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Dear Service Provider:

This letter is to advise you of some important program changes which came into effect on January 1, 2013.

The provincial government has removed the Community Start-Up & Maintenance Benefit (CSUMB) from the Ontario Works program. This was a benefit which had enabled our staff to issue monies for eligible clients to move and set up a new residence or maintain existing residences with home repairs, appliances and the purchasing of household furniture/equipment.

The County of Renfrew's Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Programs have been consolidated under one program to be administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The new program is called Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). Renfrew County Housing Corporation and the Ontario Works Division will be in partnership to deliver HPP in 2013. The Homelessness Prevention Program is open to all low-income households and recipients of the Ontario Works program and the Ontario Disability Support Program.

A brief overview of the Homelessness Prevention Program is outlined below:

The benefit is provided for:

- victims of domestic violence
- persons who are homeless
- persons who reside in uninhabitable premises (where the uninhabitable conditions are not clearly evident, verification is sought from a third party, e.g., a building or health inspector or physician)
- persons leaving a residence due to; incapacity or death of a supporting caregiver/family member(s); overcrowding within the premises; documented need for children and sole-support parents to relocate; eviction from the premises
- employment or training relocation
- a move to more affordable accommodations, where the applicant or recipient was experiencing undue hardship because of extreme shelter costs.
- persons being discharged from institutions such as: correctional facilities; or interval and transition homes.

Eligible Expenses:

- All utility charges - security deposits, deposits for utility hook-up, hydro arrears, heating (gas, propane, electrical, oil) arrears, other fuel costs (wood), reconnection charges etc.
- Last month's rent
- Rental arrears
- Moving costs
- Transients
- Other costs may be considered under extenuating or catastrophic circumstances on a case-to-case basis.

Individuals/Families who meet the eligibility criteria are eligible to receive funds through Homelessness Prevention Program once every 36 months (3 years) at a maximum of:

- Up to \$1,000.00/rolling 36 month period for single recipients and couples with no children
- Up to \$1,500.00/rolling 36 month period for families (sole support parents with children and couples with children)

For inquiries and applications for the Homelessness Prevention Program, please contact the following individuals:

Sheila Wishart 613-732-2601 ext. 116 – for Pembroke, Petawawa, Deep River area

Jenny Sicilia 613-623-5426 ext. 203 – for Renfrew, Arnprior, Killaloe area

Sincerely,



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What are your Personal Responsibilities as a Councillor?

Citizens across Ontario are increasing their scrutiny of councils and individual members of Councils behavior. Couple this with a shift in personal obligations under the Safe Drinking Water Act it's time to learn how to protect your reputation, your personal finances and your political legacy. Sign up today for AMO's new course on Personal Responsibilities.

This full-day course (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) will be offered on Sunday February 24th (during the ROMA/OGRA Conference) at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Lunch will be provided.

Topics to be covered include:

- Water Regulation, *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*
- Oath of Office
- *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*
- Codes of Conduct
- Bill 168, *Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act* (Violence and Harassment in the Workplace), 2009
- Privilege
- Procedure By-Law Behavior
- Legislative Protection for Members (Municipal Act sections 45, 279, 283, 448(1); MCIA section 14)
- Criminal Code
- The role of the Municipal Solicitor
- and more...

This course is facilitated by Nigel Bellchamber and Fred Dean.

Event Location

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 [Personal Responsibilities Registration Form](#)

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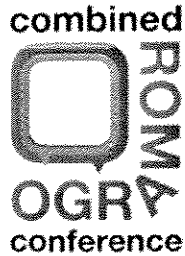
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2013 ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference
ADDING UP THE NEW FISCAL REALITY

February 24 – February 27, 2013
The Fairmont Royal York
100 Front Street West, Toronto, ON

Sunday, Feb 24

- 11:00 AM Meeting of ROMA Board of Directors
- 11:30 AM Meeting of OGRA Board of Directors
- 12:00 PM OGRA Advisory Board of Past Presidents (closed)
- 12:30 PM Joint Meeting of OGRA Board of Directors and Advisory Board of Past Presidents (closed)
- 1:30 PM Registration
- 3:30 PM Trade Show
- 5:00 PM Opening Reception

Monday, Feb 25

- 7:30 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Trade Show
- 8:45 AM ROMA-OGRA Debate: Rural vs. Urban
- 10:15 AM Coffee Break

10:30 AM Information Rooms

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10:45 AM Concurrent Workshops

- Renewable Energy
- New Bridge Technology
- Ontario's New Municipal Infrastructure Strategy
- Staff Council Relations
- Wildlife



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- 1:15 PM Calculating the Complete Life Cycle Cost of Roads
2:00 PM New World Rising: An Economic Outlook for 2013
3:00 PM Premier of Ontario's Keynote Address (Invited)
4:00 PM Ministers Forum
5:30 PM Government of Ontario Reception

Tuesday, Feb 26

- 7:30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM ROMA Annual General Meeting
8:15 AM OGRA Annual General Meeting
8:30 AM Andrea Horwath, Leader of the NDP (Invited)
8:55 AM Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario
9:20 AM Tim Hudak, Leader of the PC Party of Ontario
9:50 AM Russ Powers, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:15 AM Information Rooms

- CVOR
- Farmland Trust

10:30 AM Concurrent Workshops

Excess Soil
Swimmable. Fishable. Sustainable: Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy
Municipal Succession Planning
The Non-Profit Sector and Rural Social Enterprise
Asset Management



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11:30 AM OGRA Elections

12:00 PM OGRA Awards Luncheon

2:00 PM Information Room

- OGRA Member Services

2:15 PM Concurrent Workshops

- What is the Rural Community Agenda? A Dialogue with Peers
- Drainage
- The Revised Minimum Maintenance Standard
- Active Transportation
- Social Services
- Media Relations

3:55 PM Election Results

4:00 PM The Big Ask: FCM's Long-Term Infrastructure Proposal

4:30 PM Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Invited)

6:30 PM Delegates' Pre-Banquet Reception

7:00 PM Annual Banquet

Wednesday, Feb 27

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:15 AM Michael J. Smither Memorial Question Box

9:30 AM Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (Invited)

10:00 AM Hon. Ted McMeekin, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
(Invited)

11:00 AM Closing Session

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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

January 18, 2013

**Ontario Progressive Conservative Caucus Releases
 "Paths to Prosperity: Welfare to Work" on Social Assistance Transformation**

The recently released "Welfare to Work" white paper makes a number of recommendations to contribute to the important dialogue about social assistance transformation in Ontario. Of most significant impact to municipalities is a recommendation to combine the provincially run Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) with the Ontario Works program, which is delivered by municipalities and cost-shared with the Province. This idea was recommended in both the Drummond report and the October 2012 report of the Social Assistance Review Commission.

Underlying the support for this recommendation is the premise that municipalities have both the expertise and the administration in place to deliver a single, combined social assistance program. The "Welfare to Work" paper acknowledges that any "change needs to be done in a way that does not negatively impact the municipal sector which is grappling with its own fiscal challenges".

The "Welfare to Work" paper contains a number of other proposals including:

- Focusing the new program on ability, not disability, while respecting the distinct needs of people with disabilities;
- Requiring social assistance recipients to participate in activities outlined in an individual "Pathway to Employment Plan";
- Increasing incentives for recipients to work and reducing incentives to stay on welfare;
- Reducing the rules governing social assistance;
- Focusing programs on outcomes and contracting out services to non-profits, charities and the private sector where outcomes can be improved;
- Implementing client-centred funding, not "one-size-fits-all" approaches;
- Monitoring programs and supports to ensure effectiveness;
- Addressing the backlog of ODSP medical reviews to improve accountability;
- Prioritizing college funding towards appropriate programs to allow students with disabilities to enter college in a supported environment;
- Working with business and employers to encourage the hiring of people with disabilities by providing incentives;
- Using a Social Impact Bond or "pay-for-success" model; and
- Implementing a benefits-directed smart card system for social assistance recipients.

Improving outcomes for low income Ontarians and persons with disabilities in our communities is a shared interest among governments, political parties and advocates. Municipalities bring a wealth of practical experience in program delivery and will play an important role in any social assistance transformation.

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Municipal governments can support approaches for reform as long as there is no downloading of costs or reversal of uploads. In 2008, the Province committed to upload provincial social assistance benefits and court security costs from the municipal property tax base. The upload agreement with municipalities for Ontario Works benefits is now in its fourth year and valued at \$145 million.

To view AMO's News Release: "Social Assistance Reform Must Protect Property Taxpayers" (January 17, 2013), visit AMO's website at: http://www.amo.on.ca/WCM/AMO/AMO_Content/News_Releases/2013/SocialAssistanceReformMustProtectPropertyTaxpayers.aspx

To view a copy of the "Paths to Prosperity: Welfare to Work" white paper, visit the website of the Progressive Conservative Caucus of Ontario at: <http://www.ontariopc.com/paths-to-prosperity/welfare-to-work/>

To view a copy of AMO's Breaking News (October 24, 2012) concerning the release of the report of the Social Assistance Review Commission, visit AMO's website at: http://www.amo.on.ca/wcm/AMO/AMO_AMOAdvocacy.aspx?page=2&issue=social%20services

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

Last week Public Safety Canada held a Summit on the Economics of Policing which included nearly 300 representatives from across the country. AMO was represented at the Summit by Past President Gary McNamara, Mayor of the Town of Tecumseh.

Federal Minister Vic Toews spoke of two options to address the rising cost of policing - do nothing and become forced to cut drastically or be proactive in the pursuit of meaningful ways to achieve sustainable policing costs. AMO continues to advocate for the latter.

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities estimates costs for police services in Canada went up from \$6.4 billion in 1999 to \$12.3 billion in 2009, with municipalities paying for 60 per cent of that increase. Here in Ontario, municipalities alone spent more than \$3.5 billion on policing in 2010. This is being tackled in part by the Future of Policing Advisory Committee and its working groups in which municipalities, through AMO, are well represented.

AMO continues to raise issues related to the cost of policing in a variety of areas. The accountability and transparency of arbitrators remains AMO's top priority. AMO President Russ Powers and Past President Gary McNamara recently met with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Honourable Madame Meilleur, and OPP Commissioner Lewis to highlight the mutual need for progress and our pledge to provide municipal input as necessary to deliver further efficiencies. AMO remains committed to working with the

government on these issues.

Rising emergency service costs continues to capture media attention. Below are two recent stories of interest:

The website of TV Ontario's *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* features an interview with Professor Christian Leuprecht of Royal Military College and Queen's University on the rising cost of emergency services. Posted December 2012, the interview provides a good overall picture of key issues affecting municipalities and emergency service costs.

<http://theagenda.tv.o.org/blog/agenda-blogs/agenda-plus-cost-emergency-services>

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation last week ran a special series of stories dedicated to the cost of policing. Among them, University of Ottawa Criminologist Michael Kempa published the following story on police costs.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2013/01/14/f-vp-kempa-future-policing.html>

AMO will continue to update municipalities on these issues.

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