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January 26, 2015

Dear Municipal Treasurer, Clerk/Treasurer:

I am pleased to enclose a report showing your municipality's 2015 Annual Repayment Limit (ARL) respecting long-term debt and financial obligations. Your 2015 ARL was calculated based on 25 percent of your 2013 net own source revenues as reported in your 2013 Financial Information Return.

If you require any further information, please contact the appropriate Municipal Service Office of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (list enclosed).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Bingler", written over a horizontal line.

Trevor Bingler

Director

Enclosures

2015 ANNUAL REPAYMENT LIMIT

(UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 403 / 02)

MMAH CODE:	69612	FIR CLEAN FLAG:	C
MUNID:	47098		
MUNICIPALITY:	Head, Clara and Maria Tp		
UPPER TIER:	Renfrew Co		
REPAYMENT LIMIT:		\$	164,425

The repayment limit has been calculated based on data contained in the 2013 Financial Information Return, as submitted to the Ministry. This limit represents the maximum amount which the municipality had available as of December 31, 2013 to commit to payments relating to debt and financial obligation. Prior to the authorization by Council of a long term debt or financial obligation, this limit must be adjusted by the Treasurer in the prescribed manner. The limit is effective January 01, 2015.

FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY,

The additional long-term borrowing which a municipality could undertake over a 5-year, a 10-year, a 15-year and a 20-year period is shown.

If the municipalities could borrow at 5% or 7% annually, the annual repayment limits shown above would allow it to undertake additional long-term borrowing as follows:

5% Interest Rate			
(a)	20 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	2,049,093
(a)	15 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	1,706,670
(a)	10 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	1,269,642
(a)	5 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	711,872

7% Interest Rate			
(a)	20 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,741,915
(a)	15 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,497,564
(a)	10 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,154,849
(a)	5 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	674,173

Debt Charges for the Current Year

	1 \$
0210 Principal (SLC 74 3099 01)	0
0220 Interest (SLC 74 3099 02)	0
0299	Subtotal
	0
Ontario Clean Water Agency Provincial Projects	
0410 Water projects - For this Municipality only (SLC 74 2810 03)	0
0420 Water projects - Share of integrated project(s) (SLC 74 2820 03)	0
0430 Wastewater projects - For this Municipality only (SLC 74 2830 03)	0
0440 Wastewater projects - Share of integrated project(s) (SLC 74 2840 03)	0
0499	Subtotal
	0
0610 Payments for Long Term Commitments and Liabilities financed from the consolidated statement of operations (SLC 42 6010 01)	0
9910	Total Debt Charges
	0

Amounts Recovered from Unconsolidated Entities

	1 \$
1010 Electricity - Principal (SLC 74 3030 01)	0
1020 Electricity - Interest (SLC 74 3030 02)	0
1030 Gas - Principal (SLC 74 3040 01)	0
1040 Gas - Interest (SLC 74 3040 02)	0
1050 Telephone - Principal (SLC 74 3050 01)	0
1060 Telephone - Interest (SLC 74 3050 02)	0
1099	Subtotal
	0
1410 Debt Charges for Tile Drainage/Shoreline Assistance (SLC 74 3015 01 + SLC 74 3015 02)	0
1411 Provincial Grant funding for repayment of long term debt (SLC 74 3120 01 + SLC 74 3120 02)	0
1412 Lump sum (balloon) repayments of long term debt (SLC 74 3110 01 + SLC 74 3110 02)	0
1420	Total Debt Charges to be Excluded
	0
9920	Net Debt Charges
	0

	1 \$
1610 Total Revenues (Sale of Hydro Utilities Removed) (SLC 10 9910 01)	929,388
Excluded Revenue Amounts	
2010 Fees for Tile Drainage / Shoreline Assistance (SLC 12 1850 04)	0
2210 Ontario Grants, including Grants for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 0699 01 + SLC 10 0810 01 + SLC 10 0815 01)	148,807
2220 Canada Grants, including Grants for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 0820 01 + SLC 10 0825 01)	96,993
2225 Deferred revenue earned (Provincial Gas Tax) (SLC 10 830 01)	0
2226 Deferred revenue earned (Canada Gas Tax) (SLC 10 831 01)	23,740
2230 Revenue from other municipalities including revenue for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 1098 01 + SLC 10 1099 01)	0
2240 Gain/Loss on sale of land & capital assets (SLC 10 1811 01)	2,150
2250 Deferred revenue earned (Development Charges) (SLC 10 1812 01)	0
2251 Deferred revenue earned (Recreation Land (The Planning Act)) (SLC 10 1813 01)	0
2252 Donated Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 53 0610 01)	0
2253 Other Deferred revenue earned (SLC 10 1814 01)	0
2254 Increase / Decrease in Government Business Enterprise equity (SLC 10 1905 01)	0
2299	Subtotal
	271,690
2410 Fees and Revenue for Joint Local Boards for Homes for the Aged	0
2610	Net Revenues
	657,698
2620	25% of Net Revenues
	164,425
9930	ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPAYMENT LIMIT
	164,425
	(25% of Net Revenues less Net Debt Charges)

* SLC denotes Schedule, Line Column.

2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS POST-ELECTION SUMMARY BY MSO

* The data provided in this document is based on information supplied by municipal clerks

STATISTICS SUMMARY	Province	Central	East	Northwest	Northwest	North	West
Total Number of Municipalities	614	78	114	110	34	144	108
Total Number of Candidates Acclaimed	402	37	85	145	40	185	96
Number of Municipalities With All Candidates Acclaimed	19	0	1	15	3	18	0
Total Number of Electors	8,318,674	4,257,953	1,606,249	438,563	143,983	582,546	1,871,927
Total Number Who Voted	1,714,904	1,528,769	672,574	200,749	68,082	268,831	744,730
Voter Turnout Percentage	38.65%	35.90%	41.87%	45.77%	47.28%	46.15%	39.78%
<i>Minimum</i>	13.96%	23.67%	15.81%	21.20%	16.06%	16.06%	13.98%
<i>Average</i>	45.00%	38.06%	45.25%	44.58%	45.29%	42.98%	42.10%
<i>Maximum</i>	86.62%	52.57%	71.28%	86.63%	68.41%	86.63%	68.31%
Average Voter Turnout Percentage							
<i>Municipalities Using Traditional Voting Methods Only</i>	38.54%	38.97%	28.79%	41.09%	41.69%	41.16%	32.44%
<i>Municipalities Using Traditional and Alternative Voting Methods</i>	38.66%	35.11%	42.20%	47.64%	48.00%	47.74%	40.03%
<i>Telephone Voting</i>	40.91%	37.06%	43.61%	41.23%	52.06%	45.25%	38.31%
<i>Internet Voting</i>	41.21%	36.50%	43.50%	48.33%	52.06%	48.69%	40.17%
<i>Voting Tabulators (At Polls or Central Polling Station)</i>	37.54%	34.90%	40.61%	48.75%	46.05%	48.04%	38.98%
<i>Vote by Mail</i>	44.15%	41.23%	44.69%	47.37%	55.90%	49.61%	44.56%
<i>Touch Screen</i>	35.82%	34.82%	42.72%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	42.69%
<i>Accessible Devices</i>	36.50%	33.96%	42.80%	49.26%	31.69%	48.77%	37.93%
<i>Other</i>	42.56%	0.00%	45.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	41.91%
Number of Councils with Restricted Acts After Election Day	317	54	90	75	22	98	75
Number of Councils with Greater Than 50% Change in Members	139	22	43	35	8	44	30
Number of Female Heads of Council	72	11	21	20	5	25	15
Number of Male Heads of Council	341	61	81	89	29	118	83
Number of Unknown Heads of Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Female Councillors	735	193	178	153	45	198	166
Number of Male Councillors	2010	510	481	379	117	496	523
Number of Unknown Councillors	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Number of New Heads of Council <i>(Mayor, Reeve, Regional Chair, District Chair)</i>	102	32	50	38	10	48	32
Number of New Deputies <i>(Deputy Mayor, Vice Deputy Mayor, Deputy Reeve)</i>	73	18	26	0	0	0	29
Number of New Councillors <i>(Local Councillor, Local and County Councillor, Local and Regional Councillor, Local and District Councillor, County Councillor, Regional Councillor, District Councillor, Reeve (Not Head of Council))</i>	1227	280	335	270	71	341	321
Number of Incumbent Heads of Council <i>(Mayor, Reeve, Regional Chair, District Chair)</i>	251	40	52	69	24	93	66
Number of Incumbent Deputies <i>(Deputy Mayor, Vice Deputy Mayor, Deputy Reeve)</i>	45	6	17	0	0	0	22
Number of Incumbent Councillors <i>(Local Councillor, Local and County Councillor, Local and Regional Councillor, Local and District Councillor, County Councillor, Regional Councillor, District Councillor, Reeve (Not Head of Council))</i>	1395	429	323	262	91	353	366
Number of Seats by Office							
<i>Mayor</i>	307	70	80	87	27	114	93
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	101	24	28	0	0	0	49
<i>Vice Deputy Mayor</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Reeve</i>	35	0	22	22	7	29	4
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	16	0	15	9	0	0	1
<i>Regional Chair</i>	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
<i>District Chair</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Councillor</i>	2756	709	659	532	162	694	694
Number of Candidates by Office							
<i>Mayor</i>	1,050	368	203	177	55	232	255
<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	223	97	60	0	0	0	96
<i>Vice Deputy Mayor</i>	7	0	0	0	0	0	2
<i>Reeve</i>	104	0	49	36	10	46	9
<i>Deputy Reeve</i>	28	0	26	0	0	0	2
<i>Regional Chair</i>	81	45	0	0	0	0	36
<i>District Chair</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Councillor</i>	5,851	2085	1,188	940	306	1246	1332
Number of Municipalities Extending Nomination Period	11	0	1	5	1	6	4
Number of Councils With Vacant Seats	4	0	2	3	0	3	0
Number of Municipalities Using Alternative Voting Methods	211	61	92	39	15	54	84
<i>Advanced Polls Only</i>	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
<i>Election Day Only</i>	15	1	8	2	0	2	2
<i>Both</i>	272	59	84	36	15	51	78
Number of Municipalities With a Question on the Ballot	13	6	2	2	0	2	3
Number of Questions on Ballots	17	8	2	4	0	4	3
Number of Questions With Binding Results	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

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From: "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Date: March-05-15 4:18 PM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Government Introduces Changes to Land Use Planning and Development Charges Legislation

March 5, 2015

Government Introduces Changes to Land Use Planning and Development Charges Legislation

AMO will be reviewing the Bill in detail once it is posted. In the meantime, the following are the highlights of the changes as we understand them.

Streamlining Land Use Planning and Appeals in Ontario

The legislative amendments to the Planning Act are aimed at increased public participation, improved municipal control over decisions, and better dispute resolution.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The amendments would revise the development approvals system to a "community planning permit system" which would enhance input from residents, municipal staff and developers. This system would coordinate zoning, site plan, and other development applications so a proposed development would be considered and approved as a whole than in pieces.
- Bill would require official plan policies to explain how and when the public is consulted. In addition, municipalities would have to provide an explanation of how public input has influenced planning decisions. Planning Advisory Committees would be required to include citizen representatives.
- Official Plan reviews would be extended to ten years from the current five-year review period. It is anticipated that this would reduce appeals. In addition, there would be no amendments to the Plan in the first two years except those initiated by the municipality. Likewise, once the community planning permit system is established, it would not be subject to private appeals for five years.
- The Province will introduce a process to define "minor" for minor variances.
- Dispute resolution will be promoted through limiting what is appealable and by introducing a 90 day "pause" to allow resolution of official plan issues.

There was considerable, in-depth consultation with AMO's Planning Task Force on the planning process challenges and we look forward to confirming what advice was taken.

Development Charges Act Proposals

Changes to the Development Charges Act are intended to help municipalities cover costs while increasing transparency and support higher density development.

HIGHLIGHTS:

06/03/2015

- Capital costs for transit would be recoverable at 100% and waste diversion capital costs would become an eligible service area but not landfills.
- Adds greater onus for oversight and reporting on funds and charges on development that fall outside of what is allowed in legislation.
- Reporting practices for how development charges are collected and spent, including those charges under Section 37 of the Planning Act (bonus, parkland dedication) will be devised. It is expected that there will be more stringent oversight of development charges funds and how these funds fit into long term planning and asset management.
- A significant proposal is that "development charges would be payable at the time the first building permit was issued for a building".
- A Development Charges Working Group is proposed to be created to provide additional advice on outstanding complex issues.

While some of these changes to the DCA reflect AMO advice given during consultations, a more detailed review will be required to consider the impacts of these proposed changes to municipal operations. The inclusion of transit and waste costs represents a step in the right direction but other services remain either discounted or not included at all which does not allow us to say growth is truly paying for growth.

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Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, E-mail: mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416.971.9856 ext. 323.

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March 12, 2015

**SUBJECT: Approved 2015/2016 Annual Work Schedule
Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The 2015/2016 Annual Work Schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit is approved as of March 16, 2015. On the reverse is a copy of the public inspection notice that will be appearing in several newspapers in communities that surround Algonquin Provincial Park.

Please feel free to contact any of the offices listed in the public notice to discuss Algonquin Park forestry operations for the coming year. Ontario Parks staff and staff of the Algonquin Forestry Authority would be pleased to go over any details with you.

Yours truly,

David Coulas
Park Superintendent
Algonquin Provincial Park
Ontario Parks

C. Gord Cumming, AFA, Huntsville

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2015–2016 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The Algonquin Park Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) April 1, 2015–March 31, 2016 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning

March 16, 2015 and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke, 447 McKewen Avenue in North Bay and 207 Main Street West in Huntsville provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year. Beyond park access points, all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

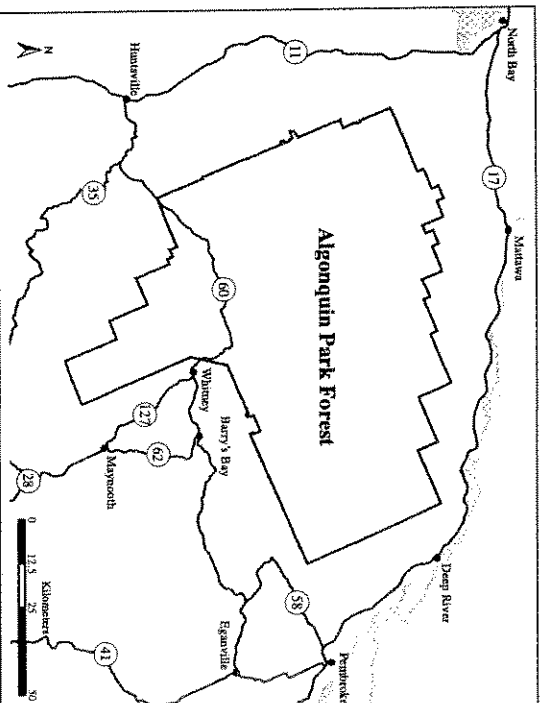
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Joe Yaraskavitch, Park Forester
MNRF
Algonquin Park Office
31 Riverside Drive
Pembroke, ON K8A 8R6
tel: 613-732-5550

Gord Cumming, Plan Author
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
222 Main Street West
Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1
tel: 705-789-9647 ext. 30

Tom Dolan, Area Forester
Algonquin Forestry Authority
Pembroke Office
84 Isabella Street
Pembroke, ON K8A 5S5
tel: 613-735-0173 ext. 225



Inspection

INSPECTION of APPROVED 2015 – 2016 ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULE OTTAWA VALLEY FOREST

The **Pembroke District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)** has reviewed and approved Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016 annual work schedule (AWS) for the **Ottawa Valley Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. office and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15** and throughout the one year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East, Pembroke, and 316 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew provide access to the internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Ottawa Valley Forest. Please contact Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. at 613-735-1888 for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Pembroke District Office, Murray Draves (613) 732-5571. For commercial fuel wood opportunities; please contact Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. at 613-735-1888.

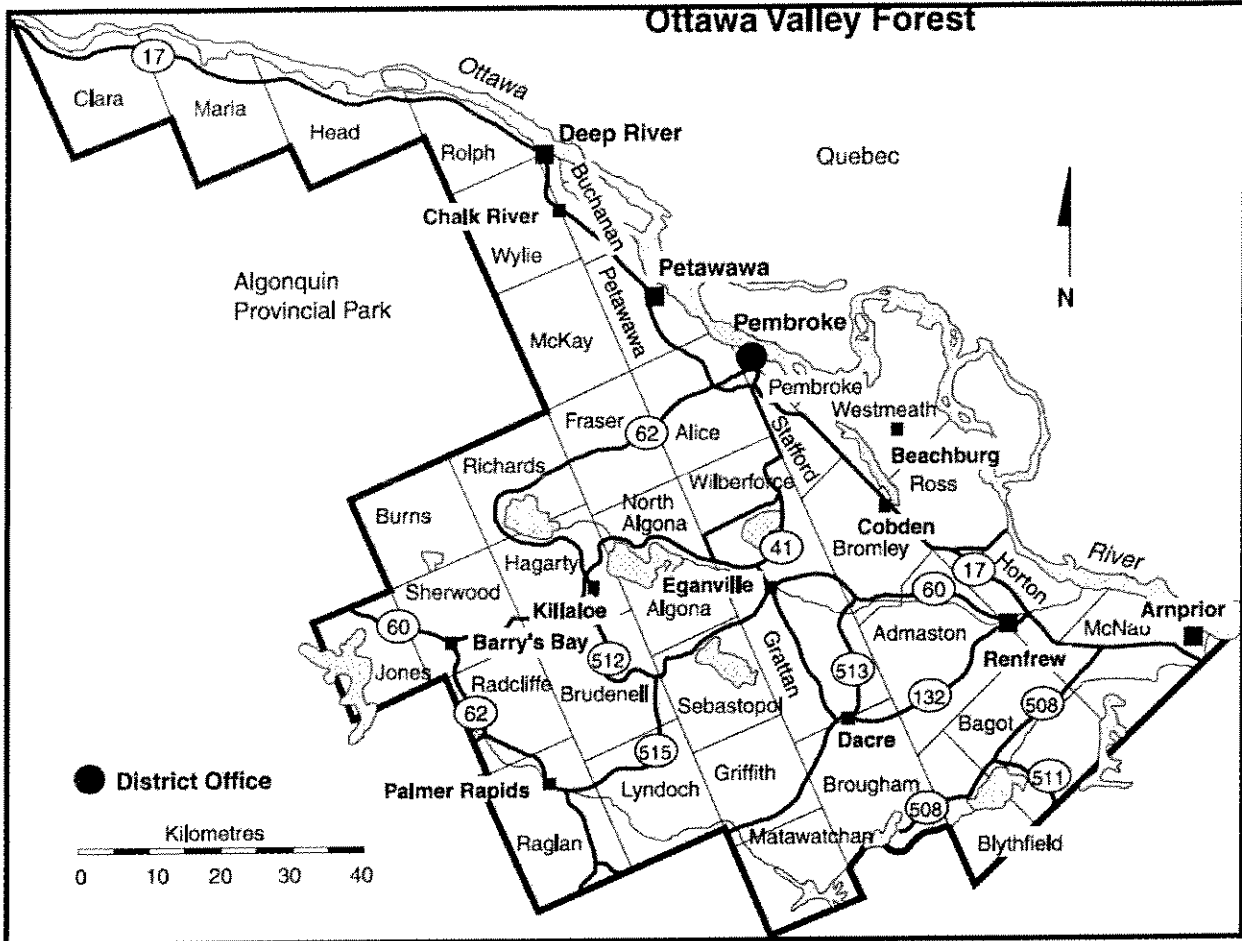
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

Krista Watters, Management Forester
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Pembroke District Office
31 Riverside Drive
Tel: 613-732-5597 Fax: 613-732-2972
Between 8:15 and 4:30

Bruce Summerby, Operations Forester
Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. (OVFI)
195 Brazeau Road, R.R. #3
Pembroke, ON
Tel: 613-735-1888 Fax: 613-735-1849
Between 8:15 and 4:30

Ottawa Valley Forest



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March 17, 2015

Dear Mayor or Reeve,

In advance of Seniors' Month I am writing to encourage you to proclaim June as Seniors' Month in your community.

June marks the 31st anniversary of Seniors' Month in Ontario. To recognize the important achievements we have made together, and the important role seniors play in our communities, this year's Seniors' Month theme is "Vibrant Seniors, Vibrant Communities." We will be sending you promotional materials for Seniors' Month soon and have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration.

I would also like to encourage you to work with your MPP(s) to host Seniors' Month events in your community.

Please contact us at infoseniors@ontario.ca if you would like to post any events you are planning on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website (Ontario.ca/seniors).

Seniors' Month presents a great opportunity to promote the Senior of the Year Award, which is awarded each year by the Government of Ontario through municipalities. I hope to visit a number of participating municipalities over the course of Seniors' Month to recognize the achievements of local seniors.

We also recently celebrated the second anniversary of Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors, a plan that focuses on active aging and improved safety and security for seniors. We've made many strides including expanding the "Finding Your Way Program," in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario to better reach Ontario's diverse and growing seniors population. The program will offer "safety kits", in four new languages: Arabic, Tagalog, Tamil and Urdu. This builds on the current languages available: English, French, Cantonese, Mandarin and Punjabi, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. The safety kits are available for download at Findingyourwayontario.ca

For more information on these programs and other supports for seniors, you can visit Ontario.ca/seniors.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario Sergio".

Mario Sergio
Minister

Enclosure

Seniors' Month Proclamation

Seniors' Month June 1 – 30, 2015

WHEREAS *Seniors' Month* is an annual province-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor _____, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2015 **Seniors' Month** in _____ and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor

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March 2015

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the 2015 Senior of the Year Award. This annual award was established in 1994 to give each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local senior. The Government of Ontario is proud of this important initiative. You may wish to consider involving local MPPs in your selection process or presentation ceremony.

Recipients are individuals who, after age 65, have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain. A certificate, provided by the Ontario government, is signed by the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor, myself as Minister Responsible for Seniors, and the local Head of Council.

Council may also wish to host a presentation ceremony honouring the Senior of the Year Award recipient in the month of June, when we pay tribute to seniors across Ontario.

The Ontario Senior of the Year Award nomination form is available on the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade's website at:

www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards

Once on this site, click on the **Ontario Senior of the Year Award** program. You may choose to submit online or by post. Nominations must be received by **April 30, 2015**.

For additional information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat by phone, at 416-314-7526, toll-free at 1-877-832-8622, or TTY 416-327-2391.

Ontario's seniors deserve special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments. By working together, we can ensure they are honoured in a meaningful way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Sergio".

The Honourable Mario Sergio
Minister



Bill 79, Helping Volunteers Give Back Act, 2015



Jones, Sylvia

Current Status: First Reading Carried

View the Bill

Bill 79

2015

An Act respecting criminal record checks for volunteers

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

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Act is to promote volunteerism by reducing the frequency with which an organization that retains the services of a volunteer can require a criminal record check for the volunteer and by reducing the cost to a volunteer of obtaining a criminal record check, while still ensuring public safety.

Definitions

2. In this Act,

“criminal record”, with respect to a person, means a record of the offences under the Criminal Code (Canada), the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada) or any other Act of Canada of which the person has been convicted and for which the person has not received a pardon under the Criminal Records Act (Canada); (“casier judiciaire”)

“criminal record check”, with respect to a person, means a copy of the person’s criminal record, the copy of which complies with the authenticity requirements that are prescribed in the regulations made under this Act; (“vérification du casier judiciaire”)

“organization” includes a person or body; (“organisation”)

“volunteer” means a person who performs work or supplies a service but who receives no monetary compensation for doing so, other than an allowance for expenses or an honorarium. (“bénévole”)

Non-application of Act

3. This Act does not apply in a municipality where a police force does not charge any fee for releasing a criminal record check for a volunteer to the volunteer or to an organization that proposes to retain the services of the volunteer.

Frequency for criminal record checks

4. (1) An organization that retains the services of a volunteer shall not require the volunteer, as a condition of starting to act as a volunteer with the organization, to provide the organization, or to consent to having a police force provide the organization, with a criminal record check for the volunteer if the volunteer has provided the organization with a criminal record check for the volunteer that is,

- (a) dated less than one year before the day on which the volunteer starts to act as a volunteer with the organization; and
- (b) the most recent criminal record check that the volunteer has obtained.

Notice of pending proceedings

(2) An organization that retains the services of a volunteer may require the volunteer, as a condition of starting to act as a volunteer with the organization, to provide the organization with notice of,

- (a) all proceedings that have been commenced against the volunteer and that could result in the volunteer being convicted of an offence where the conviction would be added to the volunteer’s criminal record; and
- (b) the final disposition of the proceedings described in clause (a).

Subsequent criminal record checks

(3) An organization that retains the services of a volunteer shall not require the volunteer, as a condition of continuing to act as a volunteer with the organization, to provide the organization, or to consent to having a police force provide the organization, with a criminal record check for the volunteer dated less than one year after the date of the most recent criminal record check for the volunteer that the organization has received.

Exception

(4) Despite subsections (1) and (3), an organization that retains the services of a volunteer may require the volunteer, as a condition of starting or continuing to act as a volunteer with the organization, to provide the organization, or to consent to having a police force provide the organization, with a criminal record check for the volunteer at any time if,

- (a) the organization has actual notice or reasonable grounds to believe that a conviction for an offence has been added to the volunteer's criminal record since the date of the most recent criminal record check for the volunteer that the organization has received; or
- (b) the circumstances prescribed by the regulations made under this Act exist.

Providing additional criminal record checks to volunteer

5. (1) If a police force releases a criminal record check for a volunteer to an organization in response to a request of the organization and if the request of the organization includes a request of the volunteer for a maximum of five additional originals of the check, the police force shall, at no additional charge when releasing the check to the organization, release the additional originals to the volunteer that the volunteer has requested.

Same, original request by volunteer

(2) If a police force releases a criminal record check for a volunteer to the volunteer in response to a request of the volunteer and if the request includes a request for a maximum of five additional originals of the check, the police force shall, at no additional charge when releasing the check to the volunteer, release the additional originals to the volunteer that the volunteer has requested.

Regulations

6. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,
- (a) prescribing anything described as prescribed in this Act;
 - (b) specifying time periods for complying with obligations specified in this Act.

Commencement

7. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

8. The short title of this Act is the Helping Volunteers Give Back Act, 2015.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill enacts a new Act with respect to criminal record checks for volunteers. The Act does not apply in a municipality where a police force does not charge any fee for releasing a criminal record check for a volunteer.

An organization that retains the services of a volunteer is prohibited from requiring a criminal record check for the volunteer, as a condition for the volunteer's starting work with the organization, if the organization receives a criminal record check for the volunteer that is dated within the year before the day on which the volunteer starts work with the organization and that is the most recent criminal record check that the volunteer has obtained. The criminal record check must meet the authenticity requirements specified by the regulations made under the Act. The organization can also require the volunteer to provide notice of all pending criminal proceedings and the final disposition of those proceedings.

After a volunteer starts work with an organization, the organization can require a new criminal record check from the volunteer dated at yearly intervals. In addition, the organization can require a criminal record check for a volunteer at any time if the organization has actual notice or reasonable grounds to believe that a conviction for an offence has been added to the volunteer's criminal record since the date of the most recent criminal record check for the volunteer that the organization has received.

When a police force releases a criminal record check for a volunteer, whether to an organization or to the volunteer, the police force is required to release a maximum of five additional originals of the check to the volunteer at no additional charge if the volunteer so requests.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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ERNIE HARDEMAN, M.P.P.
Oxford

Reeve Jim Gibson
Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
15 Township Hall Rd
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Dear Reeve Gibson,

I understand the fiscal challenges that municipalities are facing and that your tax dollars have to be used effectively. That's one of the reasons I was so disappointed to learn that some social housing providers are being forced to pay more than they should for services.

As you know, provincial legislation makes it mandatory for affordable housing providers to purchase gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC). A number of municipalities have found that they are paying more for gas than if they were to purchase it through other sources. As well, many providers are paying HSC an opt out fee (2.5% of the premium) in order to be allowed to purchase less expensive insurance that provides equal or better coverage.

I believe that affordable housing providers should be allowed to purchase these items at the best possible price – whether it is directly, jointly with the municipality, through Local Authority Services, or through HSC. I also have concerns about recent spending at the HSC, including frequent international travel and money transferred to subsidiaries and other for-profit companies.

To save municipalities money and ensure affordable housing dollars are used effectively I recently introduced the *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act*. If passed, this Act will:

- Save affordable housing providers money on natural gas and insurance by removing the mandatory requirement to purchase them through the Housing Service Corporation;
- Restore accountability by requiring HSC to report salaries over \$100,000 as municipalities and government agencies do; and
- Give the Provincial Auditor the authority to audit the HSC without requiring a Minister's request.

I ask for your support for this bill to ensure that affordable housing dollars can provide the maximum benefit to help those who need it most. In case it is helpful I have enclosed a sample resolution of support.

If you have any questions regarding the *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act*, or if I can be of assistance on any other matter please contact me at ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org or 416-325-1239.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford
PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing



Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act, 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Housing Services Act, 2011* in the following ways:

1. Section 150 is amended to permit the Auditor General to audit the accounts of the Housing Services Corporation and of each of its subsidiaries.
2. Section 151 is amended so that members of the Housing Services Corporation such as service managers and local housing corporations are not required to participate in any of the Corporation's programs or activities.

The Bill also amends the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996* to specify that the Housing Services Corporation and each of its subsidiaries are employers for the purposes of the Act.

An Act to amend the Housing Services Act, 2011 and the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996

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

HOUSING SERVICES ACT, 2011

1. (1) Section 150 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* is amended by adding the following subsections:

Auditor General

(2) The Auditor General appointed under the *Auditor General Act* may audit the accounts of the Corporation and of each of its subsidiaries.

Access to records and information

(3) When the Auditor General conducts an audit under subsection (2), the Corporation and its subsidiaries shall give the Auditor General and employees of the Auditor General access to all records and other information required to conduct the audit.

(2) Section 151 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Member participation not required

151. Members of the Corporation such as service managers and local housing corporations are not required to participate in any of the Corporation's programs or activities described in section 124.

PUBLIC SECTOR SALARY DISCLOSURE ACT, 1996

2. (1) The definition of "employer" in subsection 2 (1) of the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996* is amended by striking out "and" at the end of clause (b), by adding "and" at the end of clause (c) and by adding the following clause:

(d) the Housing Services Corporation and each of its subsidiaries;

(2) Subsection 2 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following definition:

"Housing Services Corporation" has the same meaning as in the *Housing Services Act, 2011*;

COMMENCEMENT AND SHORT TITLE

Commencement

3. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

4. The short title of this Act is the *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act, 2015*.

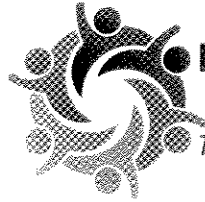
Sample resolution for Municipal Council

WHEREAS social housing providers in Ontario are currently required to purchase natural gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) or pay a fee to purchase elsewhere; and

WHEREAS social housing providers should have the right to obtain natural gas and insurance at the lowest cost to provide value to those in need of affordable housing and all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the HSC should be subject the same level of accountability and oversight as government agencies;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of (name of municipality) supports the *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act* introduced by Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman which would remove the mandatory requirement for social housing providers to purchase gas and insurance through the HSC, require HSC to report salaries over \$100,000, and give the Provincial Auditor General the authority to audit HSC.



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Darlene Aikens Memorial Summer Camp Program
Sending Kids to Camp Since 1980

Hello,

Since 1980, Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has been providing the less privileged children in the area with the opportunity to participate in an organized summer camping experience. As each year passes, our search for the necessary funds to send these children to camp has become increasingly difficult. Last year, we were able to send 215 children from Renfrew County to local overnight and day camps. We are hoping to match or exceed that number this year. We must raise approximately \$60,000.00 this year in order to operate this program, but it cannot be done without your generous support.

We are asking for businesses, service clubs, churches, and individuals in Renfrew County to help send local children to summer camp by sponsoring a child for a week of overnight or day camp. Overnight camps, on average, cost \$60/day, or \$300/week. Local day camps cost \$25/day, or \$125/week, on average.

Please consider sponsoring a week or more of summer camp for a deserving child in your area. With a small monetary donation, you can be responsible for creating new experiences, as well as friendships, and some wonderful memories for a child in our community. This thoughtful act will make an enormous difference in these children's lives, many of whom may not get the opportunity to experience camp without your help.

One hundred percent of money received in donations goes to sponsoring a child, as Family and Children's Services covers all operating and administrative costs. A tax receipt is issued for all donations.

It is my deepest hope that you will continue assisting the deserving children of Renfrew County by supporting the Summer Camp Program. I welcome the opportunity to speak in person about our wonderful camping program as well as offering any publicity you would like regarding a possible donation.

For more information regarding the Darlene Aikens Memorial Summer Camp Program, please contact Donna Sullivan at (613)735-6866 ext. 2037, or camp@fcsrenfrew.on.ca.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support,

Donna Sullivan
Summer Camp Program Supervisor

Arijana Tomcic
Executive Director

Arijana Tomcic, M.S.W. Executive Director

Helping families and communities in Renfrew County protect and support the development and well-being of children, youth and adults through integrated services, prevention and social inclusion

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Chief Administrative
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February 26, 2015

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Wynne:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew supported the following resolution from the Township of Head, Clara and Maria on February 26, 2015:

WHEREAS the province has recently attempted to improve its revenue situation by increasing the costs of Ontario Provincial Police Billing and in 2014 attempted to claw back the Power Dam payments affecting many Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS a review document by the Ministry of Finance of the Provincial Land Tax (PLT) received from property owners in unorganized territories for provincial services has recently been presented for comment and details some significant inequities between how properties are taxed and the benefits received from the province in comparison to other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that this paper focuses on the discrepancies between unorganized areas and organized municipalities in Northern Ontario it also affects small rural municipalities in Southern and near Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS numerous rural Ontario municipalities have many of the same challenges as those in unorganized territories due to isolation, low population density, and distance to services but do not benefit from exemptions, subsidies and funding received by Northern Ontario residents;

AND WHEREAS these small rural municipalities provide the bare minimum in services to their constituents such as maintenance of roads, garbage collection, scant recreation and a public library not being able to afford luxuries such as local policing, emergency services, utilities, water and sewer, public health, public education, or social services within their own municipality although they are demanded to provide financial support at the county and provincial level;

AND WHEREAS the average PLT paid per household in northern unorganized areas has not changed significantly since the 1950s;

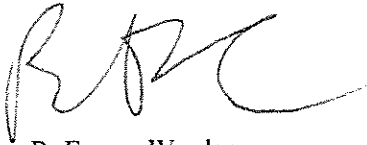
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby beseech the Minister of Finance to bring the PLT payment program in Northern Ontario's unorganized areas in line with other Ontario tax payments so that these residents pay their fair share of provincially operated services which they benefit from but do not contribute towards lowering the burden placed on small rural "Southern" Ontario municipalities and northern organized municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT these increased revenues be used to offset the demands placed on all small rural Ontario municipalities with increased OPP Billing, reduced transfer payments and the proposed Power Dam compensation reductions;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for support.

Your government's positive response to this resolution would be appreciated. If you have any questions pertaining to the resolution or would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter R. Emon, Warden
County of Renfrew
warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

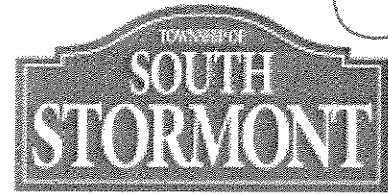
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c: Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Mr. Jim Wilson, MPP, Leader, Official Opposition
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario
Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
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February 18, 2015

To: All Municipalities in Ontario
Re: Support Request

The Council of the Township of South Stormont passed the following resolution on **February 18, 2015**. Your support of this resolution would be appreciated. Please send any resolution of support to the **Prime Minister's office**, with a copy to the Township of South Stormont.

Resolution No. 059/2015

Moved by: **Councillor Richard Waldroff**
Seconded by: **Councillor Donna Primeau**

Whereas Municipal Governments Nationwide are in need of funding;
And whereas the current grant programs are unequal in distribution;
And whereas the current gas tax is insufficient to meet the demands placed on municipalities;
And whereas Municipal Governments are limited in methods of acquiring funding;
And whereas all persons pay Goods and Services Tax;
And whereas funding provided on a per capita formula would be fairer;
And whereas the Federal Government has the resources to collect and distribute;
And whereas the population per Statistics Canada is 36,675,834;
And whereas 1% Goods and Services Tax (HST/GST) raises approximately \$6.5 billion annually;
And whereas this represents \$177.23 per man, women and child nationwide.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Federal Government of Canada be encouraged to dedicate to the municipalities of Canada 1 % percent of the annual Goods and Services tax (HST/GST) collected and that these funds be dispersed among the Municipal Governments of Canada on a per capita calculation, for use on annual expenses incurred;

And further be it resolved that a copy of this motion be forwarded to MP Guy Lauzon, all Ontario municipalities, AMO, OGRA, and 1 municipality in each province and territory of Canada for their endorsement and support.

Yours truly,

Loriann Harbers, CMO
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

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FEB 27 2015

Ms. Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for copying me on your letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding Council's resolution about the Annual Report of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario with respect to forest management initiatives in Algonquin Provincial Park. Premier Wynne has also shared your concerns with me.

I appreciate the Council's concerns with the report's recommendation. For generations, we have been able to protect what many see as the Crown jewel of the Ontario provincial parks system while allowing sustainable forest management activities in the park.

As noted in the County of Renfrew's resolution, sustainable forest management activities in Algonquin Provincial Park benefit the economy and the forestry industry. Forest operations support at least 2,800 jobs within the region and contribute about \$110 million to Ontario's economy each year. In addition, the wood supply has primarily supported 13 mills in surrounding communities, such as yours. The available harvest area is approximately 12,000 hectares per year. In recent times, forest operations used less than 8,000 hectares per year. Ontario Parks will continue to balance the protection of Algonquin Provincial Park's natural heritage with sustainable forest management.

My ministry is committed to educating the public on the park's sustainable logging operations. The park has a dedicated logging museum along with a current forest management component at the Visitor Centre. Museum attendance is over 50,000 while the Visitor Centre, which also explains the importance of forestry in the park, draws in an annual average of 160,000 visitors.

You may be pleased to know that the park's sustainable logging practices are highlighted through an extensive set of staff-led interpretive programs accounting for nearly 21 per cent of the entire park's staff-led interpretive programming.

If you have any more questions regarding forest management in Algonquin Provincial Park, please contact Jay Nichols, Algonquin Zone Manager, at (705) 789-0724 or jay.nichols@ontario.ca.

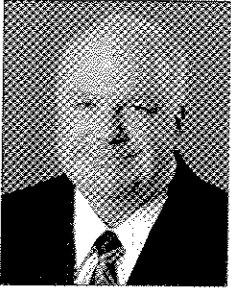
Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Bill Mauro
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Premier Kathleen Wynne
Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario
Jim Wilson, Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario
Andrea Horwath, Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nippising-Prembroke
Jay Nichols, Algonquin Zone Manager



JIM WILSON

Member of Provincial Parliament
Simcoe-Grey

Interim Leader of the Official Opposition

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March 12, 2015

Ms. Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for your letter concerning the new Ontario Provincial Police billing model. I appreciate your taking the time to bring this matter to my attention.

The Ontario PC Caucus understands and acknowledges the current issues surrounding the cost of policing. We believe the direct result of the provincial government running a \$12-billion annual deficit is that municipalities are paying for provincial mismanagement.

This Liberal government has cut funding to municipalities time and time again, be it through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, canceling the connecting links program, or by ignoring issues with joint and several liabilities. They have increased costs for municipalities on one hand while cutting transfer payments on the other, that's not a solution for municipalities experiencing large increases in policing costs.

That said, after reviewing your concerns with much interest, I have taken the liberty of writing on your behalf to the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. I have asked the Minister to review your letter and respond.

In addition, I have forwarded your concerns to MPP Rick Nicholls, PC Critic of this portfolio. I have asked Mr. Nicholls to continue to follow this issue closely.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention and please accept my best wishes.

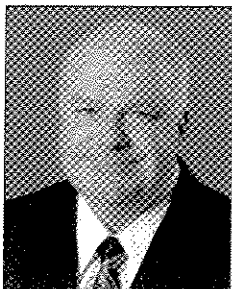
Sincerely,

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Member of Provincial Parliament
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February 25, 2015

Ms. Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for sending me copies of the Township's resolutions and letters to Premier Kathleen Wynne. I appreciate your taking the time to bring these matters to my attention.

After reviewing the resolutions and letters with much interest, I have taken the liberty of writing on your behalf to the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation; and the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. I have asked the Ministers to review the resolutions and letters and respond.

In addition, I have forwarded the correspondence to Mr. Vic Fedeli, PC critic of Finance; Mr. Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Mr. Michael Harris, PC Critic of Transportation; and Mr. Jeff Yurek, PC Critic of Natural Resources and Forestry. I have asked them to continue following these issues closely.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to my attention and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jim Wilson, MPP
Simcoe-Grey
Interim Leader of the Official Opposition

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Head, Clara, Maria - M. Reith

From: "Lyn Smith" <lsmith@phoenixctr.com>
Date: March-11-15 5:32 PM
Subject: Ontario can do better on poverty reduction

Good Afternoon

As part of our CPAN online community I wanted to share the email below with you.. in the hope that if possible you can help us advocate for a better Ontario.. and Renfrew County for everyone. You can do this in two ways:

- 1) Contact our MPP to ask for the recommendations below
- 2) Network this email to your contacts so that they may also advocate for a better life for our children in need.

If enough people can advocate for positive change and poverty reduction (with the aim to eliminate poverty) we will become the 'wind-changers' and governments then have to listen or risk losing support!

Please network on far & wide!

Take care and enjoy this lovely weather ☺

Lyn Smith, Coordinator
 Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN)
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 Twitter: @RenfrewCPAN

4 Children, 4 Families, 4 All, 4 Inclusion

Together Ontario 
We can build the Ontario we want!

Dear Lyn,

Today, 1.9 million people in Ontario live below the poverty line. They struggle to put food on the table or to pay the rent. Their struggle affects us all – the social and economic cost of poverty in Ontario is estimated at almost \$40 billion a year.



Last year Premier Wynne committed to building “a fairer and healthier Ontario”. The government renewed their commitment with a second Poverty Reduction Strategy and a promise to end homelessness in our province.

Now is the time to invest to move these promises forward – funding needs to be in the 2015 Ontario Budget.

We can do better.

Please send a message to your local MPP, Premier Wynne and key Cabinet Ministers to let them know that we need investments in the 2015 Ontario Budget to cut poverty and build a more prosperous Ontario for everyone.

Please take action now!

Yours sincerely,

Laurel Rothman
TogetherOntario

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