

Townships of Head Clara & Maria

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Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:32 PM
Subject: Information
Hello Everyone

Just wanted to advise the group that I've been selected to sit on MFOA's Committee on Issues in Small Municipalities.

If you or your Council has any issues you would like me to bring up, please feel free to forward them to me. We will be meeting Dec 14 or 15 so I will need your items by December 12 please.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Mrs. Jennifer M. Barr, AMCT
Finance Manager
Township of Horton
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- Taxation of Crown lands
- OPP costing
- Provincial Gas Tax sharing
- Amendments to the Municipal Elections Act
 - Financial Reporting
 - Audit Committee
- PILs for unpatented land.

October 24, 2011

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Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith,

On behalf of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA), I am writing to you regarding the news that the Petawawa Research Forest Visitor Information Centre's (Petawawa VIC) funding from partnering municipalities is in jeopardy.

VICs play an important role in Renfrew County's tourism industry. In particular, the Petawawa VIC has played a significant economic contribution to tourism in the north-west region of Renfrew County by providing information to visitors that encourages them to stay longer, spend more money, experience more attractions and revisit the area.

The Petawawa VIC and its staff have provided high quality customer service and reliable travel information for many years. For the tourism businesses within the partnering municipalities, the Petawawa VIC plays a valuable role in the promotion of their business to potential customers. Many of our local tourism businesses are small businesses with limited marketing budgets - facing both financial and time constraints. For them, the loss of the Petawawa VIC may be particularly hard.

The Petawawa VIC is an important first point of access to information for thousands of tourists who visit the Ottawa Valley every year. We urge you to continue funding the Petawawa VIC, and we trust that the Town of Petawawa and the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, Deep River and Laurentian Hills will continue to support our local tourism industry.

Yours in Tourism,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Hinsperger".

Chris Hinsperger
President, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

CC: Tammy Stewart, Reeve, Township of Head, Clara & Maria
Dave Thompson, Mayor, Township of Deep River
John Walden, Economic Development Officer, Township of Deep River
Dick Rabishaw, Mayor, Township of Laurentian Hills
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October 21, 2010

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Ext. 322

WITHOUT PREJUDICEThe Corporation Of The United Townships Of Head, Clara & Maria
Attention: Melinda Reith
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, Ontario
K0J 2K0


Dear Ms. Reith:

RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING 

I am in receipt of your email dated October 11, 2011. In that letter you asked three questions. The following are brief comments regarding these questions:

1. Does Council have any recourse over the damage that may have been caused by the untrue statements made by Mr. ?

The only recourse you have against an individual who makes untrue statements about you is pursuant to the Laws of slander. The Council itself would not likely be able to sue for slander, but individuals may sue if they have suffered damages. It is the damages portion of the Claim that would be very difficult in this case.

2. Am I ) as an employee who has suffered through the direct and proper discharge of duties entitled to legal services as provided in the attached policy?

I reviewed the policy which you provided and I do not believe it covers this particular situation. Paragraph 1 of the Guidelines refers only to a situation where an employee might be sued as a result of his or her actions as a Municipal employee. These Guidelines do not speak to whether or not a lawyer will be provided to an employee who wishes to sue someone else, i.e. for slander.

October 21, 2011
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3. Are there any issues you feel that Council as a whole or I [REDACTED] as an employee should consider or actions we should take directly related to the situation?

The only issue that I can see is whether or not there is a limit as to the extent to which a tax payer can speak out at a public meeting. It is difficult to set Guidelines with respect to this as every situation is different. It may be that in some situations, aggressive and personal attacks on individuals should be cut off if there is little basis in fact in what the individual is saying. However, therein lies the problem of who determines on the spur of the moment what the facts are.

I await any further instructions.

Yours very truly,



M.W. Instance

MWI/ccc

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OMNR DUMP INSPECTION FORM

Date: Oct 13/11

Dump Name: STONE CLIFF

Location: Basemap 18 28511 Block 07

Township: HEAD

Lot. _____ Con. _____

1. Distance to nearest water

3600' SOUTHEAST

2. Is trail to water cut out and marked? Yes No

If no, what has to be done?

- ROAD SYSTEM FROM LANDFILL TO PLANTATION ROAD (WAY)
- SHOULD BE MARKED

3. Is there a constructed fire guard surrounding the dump? Yes No

Is the fire guard cleared to mineral soil? Yes No

If no, what work has to be done?

PARTIAL GUARD STARTED BEHIND TIRE PILE + APPLIANCES
BUT NOT FULLY COMPLETE

4. Is brush, metal and household garbage in separate areas?

Yes No

If no, explain

5. Does the brush or household garbage present any fire hazard?

Yes No

If yes, explain

- BRUSH PILE WITHIN 10 METERS OF GRASS
- REQUIRES 30 METER BUFFER.

6. Comments:

FUEL TYPE SURROUNDING SITE MIXWOOD WITH
MAINLY POPLAR - TIRES COULD SEPARATED
Fire Inspector - KRUSCHENSKIC/CAMPBELL FURTHER FROM BRUSH,
(PRESENTLY 20 METERS)

FYI

OMNR DUMP INSPECTION FORM

Date: Oct 13/11

Dump Name: BISSETT CREEK

Location: Basemap 17 72512 Block 82

Township: MARIA

Lot. _____ Con. _____

1. Distance to nearest water

. 3500 FEET ON BISSETT'S ROAD - ROAD BLOCKED NOW WITH GATE AT 911 SIGN 65
SOUTHWEST

2. Is trail to water cut out and marked? Yes No

If no, what has to be done?

ROAD SYSTEM TO WATER - SHOULD BE SIGNED

3. Is there a constructed fire guard surrounding the dump? Yes No

Is the fire guard cleared to mineral soil? Yes No

If no, what work has to be done?

LANDFILL PIT FINE - BRUSH PILE AGAINST
FLAMMABLE MATERIAL - NO FIRE GUARD PRESENT

4. Is brush, metal and household garbage in separate areas?

Yes No

If no, explain

5. Does the brush or household garbage present any fire hazard?

Yes No

If yes, explain

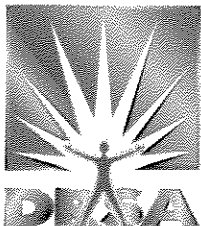
BRUSH PILE - AGAINST TREE LINE / GRASS AREA

6. Comments:

REQUIRES FIRE GUARDS + IDENTIFIED WATER
SOURCES - INCREASE CLEARED AREA TO MEET
30 METER BUFFER ZONE

Fire Inspector - _____

KRUSCHENSKA / CAMPBELL



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4 November 2011

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Melinda Reith
Township of Head, Clara & Maria,
15 Township Hall Road,
Stonecliffe, ON,
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Dear Ms. Reith,

Each year we host the Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair where students present science and technology based projects. Those projects are judged and prizes are awarded for experimentation, innovation and study. Four students are then selected to represent Renfrew County at the Canada Wide Science Fair. We are grateful to have sponsors that reward scientific thought in our students, both at the Regional Fair and at the Canada Wide Science Fair.

The 2011 Team added three more awards to its credit at the most recent Canada Wide Science Fair held in Toronto. Alexandria Schraenkler won a Bronze Medal in the Junior Category. Rebeccah Sandrelli won a Bronze Medal in the Senior Category, and the Canadian Stockholm Junior Water Prize.

Our 2012 Regional Fair is happening on March 30-31 at the Petawawa Civic Center. We hope you will support the fair, and we would certainly welcome your attendance at the event. We have restructured the fair organization, and are now operating as a program of the Deep River Science Academy. These changes were made to give us better guidance and governance and have been very beneficial thus far. Donations made to the Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair will still be used only for the science fair program. However, if you are entitled to a tax receipt for your donation it will be from the Deep River Science Academy (Registration Number 119229615RR0001).

We would like to invite you to become a sponsor of the Renfrew County Regional Science Fair and have enclosed a funding schedule of giving levels to assist you in your consideration.

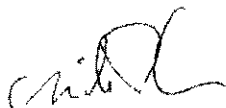
We welcome the opportunity to speak with you at any time, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information on the Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair and the ways in which you can help make it a success in 2012.

Respectfully,



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For



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Director, Deep River Science Academy and
Chair Renfrew County Science & Technology Fair Committee
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November 9, 2011

Hon. Christopher Bentley
Minister of Energy
4th Floor,
Hearst Block 900 Bay Street
TORONTO, ON M7A 2E1

Dear Mr. Bentley:

Subject: **Approval Process for Alternative Energy Projects**

The Township of Mulmur has experienced a number of situations where alternative energy installations, primarily smaller projects carried out under the MicroFit program, have not been carried out with required approvals and/or at locations which are appropriate.

We note that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and your Ministry have recently launched a review of the FIT and MicroFit programs, and we would urge you to take our concerns, as expressed below, into consideration as part of that review.

We believe that, at the very least, a protocol should be developed requiring input and comments from the local municipality on all such projects. In those situations where approvals such as building permits or Niagara Escarpment Commission development permits are required, we believe that the Ministry and/or the OPA must ensure that such approvals have been obtained and the conditions of approval have been satisfied.

The municipal Council of the Township of Mulmur, at its November 1, 2011 meeting, has passed the following resolution.

Moved by Hayes, Seconded by Hawkins:

THAT WHEREAS the Province has taken away from municipalities both commenting and approval authority for “green energy” projects;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur has recently had constructed, within a municipal road allowance, an unauthorized solar array;

AND WHEREAS some such facilities are being constructed without required building permits and/or other required approvals, such as Niagara Escarpment Development Permits;

AND WHEREAS such situations are examples of what can, and does all too regularly occur when appropriate checks and balances are not in place (which is clearly the case when consultation with, and the approval of the local municipality is not required);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be urged either to adopt a standardized compliance checklist of requirements to ensure that such facilities are being installed in an appropriate manner, and to be more diligent in their review/approval of such projects, or amend the requirements so that all such facilities are subject to a municipal consultation/approval process or, at the very least, a protocol for ensuring that such facilities are installed appropriately and in accordance with required approvals.

AND THAT staff be directed to circulate this resolution to other rural municipalities as directed by Council, with a request for support.

CARRIED

By way of a copy of this letter to other rural and small urban municipalities across Ontario, the Township of Mulmur is requesting their input and support.

Yours very truly

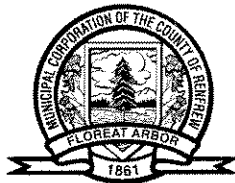


Paul Mills, Mayor

c.c. Premier Dalton McGuinty
Ontario Power Authority
Sylvia Jones, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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November 7, 2011

Ms. Melinda Reith
Twp of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
STONECLIFFE, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

RE: County of Renfrew Official Plan – 5 Year Review

The Planning Act requires a municipality to revise its Official Plan every 5 years. Since the County Plan is due a revision under this requirement, County Council has authorized the Planning Division to update the County of Renfrew Official Plan. The various phases in the review process are attached. The revisions to the Plan that will flow out of this review would be implemented through an official plan amendment to be adopted by County Council and approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Phase I of the work program is "Initial Consultation" which includes a survey of local municipalities that utilize the County Official Plan. As stakeholders in the Plan, we are interested in your views on where we can make improvements to the document.

To this end, we would appreciate it if you would review the questions below with your Council and appropriate municipal staff and provide us with your municipal response by December 31, 2011.

Questions:

- 1) Are there any new policies you would like added to the Official Plan?
- 2) Are there any existing policies you would like removed?
- 3) Are there any existing policies you would like changed or clarified?
- 4) Are there any changes to the map schedule affecting your Municipality that you would like considered (e.g., changes to any land use designations)?
- 5) Are there any other comments you wish to make concerning the Official Plan?

As a final note, we would like to stress that there will be a number of opportunities for local municipal input to this process. In addition to this survey, we plan to meet all affected local Councils to review and obtain comments on the draft official plan amendment. In addition, under phase 8 of the work program there will be 4 public meetings across the County on the proposed amendment to seek public input. If your municipality would like an additional opportunity for consultation, please call me.

Thank you for your assistance in this Official Plan Review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ch Cheesman".

Charles Cheesman, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Planning Services
ccheesman@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

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COUNTY OF RENFREW OFFICIAL PLAN
5-YEAR REVIEW PROCESS

OUTLINE OF PHASES
November 2011

PHASE 1 – INITIAL CONSULTATION WITH MMAH AND SURVEY OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

There are 3 parts to this phase: 1) County staff to develop a preliminary list of policy issues to be addressed in the update – this would also include preparation of demographic information for all of the County; 2) prepare a survey to be sent to the local municipalities who use the Plan to obtain their likes/dislikes of the Plan, and any suggestions or changes; 3) pre-consult with MMAH and partner ministries – County staff to make a presentation on our specific issues; ministries to bring maps/documents.

PHASE 2 – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

This phase would comprise the holding of the Special County Council meeting under Section 26 of the *Planning Act* to consider revisions to the Official Plan. This will afford Council and the public the opportunity to identify issues and concerns and discuss any revisions to the Official Plan that may be required.

PHASE 3 – PREPARATION OF STAFF DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT (OPA)

The revisions to be made to the Plan, both text and map, would be incorporated into an OPA document.

PHASE 4 – CIRCULATE STAFF DRAFT OPA TO MMAH

The draft OPA would be circulated to MMAH for comment. This step includes a review of provincial comments in a meeting with County staff, MMAH and any required partner ministries.

PHASE 5 – COMMITTEE/COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DRAFT OPA

The draft OPA and provincial comments would be presented to the Development & Property Committee and County Council for acceptance. (MMAH may have to be present at one or both of these meetings.)

PHASE 6 – PROVINCIAL/LOCAL MUNICIPAL REVIEW OF APPROVED DRAFT OPA

The approved draft OPA would be circulated to the Province for review and presented by County staff to all affected local municipalities (10).

PHASE 7 – PREPARATION OF FINAL DRAFT

Based on the comments from Phase 6 above and meetings with Committee and Council, changes would be made to the Approved Draft to create the Final Draft.

PHASE 8 – PUBLIC REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT

Four public meetings across the County would be held to seek input on the Final Draft.

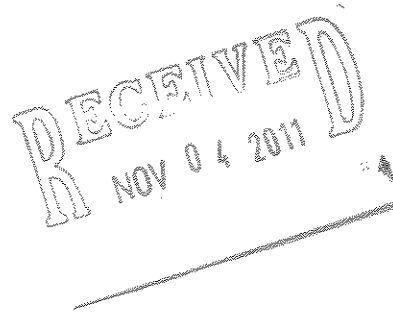
PHASE 9 – ADOPTION OF OPA AND SUBMISSION TO MMAH

Staff to report back to Committee who would then make recommendations to County Council. County Council would then formally adopt the OPA and submit to MMAH for approval.



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

October 31, 2011



To: All Heads of Council
Ontario Municipalities

From: Dan Mathieson
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Subject: 2011 Property Assessment Notice Mailing

On November 2, 2011, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will begin delivering nearly one million Property Assessment Notices to property taxpayers across the province.

While the next province-wide Assessment Update will take place in 2012, changes to properties continue to occur. New homes and additions are built, owners renovate, structures are removed or demolished and properties change use. MPAC is legislatively responsible for updating this information even in a year when a province-wide Assessment Update is not taking place.

Some of the reasons for receiving a Property Assessment Notice this fall include:

- a change to property ownership or legal description;
- a change to the property's assessment resulting from a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) or Assessment Review Board decision;
- a property value increase or decrease reflecting a change to the property, for example, a new structure, addition, or removal or demolition of an old structure;
- or,
- change in the classification or tax liability of a property.

Each Notice shows the assessed value and classification of a property based on the legislated valuation date of January 1, 2008, which is in place for the 2009-2012 property tax years.

Although each Notice also indicates a number of ways to contact MPAC, you may also receive enquiries. The enclosed information kit will help you and your staff respond.

This kit includes:

- a sample Property Assessment Notice;
- a copy of the Information Insert included with every Notice;
- Important Information About Your Property Assessment brochure; and,
- a fact sheet about MPAC.

The key dates for the 2011 Notice mailing are:

November 2-16, 2011	Property Assessment Notice Delivery Period
November 30, 2011	Amended Property Assessment Notice Delivery
December 13, 2011	Assessment Roll delivered to municipalities
April 2, 2012	Deadline for filing a Request for Reconsideration or Appeal

Enquiries about Property Assessment Notices and assessment in general, may be directed to MPAC's website at www.mpac.ca or to our Customer Contact Centre at 1 866 296-MPAC (6722) or 1 877 889-6722 (TTY). Property taxpayers may also visit their local MPAC office to meet with us face-to-face. The hours and address for the local office are included on every Notice mailed.

As part of our commitment to deliver property assessment excellence, provide outstanding service and to earn your trust everyday, we are pleased to provide support to help you answer questions and address the concerns of property taxpayers in your community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Arthur Anderson, Director, Municipal Relations at 905 837-6993 or at 1 877 635-6722, extension 6993.

Yours truly,



Dan Mathieson
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Enclosure

Copy MPAC Board of Directors
Carl Isenburg, President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC
Executive Management Group
Arthur Anderson



Townships of Head Clara & Maria

From: "Info.Moi" <info.moi@ontario.ca>
To: "Melinda Reith" <twpshcm@XPLORNET.COM>
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2011 3:29 PM
Subject: Message from the Honourable Bob Chiarelli
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Ministry of Transportation Ministère des Transports

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November 4, 2011

Ms Tammy Lea Stewart
 Reeve
 Townships of Head Clara and Maria
 twpshcm@xplornet.com

Dear Reeve Stewart:

I am honoured to have been asked by Premier Dalton McGuinty to assume responsibility for the two ministries – Transportation and Infrastructure. While they will remain separate entities, I am excited about the potential synergies and dynamic partnerships of these two organizations.

Both ministries are cornerstones of building a strong, economically-competitive Ontario for the future. I am committed to building and maintaining a sustainable transportation network that moves people and goods safely, efficiently, and enhances our quality of life. Ontario now has the safest roads in North America and I am committed to making them even safer. We are investing record amounts to keep highways in good repair, reduce congestion, improve safety, and promote the economy. This year we are investing \$2.5 billion to design, repair, and expand provincially-owned highways and bridges across Ontario. This includes \$1.36 billion in highway construction, \$618 million in northern highway construction and \$479 million for engineering, property and program support. These investments will create more than 10,000 jobs in Ontario.

Municipal roads and bridges are essential components of Ontario's transportation network. Since 2003, some 5,500 kilometres of Ontario highways and 739 bridges have been built and repaired. We are committed to working with our municipal partners to ensure that both levels of government can meet their responsibilities for roads and bridges in an accountable, affordable, and sustainable manner.

In terms of moving people safely and more efficiently, since 2003, the McGuinty government has demonstrated a commitment to getting people out of cars by investing more than \$10.8 billion in public transit. This includes investing approximately \$4.7 billion in GO Transit. In addition,

government has delivered on its commitment to provide two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenues to municipalities as a source of long-term, sustainable funding for public transit. Since 2004, we have committed over \$1.6 billion in Gas Tax Funding to Ontario municipalities.

Metrolinx, an agency of the Ministry of Transportation, was created in 2006 to improve the coordination and integration of all modes of transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. We are expanding the Georgetown South GO Transit corridor, which will include a rail link between Union Station and Pearson Airport – Canada's two busiest transportation hubs – in time for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

This past spring, our government launched Ontario's first 10-year long term infrastructure plan, *Building Together*. Through this plan, which I announced as Minister of Infrastructure, the province will continue to make significant investments in public infrastructure over the next decade. This includes more than \$35 billion over the next three years, including \$12.8 billion in 2011-12. These investments are projected to create and preserve over 300,000 jobs. *Building Together* also focuses on better asset management planning and the expansion of Infrastructure Ontario to deliver more projects in collaboration with municipalities as well as the broader public sector.

Building Together aligns with other initiatives that are building a better quality of life for all Ontarians. This includes the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, a 25-year plan to manage growth in the region. I remain committed to ensuring that Ontarians enjoy healthy, sustainable and prosperous communities through good growth management and am pleased with the advances we have made. In July, the Ministry of Infrastructure marked the growth plan's five-year anniversary by releasing a progress report. While we are still in the plan's early years, many indicators show that its policies are having a positive effect. *Building Together* also aligns with the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, a 25-year plan released in March 2011. The plan will create a strong, sustainable Northern Ontario with communities that attract people and investments, support education and employment opportunities, and position the northern economy to compete on a global scale. The Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines are working together with other provincial ministries to ensure that Ontario's programs and investments align with the goals of the Growth Plan and support a strong Northern Ontario. As part of the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, 2011, the Ministry of Transportation is developing a Northern Ontario Multi-modal Transportation Strategy to provide direction for transportation infrastructure in the North over the next 25 years. It will include all modes of transportation -- air, rail, road (including winter roads) and marine.

As Minister for both Transportation and Infrastructure, I am going to continue to rely on the advice and counsel of our partners in the construction, design, finance, and other sectors, including Ontario's trades, as well as the advocacy and planning perspective of Ontario communities and municipal partners. I foresee a dynamic partnership between these two ministries that will – with your continued support and advice – deliver the quality public infrastructure that all Ontarians deserve and expect.

Sincerely,



Minister

c: Ms Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk, Townships of Head Clara and Maria