made arrangements for OFMEM staff to visit care occupancies and care and treatment occupancies in the municipality with the local fire service to conduct inspections, witness fire drills and review the occupancy's fire safety plan among other items. Field staff will be able to use this hands-on experience to support advice and assistance they provide to other municipalities.

#### **Why are there two different phase-in times for sprinklers?**

I want to clarify this. Most private and government funded group homes and supportive housing captured under the new rules will have up to five years to install sprinklers. Licensed long-term care homes, such as nursing homes, will have an 11-year phase-in period to be completed by 2025.

This difference in phase-in periods is because older long-term care homes are part of a long-term redevelopment plan to bring the buildings up to more current standards. I must emphasize that these long-term care homes are already subject to a stricter set of fire safety requirements than those required in care occupancies and licensed retirement homes. In addition to the minimum staffing requirements to carry out evacuations in a fire emergency, physical barriers to fire (such as walls with a certain fire endurance), fire alarms, fire exits and emergency lighting, these long-term care homes are also required to have enhanced fire alarm monitoring and detection, and zone separations (pre-determined areas where residents are assisted to as part of a phased evacuation). The requirement for sprinklers builds on these existing strict requirements.

The mandatory sprinkler retrofit requirements have been included as part of a redevelopment plan for these long-term care homes. If not, construction costs could be duplicated by installing sprinklers in homes already scheduled to be redeveloped.

The new regulation allows five years in some cases, and 11 years in others, to meet the new sprinkler requirements, however, it does not necessarily mean that it will take that long to get all of these homes sprinklered. In fact, I am informed that at least 70 per cent of long-term care homes, and 60 per cent of retirement homes, are already sprinklered, and that others plan to proactively sprinkler well ahead of the compliance deadlines.

#### **Committed to Working Together**

This new strategy will help reduce impacts of fire on occupants and property through a multi-pronged approach of enhanced inspections, enhanced training and fire safety retrofits. It will also help the fire service be better able to pre-plan so that they will be better prepared to respond to a fire in one of these occupancies. Their role is a crucial part of this integrated strategy.

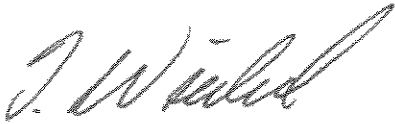
It remains the responsibility of facility owners and operators in all municipalities to ensure their buildings are in full compliance with the changes to Ontario's fire safety regulations. As listed above, mandatory sprinklers are but one part of these regulations.

My Office will continue to support municipalities, local fire services, facility owners and operators by providing advice and assistance, hands-on training and ongoing communication about upcoming deadlines to ensure all care occupancies, care and treatment occupancies and licensed retirement homes are in compliance with the new rules. To learn more about the work

that has been accomplished to date, visit the OFMEM website portal for Care Occupancies, Care and Treatment Occupancies and Retirement Homes or contact my Office at (416) 325-3100. To speak with us in person, join us at the ROMA/OGRA Conference on February 25. You are welcome to join us in the Wellington Room at the Strathcona Hotel, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or drop by our exhibit in the Tudor Room on the Mezzanine Level of the Royal York Hotel. We would be happy to answer any of your questions about these requirements and any other initiatives being undertaken by the OFMEM.

We all have a role to play in keeping seniors and vulnerable Ontarians fire safe.

Sincerely,



Tadeusz (Ted) Wieclawek  
Ontario Fire Marshal and Chief of Emergency Management

CC: All Ontario Fire Chiefs  
CC: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs  
CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
CC: Fire Fighter's Association of Ontario  
CC: Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association  
CC: Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association



Fire Marshal's

# COMMUNIQUE

du commissaire des incendies

December 16, 2013

No. 2013-17

## ***HAWKINS GIGNAC ACT (CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY), 2013***

Bill 77, An Act to proclaim Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week and to amend the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* to provide safety requirements related to the presence of unsafe levels of carbon monoxide on premises, received Royal Assent on December 12, 2013. The Act, which has the short name *Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Safety), 2013*, provides for the regulation of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms through amendments to the Fire Code and proclaims the week beginning November 1 as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week.

The Act itself does not set out CO alarm installation requirements. It does, however, give the Minister the authority to make regulations in regard to the risk created by the presence of unsafe levels of carbon monoxide. The Act came into force on the day it received Royal Assent. Some sections (2, 4 and 5) will come into force on a later date, likely to coincide with the date when amendments to the Fire Code are filed.

Furthermore, section 5 of the Act states that the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, will be amended to the effect that provincial regulations will supersede all municipal by-laws relating to the risk created by the presence of unsafe levels of carbon monoxide.

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) will establish a CO Technical Advisory Committee (CO TAC) in January 2014 to review and recommend appropriate amendments to the Ontario Fire Code for uniform provincial requirements for the installation and maintenance of CO alarms in existing dwellings, consistent with requirements for new construction under the Ontario Building Code.

The CO TAC will include technical experts and representation from other government ministries and a wide range of stakeholder associations to bring to the table the viewpoint of residents, landlords, tenants, the fire service, municipalities, safety agencies, etc. The CO TAC recommendations will form the basis for a broader public consultation on proposed changes to the Fire Code in the spring of 2014.

# LEGAL MATTERS

POINTS OF INTEREST FOR MUNICIPAL LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

## CHARACTER, AESTHETICS AND INFILL DEVELOPMENT

In a decision with important planning implications the OMB recently recognized municipal authority to zone for aesthetic concerns under certain circumstances.

In 2012, Ottawa adopted a by-law which heavily regulated the facades of new builds/additions in several central, mature neighbourhoods. A number of developers appealed, arguing that the City did not have the authority to zone for these purely aesthetic purposes as the authority to regulate design matters had been repealed by the province in 1983. The developers argued that while the authority to regulate design in Official Plans and Site Plans had been reintroduced by the province in 2006, the authority to zone for design was not.

The Board found that Official Plans, zoning and site plans are meant to function harmoniously with one another and that it would be incongruous to assert that zoning could not consider the stages immediately preceding and following it. While character and design are not synonymous, zoning can be based on conceptual design as it relates to the surrounding streetscape (the "character" of the neighbourhood). In addition, municipalities have the authority to zone for design when it is necessary or incidental to regulating the use of property.

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A municipal conflict of interest case Rob Ford was not involved in! Hazel McCallion, the long-time mayor of Mississauga, was before the courts defending an application to remove her from office for alleged conflict of interest.

In 2008 the Mayor voted in favour of a by-law to extend the deadline for developers to qualify for lower development charges. The court found that the Mayor knew, at the time of the vote, that her son's company had a proposal before the City to construct a hotel, conference centre and condominium complex. The extension could have saved the company millions of dollars. The Mayor was deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the company under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act ("MCIA"). The Mayor argued that because development charges were by-laws of general application, it was impossible for a council member to have an interest

other than the same interest held by the public at large.

Ultimately, the action was dismissed on the basis that the company could not have qualified under the provisions of the Development Charges by-law because the company had not filed a "complete" site plan which was a pre-requisite to qualifying for the lower Development Charge. The application fee had not been paid in full and the site plan required revisions.

Notwithstanding this very technical finding, the court went on to note that the fact that electors generally have an interest in common with respect to a by-law does not preclude council members from having a financial interest that is distinct from the general interest. Failing to disclose such distinct interests is a clear violation of the MCIA.

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# DEMOLITION BY NEGLIGENCE

The owner of a heritage building applied for and was denied a demolition permit in 2005. The owner then allowed the property to fall into a state of disrepair and in 2013 advised the city that the building was in an unsafe condition and ought to be demolished.

Section 8 (2)(a) of the Building Code Act (BCA) provides that demolition orders which contravene applicable law shall not be issued, including the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA). Because the building was designated under the OHA, the CBO was obligated to consider whether or not the building could be partially or wholly remediated to preserve its heritage attributes before issuing a demolition permit. The OHA factors must be considered regardless of whether or not the permit has been applied for or is being considered for safety reasons.

The city responded to the notice from the owner that the building was unsafe by ordering the owner to provide a peer review commenting on the ability to remediate the building. Two reviews were conducted. The owner supplied the city with only one of the reviews and claimed litigation privilege over the other.


The court determined that section 18 (1) of the BCA provides building inspectors broad powers that include the power to compel production of any relevant document from any person. The city therefore had jurisdiction to compel the production of the second peer review report.

Where heritage or other issues arise outside of the expertise of your Building Department, the Act provides broad authority to order all necessary studies to enable the CBO to exercise his or her discretion properly. In addition, requiring third party reports can help to reduce liability. ■

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The court found that the Mayor's belief that a direct and distinct interest need not be disclosed when a general interest also exists was contrary to common sense and had the company stood to gain from the by-law the defence of error in judgment would not have been available to her. Further, since the Mayor had knowledge of her indirect financial interest in the company, her failure to inquire into whether or not the corporation would be affected by a proposed by-law amounted to willful blindness and therefore the defense of inadvertence would also not have been available.

# LICENCE TO STRIP



The City of Brantford passed a by-law imposing licensing requirements on adult entertainment establishments. A "Gentlemen's Club" appealed the licensing by-law, arguing that the provisions exceeded the City's statutory authority under the Municipal Act ("the Act"). The Court of Appeal disagreed, finding that the combined operation of sections 8(3) and 10(2) of the Act allowed municipalities to pass by-laws creating a system of licenses with respect to any activity, matter or thing under 10(2).

The court found that the municipality had the authority to pass licensing requirements for adult entertainment parlours under: s.10(2)(6) matters relating to health, safety and the well-being of persons in the municipality; s.10(2)(8) matters relating to the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection; and, 10(2)(11) business licensing.

The Court expressly noted that municipalities have specific statutory authority under the businesses licensing provisions (sections 150 -154) to impose restrictions on adult entertainment establishments. The court held that the Act does not require municipal licensing systems to apply to a specific type, category or class of business, trade or occupation. So long as the by-law relates to a general business or in a general sense to a trade or occupation that is commercial in nature then it is a valid exercise of statutory authority. The Court also upheld provisions requiring licenses for individual performers. Provided the license extended only to those persons performing nude in the course of a commercial activity it was within the jurisdiction of the municipality. ■

Mayor McCallion remains the Mayor only because of very specific facts that allowed the Court to find that no actual pecuniary interest existed due to the incomplete site plan application.

In addition to the Court case, there was a formal public inquiry into this matter by Justice Cunningham. A summary of the findings of the inquiry are available on our website:

[www.cswan.com](http://www.cswan.com) ■

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The Board examined each section of the by-law individually and upheld zoning performance standards relating to average front-yard set-backs, balconies, parking (orientation of spaces and location), and hard surface and landscaping requirements.

The Board sent back for reconsideration the provisions relating to ground floor glazing, carports, garage setbacks and door orientation because the current wording did not indicate whether these restrictions were predicated on existing streetscape patterns (if they were, then they would qualify as character-related zoning).

The message from this case is that municipalities are entitled to implement performance standards relating to aspects of character, so long as they arise from considerations of the surrounding streetscape and where the standards necessarily result from regulating the use of property.

You may want to hold off amending your zoning by-law just yet, as this decision is currently under appeal. ■

## MUNICIPALITIES ARE BOUND BY THEIR OFFICIAL PLANS

A Guelph developer appealed council's refusal to amend the OP and ZBL to permit the construction of a high-rise student residence for over 1100 people. The city rejected the proposed amendments despite the fact the property was located within one of the city's designated intensification corridors, citing concerns over the size and shape of the building as justification.

The OMB disagreed and concluded that a student housing facility was needed in the city and the proposed property was an appropriate location with respect to the PPS and the Places to Grow Act. There was no apparent threat of overcrowding, services were available, and the proposal generally conformed to the OP. Further, without such a purpose built facility students would continue to resort to converted houses in less planned and supervised circumstances.

The Board found that the reason for the creation of "intensification corridors" was to identify alternative venues to accommodate major redevelopment such as the proposed residential facility. As well, because the OP did not place residential density limits on intensification corridors, the Board declined to do so.

The Board granted the OP amendment but agreed with the city that, as per the OP, the student residence must be consistent with the character of surrounding buildings. The Board thus placed zoning restrictions on the average number of stories, street set-backs, and angular view planes in accordance with surrounding development. The Board also determined that the designs submitted by the developer would create the appearance of a continuous wall from the street. The Board found that this effect would be inconsistent with neighbourhood character and unprecedented in Guelph. Therefore, the Board required the building design be broken up into a number of towers connected by a low-rise podium.

The moral here is the familiar story that if you're the one writing the rules, you can't ignore them. ■

## COUNCILLORS PAYING FOR BY-LAWS

The Court of Appeal found that Toronto City Councillors were not personally liable to reimburse the city for payments made under a by-law that had been declared invalid. The by-law authorized the city to reimburse specific city councillors for expenses they incurred in response to election campaign compliance audits. On two occasions, the City Solicitor had cautioned council of the by-law's illegality, yet a majority of council voted to adopt it nonetheless.

Municipal councillors do owe a fiduciary duty to tax payers and this duty includes the duty to avoid conflicts of duties and interests as well as the duty not to profit at the expense of the taxpayer. However, this fiduciary duty is only breached when there is clear evidence of bad faith that demonstrates malice or improper motive. Section 391(1) of the City of Toronto Act (and section 448 of the Municipal Act) specifically states that proceedings may not be commenced against councillors for any

act done in good faith in the performance of their duties. Since votes cast by municipal councillors are presumed to have been made in good faith and for a proper motive, the party asserting otherwise must prove evidence of bad faith.

In this case the court found no evidence of bad faith. The vote was specific in nature to the reimbursement of two councillors and not the whole of council; it was mere speculation that councillors had voted for the by-law in the hopes that they would receive similar treatment. Neither the repeated failure by councillors to follow legal advice nor the trial judge's rejection of the city's assertions of good faith amounted to evidence of bad faith.

The lesson here is that the threshold for finding councillors personally financially liable for decisions made in the exercise of their office is extraordinarily high, due in no small part to the chilling effect such findings could have on the willingness of the public to serve. ■

## WHO'S WHO ...



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## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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If you wish copies of the presentations or have ideas for next year's seminar please contact us at:

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Municipalities and private clients throughout Eastern Ontario regularly consult Tim on a wide range of issues concerning municipal government, planning, development and environmental law matters. Tim also appears frequently on behalf of the firm's clients before the Ontario Municipal Board and other administrative boards and tribunals. He has also acted as a special prosecutor for several municipalities in respect of municipal election finance irregularities.

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**Chris D. Lewis**

Commissioner Le Commissaire

File #: 552-10 / 614-00

December 23, 2013

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Mayors / Reeves  
OPP Policed Municipalities

Dear Mayor / Reeve:

On November 25, 2013, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) published the amended Use of Force Guideline for Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) permitting police services to identify further classes of police officers authorized to carry CEWs.

Please be advised that, effective immediately, any OPP officer who is trained in the use of the CEW will be permitted to carry the device for operational purposes provided a CEW is available at their work location. Supervisors and uniform members who have been designated as "Second-in-Charge" will continue to carry a CEW in the course of their duties, as will previously designated specialized teams. The OPP is updating its policy to reflect the expanded deployment of CEWs.

In January 2014, training in the use of the CEW will begin for officers during their Block Training. An annual re-certification will also be delivered for those officers currently CEW trained.

Any questions about CEWs should be directed to your local OPP Detachment Commander.

The OPP is pleased that more officers will be equipped with this valuable intermediate use of force option as an added tool for use in ensuring the safety and security of the communities the OPP serves.

Yours truly,

Chris D. Lewis

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December 16, 2013

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board  
499 Pembroke Street West  
Pembroke, ON K8A 5P1

Dear Sir and Madame:

At the Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2013 the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley passed the enclosed resolution regarding their stance in closing rural elementary schools.

We respectfully request that the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board seriously consider the negative effects of elementary school closures.

Yours Truly,

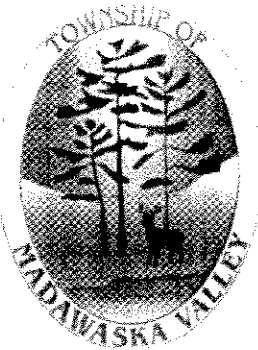
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Sabatine".

Brenda Sabatine,  
Acting CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

CC:

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, Elected Trustees  
Liz Sandals, Ministry of Education  
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
Renfrew County Municipalities





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Moved by Councillor Bromwich      17-0212-13  
Seconded by Councillor Neuman      02 December 2013  
BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Township of Madawaska Valley takes the stance that closing rural elementary schools will cause adverse ripple effects on the displacement of children from the community schools they attend;  
AND THAT such closures could impact future economic and community development within the regional area;  
AND THAT the Township of Madawaska Valley appeal to the Ministry of Education to seriously consider the negative effects that the closing of any schools will have on the community that they are located in prior to making any final decision;  
AND THAT the Township of Madawaska Valley circulate this resolution to the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, Elected Trustees, Ministry of Education, John Yakabuski, M.P.P. and all municipalities in the County of Renfrew to canvas for support to stop rural elementary school closures in communities.

CARRIED       DEFEATED

*Brenda Sabatine*

Brenda Sabatine,  
Acting CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

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December 3, 2013


All Ontario Municipalities

Dear Ontario Municipal Clerks and Councils:

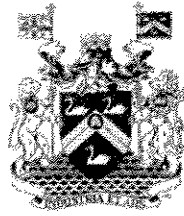
Re: Resolution - Province-wide Standards for Keeping of Exotic Animals

Stratford City Council recently adopted a resolution to petition the Provincial and Federal Governments for province-wide standards for keeping of exotic animals.

A copy of the resolution is attached for your consideration. We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,  
  
Joan Thomson  
City Clerk

Encl.  
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## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

### Resolution: Province-wide Standards for Keeping of Exotic Animals

**Whereas** Ontario municipalities have adopted by-laws to regulate the keeping of animals in municipalities for reasons of health, public safety, animal welfare and environmental issues;

**And Whereas** municipal by-laws include animal control by-laws, exotic animal by-laws, circus animal by-laws, feeding of wildlife by-laws, zoning by-laws and dangerous dog by-laws;

**And Whereas** recent events in New Brunswick has Canadians expressing concern and sympathy about the tragedy and again raising questions about exotic animals rules;

**And Whereas** exotic animal by-laws typically include lists of permitted animals, restricted animals and prohibited animals and such lists can vary from one municipality to another municipality;

**And Whereas** some exotic animal by-laws may require owners of restricted animals to register their animals with the municipality to be provided to emergency responders for awareness of the location of exotic animals when responding to emergency calls;

**And Whereas** the Ontario Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services announced on August 13, 2013 that the Ontario Government will review rules in place dealing with the possession and ownership of exotic animals;

**And Whereas** the Ontario Government is creating a working group to examine whether changes need to be made to the rules and is seeking input from key stakeholders, including municipalities;

**And Whereas** the working group is to report this Fall with options for moving forward;

**And Whereas** following the recent events in New Brunswick, the Federal Government announced a review of the government's role in the regulation of exotic animals and exotic pet shops;

**And Whereas** existing municipal by-laws to regulate exotic animals vary from municipality to municipality resulting a patchwork of rules for the keeping of exotic animals, or no rules;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Stratford City Council hereby petitions the provincial and federal governments to implement standard rules to restrict the keeping of exotic animals to address health, public safety, animal welfare, environmental issues, and emergency responder awareness;**

**And Be It Further Resolved That Municipalities be consulted by the Provincial and Federal Governments during their review of rules in place dealing with the possession and ownership of exotic animals;**

**And Be It Further Resolved That this Resolution be forwarded to Municipalities in Ontario for endorsement and to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, AMO and FCM.**

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Adopted by City Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford on November 12, 2013.

The Corporation of the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1  
Attention: City Clerk, 519-271-0250 ext 235, [clerks@city.stratford.on.ca](mailto:clerks@city.stratford.on.ca)

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December 18, 2013

County of Renfrew  
9 International Drive  
Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6W5

Re: Resolution to support "AMO's Approach "

The request for a Resolution to support "AMO's Approach "was presented to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 12, 2013. The Township of Greater Madawaska passed the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 327-13**

Moved by Councillor Kierczak, seconded by Councillor Lehnhardt

That Council supports the request for support by Renfrew County Warden Emon.

WHEREAS in 2009 the Province of Ontario shared two cents per liter from gas tax revenues with municipalities for public transit, providing \$321 million to assist a total of 89 Ontario transit systems, serving 111 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario announced on July 8, 2013 that they are providing \$324 million in gas tax funding to 96 municipal transit systems this year to assist municipalities in expanding and improving public transit infrastructure, increase accessibility, buy more conventional and specialized transit vehicles, add more routes and extend hours of service;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed to more than \$2.6 billion in gas tax funding for public transit systems since 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario as part of the 2013 budget made its Gas Tax Program permanent to help municipalities improve public transit, ease traffic congestion and reduce air pollution;

AND WHEREAS 96 transit systems will share \$324 million of Provincial gas tax revenues in fiscal 2013/14;

NOW WHEREAS the Province of Ontario announced the infrastructure fund for small, rural and northern municipalities in the amount of \$1 00 million;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has developed a funding allocation model for the \$100 million which would see an urban municipality in

western Ontario receiving \$2.6 million in 2013 plus approximately \$2 million in Ontario gas tax money while the small rural municipalities such as the Township of Greater Madawaska is receiving \$80,000 in 2013, based on population from the Infrastructure Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMO review their preferred funding model and bring forward a fair allocation of provincial gas tax revenues for all municipalities in Ontario;

AND THAT AMO report on all 411 municipalities identifying how much each municipality would receive using their methodology;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all local municipalities in Renfrew County, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) for endorsement.

**"Carried"**

I trust you will find this satisfactory.

Sincerely,



Allison Holtzhauer  
CAO Clerk-Treasurer

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**NEWS RELEASE**

**Monday, December 23, 2013**

**For Immediate Release**

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The Board of Health Chair for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, Mayor Jack Wilson, is pleased to announce the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care approval of the appointment of Dr. Maureen Carew as Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer for Renfrew County and District effective on January 1, 2014 and the retirement of Dr. Michael Corriveau.

Dr. Carew is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Community Medicine and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Carew served several years in the role of Public Health Physician, Force Health Protection for the Department of National Defence and since 2012 has worked as a Regional Community Medicine Specialist for the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch at Health Canada.

On behalf of the Board of Health, Chair Wilson welcomes Dr. Carew to the health unit and extends appreciation to Dr. Corriveau for his many years of dedicated service to Renfrew County and District.

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## 2014 HOST TOWN - DEEP RIVER

December 2013

100 Deep River Road, Box 400  
Deep River, Ontario, K0J 1P0

Dear

We are writing to request your support for a very worthwhile community project.

Every year we have Senior Games for the 55 plus adults in our County and we are very honoured to say that Deep River is the host for 2014. The games have become one of the most popular in the Province. There are 41 districts in Ontario and Renfrew County is District 5. Participants from all over our County will be participating.

Our mission and goal is to continue providing 55 plus adults with the opportunity to increase their physical and mental well-being as well as interaction through participation in Summer and Winter Games.

Hosting these games takes time, effort and money to provide our seniors with the best possible participation and venues and we are asking for your financial support to deliver these games.

If you decide to make a donation to the Games, cheques can be made payable to the Renfrew County Senior Games and mailed to the address above.

We thank you for taking time to read our letter and considering our request. However, should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email: [lamcarthy@aol.com](mailto:lamcarthy@aol.com) or by phone at 613-584-9111.

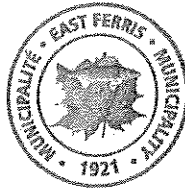
Your sincerely,

Sam McCarthy  
Chairperson  
Renfrew County Senior Games 2014

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January 6, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Once again, as a Northern Ontario Rural Mayor, I was totally shocked by your Finance Minister's suggestion of a 3 to 10 cent per litre tax increase on our gasoline, a possible HST increase and a new business tax be implemented to provide funding for transit in the GTA. Apparently, there is a committee advising him.

I am willing to bet that there are not any rural members on this select committee. Who are these people and what qualifications do they have to truly represent rural Ontario?

Do these committees simply "write us off" as insignificant partners in Ontario politics? Do they expect us to just go along with any decisions made without our participation? There really is life beyond the GTA.

We in rural Ontario already pay 14.5 cents on every litre to subsidize the government coffers without much return. We may not have buses, streetcars and subways in rural Ontario, but, we do have our very particular transit systems made up of our roads, bridges and culverts.

I am not willing to have my residents charged an additional tax in order to subsidize metro Toronto transit and I am certain that I would receive unanimous support on this stand.

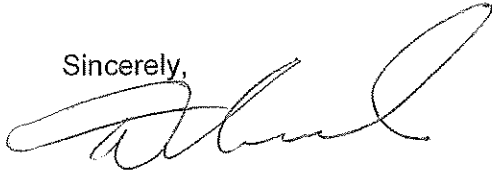
We are constantly being bombarded with regulatory changes, increased costs and downloading without anyone at the provincial government level ever looking at the cumulative effects of these changes which are being suggested by uninformed policy advisors.

Our small rural staffs have to work on many of these downloads during the day filling out reports and then they are having to stay late to do our own work.

This Gas Tax move seems to me to be another assault on our rural municipalities and, if it must be, it should be regionalized and implemented for those municipalities with the problem.



Sincerely,



Bill Vrebosch  
Mayor

- cc. Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance  
Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs  
Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Honourable Jay Aspin, MP  
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 9, 2014

Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario  
Bell Trinity Square  
483 Bay Street, 10th Floor, South Tower  
Toronto, ON  
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Dear Mr. Andre Marin

I am writing you to express my deep concerns regarding the dreadful financial mismanagement, perceived ridiculous compensation of senior management including severances and bonuses, the rising cost of electricity and the delivery of same to Ontarians, and the newest announcement from Minister Chiarelli that electricity costs will rise in Ontario some 40% over the next 5 years.

Mr. Marin, the perception of the general public, my Council and I is that large services such as Hydro One, healthcare, etc, are delivered from the Provincial level of government with the expectation they will be supplemented from Provincial coffers to make them affordable. There is a full understanding our electricity system could never be a full cost recovery service, yet it appears the Provincial government is moving in that direction.

I can tell you with the greatest confidence, seniors, the working poor, businesses and industry will fall by the thousands in Ontario under such a massive burden. I also understand the current system of global adjustments of electricity costs are already crippling business and industry in Ontario.

Please find attached a resolution of my Council endorsing my efforts to contact you and plead for a full investigation of Hydro One, their financial practices, and make sound recommendations to bring Ontario's electricity costs back in line with our economic status as I believe we are quickly approaching critical mass.

Always the very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hector Macmillan".

Hector Macmillan, Mayor  
Municipality of Trent Hills

c.c. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities in Ontario



MUNICIPALITY OF TRENT HILLS

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The following resolution was adopted by Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills at their regular meeting held on January 7, 2014.

Moved by Councillor Wm. J. Thompson

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robert Crate

WHEREAS there is public perception of financial mismanagement of Hydro One;

AND WHEREAS the cost of electricity has become unaffordable in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS there has been a recent announcement by the provincial government that the cost of electricity will rise in Ontario by another 40% over the next 5 years;

AND WHEREAS it is the belief of the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills that electricity costs are already burdening seniors, the working poor, and those with fixed incomes;

AND WHEREAS it is the belief of the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills that such a proposed increase will cripple business and industry in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the current scheme of global price adjustments of electricity costs is unfair and uncontrollable for business and industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills that we support Mayor Hector Macmillan in the crafting of a letter to the Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin requesting a full investigation of Hydro One, its financial status, the compensation of senior management, and the unfair and unaffordable cost of electricity and billing practices;

AND FINALLY BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and Mayor Macmillan's letter to Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario respectfully requesting their support by sending a similar resolution to the Ontario Ombudsman.

CARRIED.

c.c. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities in Ontario

Certified to be a true and correct  
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and has not been altered in any way.  
Dated at Campbellford, Ontario  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.  
Margaret Montgomery, Clerk  
Municipality of Trent Hills

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December 13, 2013

MPAC  
Board of Directors  
1340 Pickering Parkway, Suite 101,  
Pickering, Ontario. L1V 0C4

Dear Chair and Board Member:

**RE: PRIOR YEARS' ASSESSING OF PROPERTIES**

Mulmur Township Council, at their meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, passed the attached motion outlining their concerns regarding the timing and loss of assessment/tax monies for the Township, Upper Tier and School Boards.

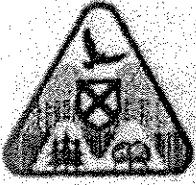
This motion has been forwarded to other municipalities and school boards for their information, as this impacts us all financially.

We appreciate your serious consideration of this motion at your next meeting and look forward to your response on this crucial issue.

Yours truly,

Terry Horner, A.M.C.T.  
CAO/Clerk.

- c.     - Sylvia Jones, M.P.P.  
       - County of Dufferin  
       - School Boards  
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## Corporation of the Township of MULMUR

Moved by: Hawkins

Date: December 11, 2013

Seconded by: Mills

**THAT WHEREAS** the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is able to, and routinely adjusts assessed values for tax purposes for the current year and for up to two prior years on properties where development has occurred and a building permit has been obtained, and where severances have been granted;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township has discovered several instances where development has occurred where no building permit has been obtained and has provided proof of the existence of the development (including photographs) and requested that MPAC retroactively assess those properties in the same manner and for the same time periods;

**AND WHEREAS** requests for re-assessment sent in by the Township as much as 20 months ago have not been dealt with, and MPAC has advised that requests made in the summer of 2013 are 'too late' to allow a re-assessment for 2013;

**AND THAT** the Township has been advised that the re-assessments will only apply to the 2014 taxation year (if indeed they are re-assessed in 2014), and may not be applied to the two previous years, resulting in a loss of tax revenue to not only the Township but also the County of Dufferin and the School Boards for at least one taxation year (despite the fact they have been identified as existing/occupied in a previous year) and for as much as three years in situations where the building(s) have existed for that length of time but have never been assessed;

**AND WHEREAS** this appears to reward those who choose not to obtain building permits, not only because the payment of taxes is deferred (if not avoided entirely) but also because interest charges on the previous years' taxes are not applied and because developments are not being assessed in the same manner and for the same time periods as buildings for which building permits have been obtained;

**AND WHEREAS** the onus should not be on the municipality to prove when such buildings were constructed but rather, on the landowner in such situations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township advise MPAC that it is entirely inappropriate and unacceptable to not immediately and retroactively assess a building that has been erected without a building permit for the current year and up to two prior years (depending on when it was built and occupied), when such is the norm for buildings built with building permits;

**AND THAT MPAC** be requested to automatically and immediately re-assess all properties once the improvements have been discovered and apply the resulting increase to the current year and for the two previous taxation years;

**AND THAT** the onus be placed on the landowner to prove that the building has not existed for that entire time period;

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the County of Dufferin and area School Boards (who also lose out when lands are not assessed as they should be), to the other municipalities in Dufferin County, to MPP Sylvia Jones, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED.....Paul Mills.....MAYOR

**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

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**From:** "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
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**TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL**

December 12, 2013

**Two Matters of Significance for All Municipal Governments**

**This Breaking News deals with: a) 'Golden Panel' Report on Transit Funding and, b) Private Member's Bill on Municipal Election Amendments**

**A) Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel Report Released**

The final report of the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel chaired by Anne Golden has been released. Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, said the government is reviewing the report and will propose its investment plan in the spring.

The Panel recommends new dedicated revenue for Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) transit projects from a combination of sources including added Gas Tax, Corporate Income Tax and Harmonized Sales Tax revenues. They would raise between nearly \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion depending on the option chosen. Chair Anne Golden said the cost of congestion in the GTHA is \$6 billion per year. While drivers would pay between \$130 and \$260 in increased gasoline taxes, the cost of not implementing the Metrolinx plan could add \$700 annually for the average driver.

Members should note that the various tax increases are recommended to apply province-wide. However, the Panel recommends that revenues raised outside the GTHA should be available for priorities elsewhere in Ontario, but it provided no direction on what and how this would be implemented. It did recommend that for the GTHA these revenues would need to be separately managed from other government funds.

The report raises several questions that AMO believes must be satisfactorily addressed in advance of the government's plan. These are:

- What effect will province-wide tax increases have on regional/local economies outside the GTHA, especially where those economies are contracting or stagnant?
- How will these proposed measures impact the competitiveness of international and interprovincial border regions?
- How will revenue raised from outside of the GTHA be allocated to non-GTHA municipal governments? Who and what would be eligible? How would transparency be achieved?
- Would the economic impact of infrastructure investments in the regions identified outweigh the impact of increased costs to businesses and residents?

AMO looks forward to discussion of these questions. Other recommendations of interest to

municipalities include: increasing municipal debt to finance local transit improvements in the GTHA; better aligning GTHA land use and transportation planning and intensification; Metrolinx governance; and an annual policy forum of elected officials in the GTHA.

Members are encouraged to review the report at: <http://transitpanel.ca/news/report-making-the-move-to-fund-transit?p=1>.

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## **B) Municipal Elections Bill Introduced**

Yesterday, Jim McDonell, MPP introduced Bill 152, the *Functioning Municipal Councils Act, 2013*. The Bill advances the date when terms of office would commence by two weeks (from December 1 to the second Monday in November). This shortens the "lame duck" period to reflect the lame duck period prior to 2010. The Bill would also amend penalties respecting campaign financing. Candidates would be provided 60 days to comply with expense filing deadlines or payment requirements prior to the imposition of penalties including forfeiting office and ineligibility to hold office until after the next election. AMO made previous public submissions and the above matters are consistent with those submissions. The Bill, if passed, would also shorten the timeframe of vote recounts. A full copy of Bill 152 is available [here](#).

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# 40:2 Bill 152, Functioning Municipal Councils Act, 2013

McDonnell, Jim

## View the Bill

Bill 152

2013

An Act to amend the Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. Subsection 6 (1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 is amended by striking out "December 1" and substituting "the second Monday in November".
2. Subsection 56 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out "15" and substituting "seven".
3. (1) Subsection 57 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out "30" in the portion before clause (a) and substituting "10".  
(2) Subsection 57 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out "15" and substituting "seven".
4. (1) Subsection 58 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out "30" and substituting "10".  
(2) Subsection 58 (4) of the Act is amended by striking out "15" and substituting "seven".
5. Subsection 62 (4) of the Act is amended by striking out "16th" and substituting "eighth".
6. Subsection 63 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out "15" and substituting "seven".
7. (1) Subsections 80 (1) to (3) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

### Additional penalties

(1) If a document filed under section 78 shows on its face that a candidate has incurred expenses exceeding what is permitted under section 76, the following penalties apply in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act:

1. Until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which this Act applies.
2. The candidate forfeits any office to which he or she was elected and the office is deemed to be vacant.

### Same

(2) A candidate is subject to the penalties listed in subsection (3), in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under this Act,

- (a) if he or she fails to file a document as required under section 78 or 79.1 by the relevant date;
- (b) if a document filed under section 78 shows on its face a surplus, as described in section 79, and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by subsection 79 (4) to the clerk by the relevant date; or
- (c) if a document filed under section 79.1 shows on its face a surplus and the candidate fails to pay the amount required by subsection 79.1 (7) by the relevant date.

### Same

(3) The following applies in the case of a default described in subsection (2):

1. The clerk shall notify the candidate and the council or board in writing that the default has occurred.
2. The candidate shall file the document referred to in clause (2) (a) or pay the amount referred to in clause (2) (b) or (c), within 60 days after the notice referred to in paragraph 1 is given to the candidate.
3. If the candidate fails to file the document or pay the amount within 60 days,
  - i. until the next regular election has taken place, the candidate is ineligible to be elected or appointed to any office to which this Act applies, and
  - ii. the candidate forfeits any office to which he or she was elected and the office is deemed to be vacant.

(2) Subsection 80 (6) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

### Effect of extension

(6) If the court grants an extension under subsection (4), the notice referred to in paragraph 1 of subsection (3) shall not be sent until the expiry of the extension.

8. Subsection 81 (3) of the Act is amended by striking out "or" at the end of clause (c), adding "or" at the end of clause (d) and by adding the following clause:

(e) if applicable, the date for complying with paragraph 2 of subsection 80 (3).

9. (1) Subsection 92 (5) of the Act is amended by striking out "subsection 80 (2)" in the portion before clause (a) and substituting "subsection 80 (1) or (3)".

(2) Subsection 92 (6) of the Act is amended by striking out "subsection 80 (2)" and substituting "subsection 80 (1) or (3)".

10. Paragraph 2 of subsection 94.1 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out "subsection 80 (2)" at the end and substituting "subsection 80 (1) or (3)".

### Commencement



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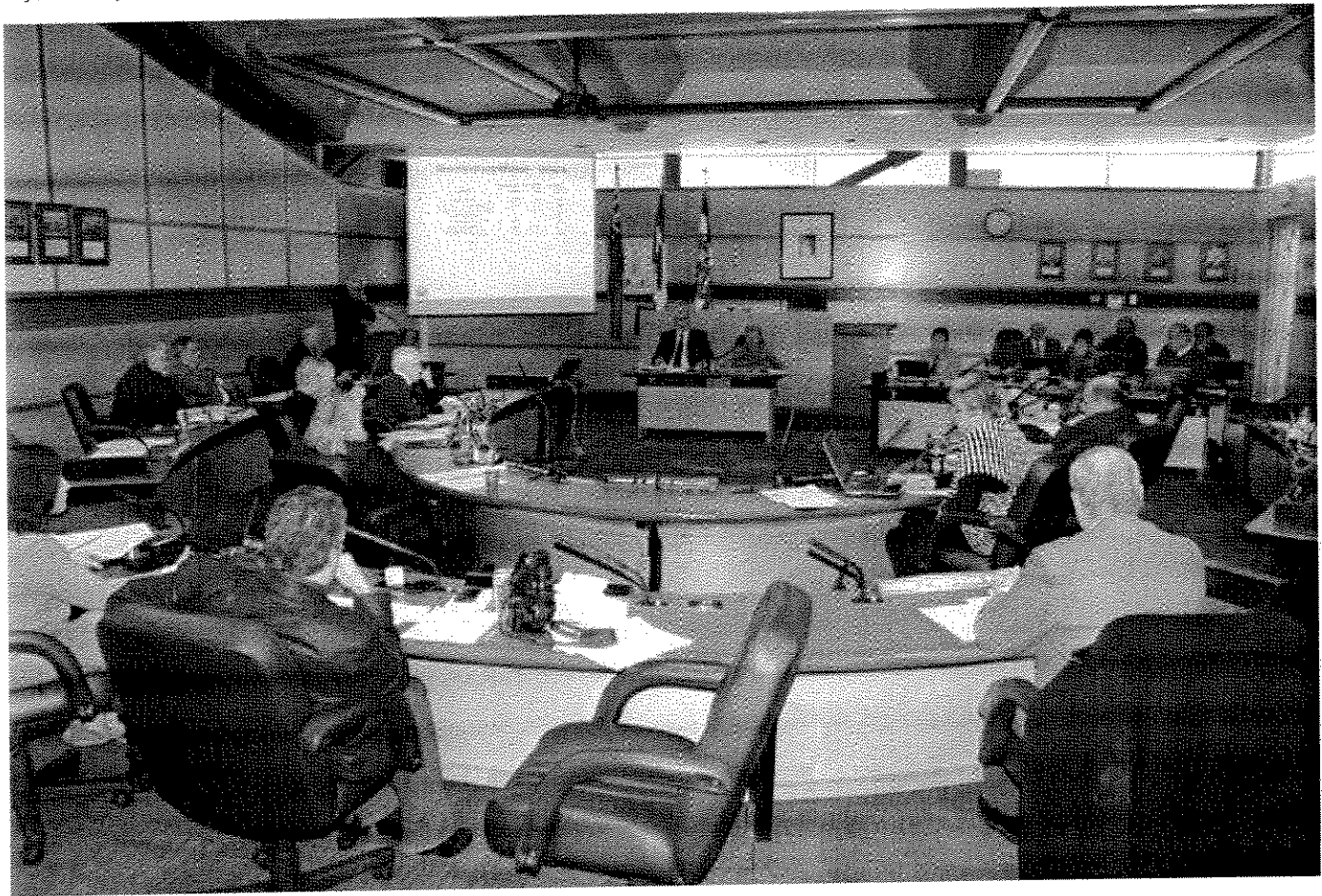
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# County council passes \$37.4 million draft budget

By Sean Chase, Daily Observer  
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Renfrew County councillors deliberate the 2014 budget Thursday in Pembroke. The \$37.4 million draft budget unanimously passed.

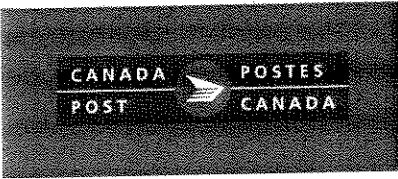
PEMBROKE - Thanks to a drop in the education rate, Renfrew County councillors passed a draft \$37.4 million budget Thursday that will see a 2.26 per cent increase in the tax levy.

Wrapping up a two-day budget workshop, County council welcomed some good news from the province in the form of a 4.2 per cent decrease in the levy for education purposes for 2014.

Treasurer Jim Kutschke calculated that the \$6.34 drop in the county rate and the \$9 decrease in the education tax, which staff had anticipated to stay the same as 2013, will result in a total decrease of \$15.34 in the combined tax rate.

According to estimates, the county will see a 5.63 increase in weighted assessment, including a real assessment growth of 1.5 per cent that will raise additional county revenue by \$540,784 over 2013, and 4.1 per cent in reassessment growth. The levy is also increasing by 0.35 per cent due to a shift in costs as part of the shared arrangement with the City of Pembroke in the running of long-term care facilities.

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January 29, 2014

Dear Municipal Leader

Last month we announced a five-point plan to protect the postal service in a world in which digital communication is rapidly replacing traditional mail. In a key initiative, Canada Post will convert the remaining five million addresses that have door-to-door delivery to community mailbox delivery. This will occur over the next five years. I would like to assure you that the transition of delivery service in your community will be handled responsibly and with respect.

While the majority of Canadians will not see any change to how their mail is delivered, a fair number will be impacted. **As we carefully plan our next steps, I would like to share with you the guiding principles that will govern our approach in the communities that are affected:**

- We recognize that dense urban cores in our larger cities, with their older neighbourhoods and smaller lots, present different challenges for locating community mailboxes than suburban areas. With this in mind, we will leave the majority of these areas until the final stage of this multi-year project. We will take the necessary time to understand their unique needs and find solutions that work for these neighbourhoods.
- We will be sensitive to the needs of seniors and of disabled Canadians. We are developing alternative approaches for people with significant mobility challenges, who lack viable alternatives and upon whom delivery to a community mailbox would impose an unacceptable hardship.
- There will be no change in delivery to people living in apartment buildings, seniors' buildings and condominiums who already have mail delivered in the building lobby. In addition, customers who have mail delivered to a rural mailbox (a customer-owned mailbox at the end of a driveway) will not be affected by this change.
- We will work with community leaders and municipal planning officials to choose safe and appropriate sites.
- We will seek the views of affected citizens directly, through multiple channels including surveys and online feedback tools.
- We will be as innovative and flexible as possible, while being responsible towards our goal to protect the financial sustainability of postal service for all Canadians. We will look at various solutions and different equipment, taking the necessary time to address any significant challenges in a given community.
- We will respect the needs of businesses to have mail delivered to their door. The vast majority of business addresses will continue to have mail and parcels delivered to their door and will experience no change. The businesses that will continue to have delivery to the door:
  - > are located in well-established business areas, such as main streets or "business corridors"
  - > or receive a relatively large volume of mail or parcels.

This initiative is a crucial aspect of our plan to protect and sustain postal service for Canadians, both today and for tomorrow. As we execute it, I intend to see that we live up to our special responsibility to serve every Canadian and every community. We are committed to doing this in a thoughtful way, and to keeping you informed as this initiative unfolds.

Yours sincerely,

Deepak Chopra  
President and CEO  
Canada Post Corporation

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

January 17, 2014

**The Fork in the Road – Highlights of AMO's 2014 Pre-Budget Submission**

Today the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) provided its 2014 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and the Minister of Finance.

## Quick highlights:

- It calls on the legislature to call the question on key Bills that are beneficial to municipalities but which have languished far too long.
- It sets out a nine point action plan for the coming year's provincial budget which includes the following:
  1. **Infrastructure** - Small, rural and northern municipalities need a permanent, predictable infrastructure fund in the next provincial budget. We also need to discuss how sustainable support for transit and large infrastructure investments can become a reality that works in all parts of Ontario.
  2. **Emergency Service Costs** – Rate of growth of these services is not sustainable and AMO is looking for action on drivers that contribute to this. It continues to advocate for an improved, accountable and transparent arbitration system that gives meaning to capacity to pay.

In addition, the Province must have a more vigorous pursuit of system-wide efficiencies in policing and proceed in earnest in order to deal with the cost drivers for all police forces.

Three-quarters of all Ontario municipalities pay and use the services of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) reductions and OPP wage increases in 2014 have caused a \$50 million hit for property taxpayers in rural, small urban and northern communities. These same municipalities are facing a proposed new model for OPP billing that helps some and for others the impact is not feasible. Any OPP billing change must involve municipal finance expertise, consider the differing fiscal health of municipalities, involve various Ministries and a way to validate the OPP costs for its activity centres and examine mitigation techniques.

3. **Municipal Liability** – the Attorney General's willingness to explore some version of

proportionate liability in road cases where a plaintiff has some negligence needs to move into a government and Legislature priority.

4. **Waste Management** - Pass Bill 91, the *Waste Reduction Act*. It reflects municipal perspectives on producers' responsibility – let's take action now so that we can cut the waste, reduce the pressure on landfills and eliminate wrap rage.
5. **Improve the rule of law** - Pass Bill 34, the *Highway Traffic Statute Law Amendment Act*, to help municipalities collect unpaid fines. *Provincial Offences Act* reform has been stalled in the legislature since last April.
6. **Housing** - Total housing and homelessness prevention funding must be enhanced and further program consolidation is needed to produce more cost-effective and efficient. Despite the social services upload, property taxpayers in Ontario shoulder the burden of social housing and asked to take a role in providing affordable housing, on top of child care and long term care and public health.
7. **Energy** - A renewed look at energy planning and energy costs so that Ontario can be as competitive as possible.
8. **Growth must pay for growth** - On Development Charges, artificial discounts for transit, etc. and exclusions (e.g. hospitals) need to end.
9. **Loss and Destruction** – Municipalities call on the provincial and federal government to collectively review the recovery programs for natural or man-made disasters to public property.

Municipalities are encouraged to reflect these themes in their discussions with MPPs and their own submissions.

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February 11, 2014

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Dear Members,

The Government of Canada tabled the 2014 budget in Parliament this afternoon. Below are key messages that I am using to communicate our analysis of the budget and its implications for our priority issues.

Please also find FCM's [budget analysis](#) and, below, sample tweets you can use to help communicate FCM's budget messages.

**Key Messages on Budget 2014**

- Municipalities were looking to today's budget to see real measures to address the growing housing crisis facing Canada's families, communities, and economy. Unfortunately, Budget 2014 fell short of that goal, failing to include any targets, timelines or a commitment to a long-term housing plan.
- A total of \$1.5 billion dollars for social housing will be lost over the next five years as a result of expiring federal investments. Without a long-term plan and leadership from the federal government, up to one-third of the country's social housing units – home to more than half a million Canadians – will eventually be lost.
- We were pleased that the federal government recognized its vital role in sustaining affordable and social housing and the importance of working with local governments and FCM to address those issues. However, the

talk is only as good as the action that follows, and today we are calling on Minister Bergen to agree to immediately start the conversation on the housing crunch with Canada's big city mayors when they assemble in Ottawa later this month.

- There was some good news for cities and communities in this budget, including dedicating resources to extending broadband internet to rural, northern and remote areas. Rural businesses, communities and residents need sufficient bandwidth to participate in today's global economy and today's announcement is good news for Canadians in those regions.
- The federal government also recognized the importance of core infrastructure to securing our economy. Municipalities own a majority of public infrastructure and the new long-term infrastructure plan must respond to those needs, and must be announced soon. We were also pleased to see a recommitment to the importance of continued work on public safety in areas such as disaster mitigation.

#### **Sample tweets about the budget**

- Extending broadband internet to rural, northern & remote areas is good news for #CDNmuni. <http://bit.ly/1kQjMuH> #bdgt14
- #CDNmuni urgently need the details of the next long-term infrastructure plan. <http://bit.ly/1kQjMuH> #bdgt14
- Extending broadband internet to rural, northern & remote areas is good news for #CDNmuni. <http://bit.ly/1kQjMuH> #bdgt14

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gabriel Miller, Director of Government and Media Relations, 613-907-6316.

Sincerely,

Claude Dauphin  
President

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## Canada's Largest Rural Broadband Provider Reacts to Budget

Canada Already has 100% Broadband Access

For Immediate Release

February 11, 2014

Allison Lenehan, CEO of Xplornet Communications Inc, (Canada's leading provider of rural broadband), expressed concern about the announcement of a federal broadband program in the 2014 budget.

"We are concerned that the government may be trying to fix a problem that does not exist. Broadband is already available to 100% of rural Canada. Our near-term business plan already includes exceeding the stated 5 Mbps target for all Canadians well in advance of the CRTC's timelines and going beyond. In fact, Xplornet already makes available a high speed package (10 Mbps) to 97% of rural Canadians. With extensive investment and innovation, we are bringing urban quality broadband to rural and remote Canadians from coast to coast to coast. We sincerely hope this announcement does not interfere with the ability of the private sector to meet its own investment and innovation targets" said Lenehan today.

"Our goal is to improve capacity and speed for all rural Canadians beyond 10 Mbps," said Lenehan, "but the only limitation is spectrum, not funding. The Minister has already announced his intention to take back unused spectrum, which we support, but that needs to happen fast. The only thing standing between rural Canadians and faster speeds now and in the future is spectrum, not funding and not technology. We look forward to sitting down with the Government of Canada to insure today's announcement fits with the private initiatives for rural broadband already underway."

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### About Xplornet Communications Inc.

Xplornet Communications Inc. is Canada's largest rural broadband service provider. We believe everyone should have access to the transformative benefits of broadband, so we make our service available everywhere in Canada, including the hard to reach places. We overcome the challenges of Canada's vast geography through our deployment of Canada's first national 4G network, which leverages our hybrid technology network of fixed-wireless towers on the ground and next-generation satellites in space. Our customers live in towns, villages, just outside of major urban centres and in the farthest reaches of the country. Through our coast-to-coast network of local dealers and professional installers we connect our customers to all that the Internet has to offer. *Xplornet is high-speed Internet - for all of Canada.*

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MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

February 10, 2014

To: All Municipal Clerks

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
LOG ON TODAY.



From: Arthur Anderson, Director, Municipal Relations

**Subject: MPAC Pilots New Online Service for Potential Electors**

In support of this year's municipal and school board elections, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) piloted voterlookup.ca, an online service where potential electors can confirm, and where appropriate, update their information (citizenship and residency) in a few easy steps.

MPAC uses this information to create a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE), provided to municipalities, school boards and District Social Services Administration Boards to help Municipal Clerks create the final Voters' Lists.

The new website was piloted with nine municipal partners and two school boards. The test phase started January 13, 2014 and concluded January 31, 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the specific metrics we have gathered on the activity generated by voterlookup.ca throughout the duration of the pilot.

Total Searches	Eligible Hits	Ineligible Hits	Property Not Found	Voter Not Found	Names Updated	Middle Names Updated	Birth Date Updated	Citizenship Updated
4,678	2,249	186	687	1,540	474	345	35	108

MPAC's Enumeration team has been working tirelessly over the past couple of months on the development, promotion, and testing of this exciting new initiative. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and all participating municipalities for their commitment to making this pilot a success and look forward to the future release of this helpful online service to all municipalities across the province.

If you have any questions or comments regarding voterlookup.ca please contact me at 905-837-6993 or 1 877 635-6722 ext. 6993 or by email at arthur.anderson@mpac.ca.

Thank you.

Arthur Anderson  
Director, Municipal Relations

Copy Andy Koopmans, Executive Director, AMCTO  
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Honorary Patron:

The Hon. David C. Onley  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

## Lupus Foundation of Ontario

January 29, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

The international lupus patient community is requesting your assistance in promoting public awareness and advocacy for "the least known major disease – lupus". We have two very important events planned for 2014 which are: **World Lupus Day, May 10th** and the entire month of October which is known, world-wide, as "**October is Lupus Awareness Month**".

Lupus affects more than just the person diagnosed with the disease – it also impacts their family, friends and colleagues. It is widely under-recognized as a global health problem by the public, health professionals and governments which drives the need for greater awareness. Early recognition and a definitive diagnosis help to slow the debilitating effects of this disease. Proper treatment, a healthy diet and lifestyle are essential. Lupus is difficult to diagnose as the symptoms frequently mimic common illnesses. With your help, public awareness and education will save lives.

We are enclosing two Proclamations, for May and October that we ask to be added to your municipal websites for all citizens to access. We know that many are unaware of the signs and symptoms of lupus and it is our hope to make every person aware that their vague health concerns could be lupus.

Our office has been located in Ridgeway, for the past forty years. Receiving no funding from any level of government, we depend upon personal and corporate donations to provide our programmes, attend provincial Health Fairs, contribute financially to much-valued research, and distribute literature throughout Ontario to all those who request information.

In the past, we have received amazing support from many communities in Ontario who do read our Proclamations during televised meetings for their viewers, and add the Proclamation to their websites in the designated months. Many have passed resolutions to ask their local MPs and MPPs to assist with lupus funding for research.

We would be honoured to have your support for both of these events. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst

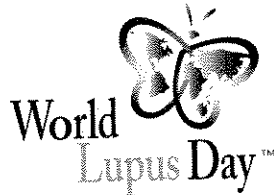


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Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that **10 May 2014** is hereby designated as **World Lupus Day** on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Proclaimed This Day, 10 May 2014



Honorary Patron:

The Hon. David C. Onley  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

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Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that **October 2014** is hereby designated as "**October is Lupus Awareness Month**" during which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Proclaimed this day during October 2014

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January 23, 2014

Ms. Melinda Reith  
Municipal Clerk and CAO  
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria  
twpshcm@xplornet.com

Dear Ms. Reith:

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, has forwarded to me your correspondence regarding Ontario's minimum wage. The views of Ontarians are important to me. I am pleased to respond.

Our government is committed to building a more prosperous Ontario. As you know, Ontario's current general minimum wage is \$10.25 per hour. Since 2003, we have raised the minimum wage by over 50 per cent. These increases have helped to raise living standards for some of Ontario's most vulnerable workers.

Our government established the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel to determine a method of setting the minimum wage that is fair for workers and employers, giving them an opportunity to plan for their future in a way that ensures wages and businesses remain competitive. The panel will provide advice on how to set Ontario's minimum wage in the future, and will not determine an amount. It will take setting the minimum wage out of politicians' hands, while providing fairness for workers and predictability for businesses to remain competitive and create jobs.

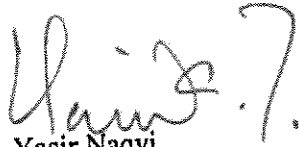
The panel travelled throughout Ontario and held consultation sessions to get feedback from a broad range of stakeholders and the public. The panel also received written submissions from people across the province. The Chair of the panel will provide recommendations to the government this winter. More information about the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel is on the Ministry of Labour website at [www.ontario.ca/minimumwagereview](http://www.ontario.ca/minimumwagereview).

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I note the township's request for the provincial and federal governments to work together regarding the minimum wage process. As you may know, provinces and territories are responsible for minimum wages in their respective jurisdictions, while the federal government is responsible for minimum wages for workers in the federal jurisdiction. Our government looks forward to considering the recommendations from the Chair of the Minimum Wage Advisory Panel, and to developing a model for setting the minimum wage that is fair for Ontario families and predictable for businesses.

Thank you again for sharing your views.

Sincerely,



Yasir Naqvi  
Minister of Labour

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier

County Council Review

January 2014



HIGHLIGHTS

*Council Communiqué*

COUNTY OF RENFREW SELECTS A NEW DIRECTOR of PUBLIC WORKS and ENGINEERING.

Warden Peter Emon appointed the County of Renfrew's first ever Acting Warden. Jack Wilson, Mayor of Laurentian Valley recited his oath of office at County Council's session today. As the Acting Warden for the ensuing year, Mayor Wilson will attend events, meetings or other duties as required if the Warden is unavailable to do so on the County of Renfrew's behalf. Mayor Wilson has had a 50 year career in public service having first been elected in 1963. He is only one of four elected officials in Ontario to ever serve 50 years or more in public office. Described by his fellow council members as a "true gentleman", Mayor Wilson thanked County Council for the honour and their kind words.

Manager of Forestry Services Mr. Jeff Muzzi has been nominated to be a councillor for the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA). The Association, representing 900 professional foresters in the province, meets four times annually, with occasional phone calls and correspondence. The OPFA recently passed a resolution to become more active in an advocacy role, so this is an opportunity to have direct input from the County at the legislative level.

County Forester Ms Lacey Rose has been nominated to be Chair of the Algonquin Section of the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). The CIF represents forestry professionals across Canada, and has been an active and effective advocate for the forest industry. The Section Chair is required to report on section activities, attend occasional meetings and participate in several conference calls per year. This is an opportunity for County input at a national level.

Reeve Walter Stack, Chair of the County of Renfrew's Operations Committee and County of Renfrew CAO/Clerk Jim Hutton are pleased to announce that Steven Boland will assume the duties of the Director of Public Works & Engineering for the County of Renfrew. It was made official today by County Council when they passed a resolution confirming the hiring recommendation made by the Recruitment Committee. Mr. Boland has more than 30 years of municipal and engineering management experience, including the last ten years as Manager of Operations, Public Works for the County of Renfrew. A Recruitment Committee, comprised of Reeve Walter Stack, Chair of the Operations Committee, Warden Peter Emon, Jim Hutton, CAO/Clerk County of Renfrew, Dave Darch, Director of Public Works & Engineering, County of Renfrew, and Bruce Beakley, Director of Human Resources, County of Renfrew, began the process in December following the announced retirement of Mr. David Darch. A total of 48 individuals applied for the position, and the Recruitment Committee then interviewed the final 4 applicants before selecting Mr. Boland.

Council Initiatives

County Council Adopted By-law 4-14 A By-law to Adopt the Estimates for the Sums Required during the Year 2013 for General, Capital and all Purposes of the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 5-14 A By-Law to Acquire Land County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 6-14 A By-Law to Acquire Land County Road 71 (Matawatchan Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 7-14 A Tariff of Fees By-Law for Applications Made in Respect of Planning Matters.

County Council Adopted By-law 8-14 A By-Law to Enter into a Lease with the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley for Paramedic Services at 49 Bonnechere Street, East, Eganville, Ontario.

County Council Adopted By-law 9-14 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and the Minister of Health and Long Term-Care for Development of a Community Paramedic Referral Toolkit.

County Council Adopted By-law 10-14 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement Between the Corporation of the County and the City of Ottawa for Land Ambulance Services.

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## Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee



Hastings Highlands Municipal Office  
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Dear Council:

**RE: Your donation for flood relief**

On behalf of the Bancroft & Hastings Highlands Disaster Relief Committee, I want to thank you for your recent donation. Because of your generosity, we raised enough funds to enable us to pay out all the eligible claims at the maximum 90% allowed under ODRAP.

Thanks in part to you, homeowners, tenants and small businesses were able to repair damages to their homes or businesses; replace essential furnishings and equipment and be reimbursed for emergency living expenses.

As a member of the Township of Faraday municipal council, I have been through the annual budget process often. I am aware of how each municipal dollar is stretched to its maximum. This makes my fellow committee members and I that much more appreciative of your kindness to our cause. Once again, thank you.

I have also enclosed your donation receipt for income tax purposes.

Yours truly

*Dennis Purcell*

Dennis Purcell  
DRC Chair

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**Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria**

**From:** "Bromberg, Justin" <JBromberg@prescott-russell.on.ca>  
**Date:** December-11-13 4:07 PM  
**To:** "undisclosed-recipients:"  
**Attach:** Certified copy Peat moss extraction.pdf; Letter to Minister Oraziotti.PDF  
**Subject:** Resolution - Amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act regarding peat moss extraction

Hello / *Bonjour,*

Please find attached a certified copy of our resolution 2013/208 and our letter to the Minister of Natural Resources regarding an amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act for the extraction of peat moss, to the attention of your respective councils.

*Veillez trouver ci-joint une copie certifiée de notre résolution 2013/208 et notre lettre au ministre des Richesses naturelles concernant la modification de la Loi sur les ressources en agrégats pour l'extraction de la tourbe, à l'attention de vos conseils respectifs.*

**Justin Bromberg**

Adjoint à la direction et communications  
Executive Assistant and Communications

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L'Original, December 10, 2013

The Honorable David Oraziotti  
Minister of Natural Resources  
Suite 6630, 6th Floor, Whitney Block  
99 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

**Re: Amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act for peat moss extraction**

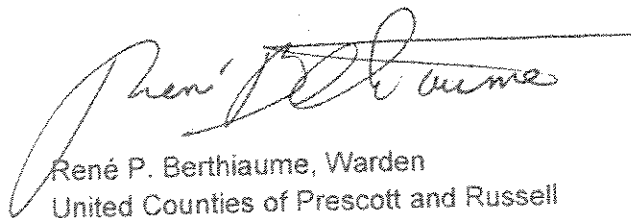
Dear Minister,

The Council of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, at its meeting of November 27, 2013, discussed a proposal from one of its local municipalities regarding an amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act for the extraction of peat moss – a resource that is significant and abundant in our region, but of which its extractors are not subject to annual fees.

Given that heavy trucks carrying this peat moss contribute to the deterioration of our roads and infrastructures, and that the Act provides that every licensee or holder of an aggregate permit shall pay an annual fee to municipalities – which in turn must ensure the protection of the road network – our Council subsequently adopted a resolution requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources to amend the Aggregate Resources Act to ensure that peat-moss extractors are subject to the same criteria as other aggregate extractors.

I am pleased to enclose a certified true copy of our Resolution 2013/208 for your consideration, in hoping the Ministry of Natural Resources may be of further assistance in this file and consider this amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act. Your opinion on the matter would also be greatly appreciated, as our Council believes this to be an issue facing many municipalities across the province.

Please accept, Minister, my sincere regards,



René P. Berthiaume, Warden  
United Counties of Prescott and Russell



**Proposé / Moved By :** François St-Amour

**Date:** 27 novembre / November 27, 2013

**Appuyé / Seconded by :** Marcel Guibord

**Numéro / Number** 2013/208

**RE:** Modification de la législation portant sur l'extraction de la tourbe  
*Amendment to the legislation regarding peat-moss extraction*

ATTENDU que la Loi sur les ressources en agrégats surveille et réglemente l'exploitation des agrégats sur les terres de la Couronne et les terrains privés;

WHEREAS the Aggregate Resources Act controls and regulates aggregate operations on Crown and private lands;

ET ATTENDU que la loi exige que les titulaires de permis ou de licence d'extraction en agrégats versent des droits annuels aux municipalités locales;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides that every licensee or holder of an aggregate permit shall pay an annual fee to local municipalities;

ET ATTENDU que les extracteurs de tourbe ne sont pas assujettis à des droits annuels;

AND WHEREAS peat-moss extractors are not subjected to annual fees;

ET ATTENDU que dans la loi, la définition du mot «terre» exclut le sol arable et la tourbe;

AND WHEREAS in the Act, the word "earth" does not include topsoil and peat moss;

ET ATTENDU que les municipalités doivent assurer la protection du réseau routier mais la circulation des camions lourds transportant de la tourbe contribue à la dégradation des routes;

AND WHEREAS municipalities must ensure the protection of the road network as heavy trucks carrying peat moss contribute to the deterioration of roads and infrastructures;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU que le Conseil pétitionne le ministère des Richesses naturelles de modifier la Loi sur les ressources en agrégats pour assurer que les opérateurs d'extraction de la tourbe soient assujettis aux mêmes exigences que les exploitants d'agrégats.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council petition the Ministry of Natural Resources to amend the Aggregate Resources Act to ensure that peat-moss extractors are subject to the same criteria as other aggregate extractors.

Adoptée

Carried

**COPIE CERTIFIÉE CONFORME/ CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

Je, Andrée Latreille, greffière adjointe de la Corporation des Comtés unis de Prescott et Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le Conseil le 27<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de novembre 2013. / I, Andrée Latreille, Deputy Clerk of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by County Council on the 27th day of November, 2013.

Andrée Latreille, Greffière adjointe