

Highway 17 maintenance

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The county's public works and engineering department will seek clarification from the Ministry of Transportation about winter maintenance standards along Highway 17.

At its monthly meeting Monday, the County of Renfrew operations committee reviewed a letter from Petawawa Councillor Treena Lemay who serves as chairwoman of the Petawawa Police Services Board. In the letter she raises concerns on behalf of members of police services boards in Renfrew County with relation to what she calls a "rumour from a very reliable professional and responsible source that the MTO is reviewing and/or considering an extension of the downgrading of the snow/winter clearing standards for Highway 17 coming east of the current cut-off at the area of the Petawawa Plains."

In presenting the letter Dave Darch, the county's public works and engineering director, indicated the topic of winter maintenance was discussed during a meeting in Ottawa with MTO officials to address Highway 17 related issues. While the MTO has confirmed it is not proposing reduced maintenance standards for Highway 17, staff did advise that they have a new maintenance contractor commencing in the area in the fall.

The MTO staff has advised that winter maintenance standards are determined based on the winter average day traffic volumes, with a threshold of 10,000 vehicles per day. Class I standards apply to highways with traffic volumes in excess of 10,000 vehicles per day and Class II standards apply to highways with traffic volumes of 10,000 vehicles per day or less. This practice is applied to all highways in the province, Mr. Darch noted.

If there is any truth to the rumour about the downgraded maintenance standards, the driving public has a right to know now, especially motorists travelling to and from Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and CFB/ASU Petawawa, Coun. Lemay stated in her letter.

"I am confident you appreciate that all



Dave Darch

of us need to know that the government is committed to ensuring safe driving conditions, especially after hearing of the dreadful fatality statistics of one death a month on average for the past 4.5 years," she wrote.

Further clarification about the maintenance standards can be sought in October as Kathy Moore, Eastern region director for the MTO, and her staff will appear as a delegation at the county council meeting. Mr. Darch anticipates the ministry will provide information about its new maintenance-delivery system and capital improvement work scheduled for provincial highways within the county in the next five years.

Coming out of the meeting with Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli was an agreement to form a joint working committee and Mr. Darch is hoping the terms of reference will be disclosed at the October meeting.

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AUGUST 20, 2012
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COURT IMPOSES CRIMINAL CODE FINES FOR WORKPLACE ACCIDENT

In a recent case, *R. v. Metron Construction Corporation*, the Ontario Court of Justice imposed one of the first sentences rendered under the Bill C-45 amendments to the *Criminal Code of Canada*. Those amendments impose criminal liability on organizations (including companies) for the actions of their "representatives" or "senior officers" and require that anyone who undertakes or has the authority to direct how another person does work or performs a task must take reasonable steps to prevent bodily harm to any person arising from the work.

In this *FTR Now*, we discuss the significant potential liability implications of the *Metron Construction* case for employers.

BACKGROUND

In late 2009, six workers were repairing concrete balconies on the 14th story of a high rise building. When they were descending, four workers were killed and one was seriously injured when their swing stage (scaffolding) collapsed and fell to the ground. The sixth worker had been properly attached to a safety line and suffered no injuries. A subsequent investigation determined that the swing stage was improperly constructed and that it would not have been safe for two workers to descend on it, let alone six. Moreover, it only had two lifelines available on it. The rented swing stage had also arrived with no manual instructions or other production information, as required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* ("OHSA"). Toxicology reports also indicated that three of the four deceased, which included the site supervisor, had recently ingested marijuana.

Metron Construction, the company overseeing the restoration, was charged under the Bill C-45 amendments and entered a plea of guilty. It became the first Ontario company convicted under these amendments.

The Court noted that, unlike the OHSA, the *Criminal Code of Canada* (the "*Criminal Code*") does not provide for a maximum fine. However, the *Code* does require the Court to consider the impact of the fine on the financial viability of the organization. Metron only had two permanent employees. Its financial viability appeared uncertain. The Court imposed a fine of \$200,000. This amount was more than three times the net earnings of the business in its last profitable year.

In the companion sentencing case, *R. v. Swartz*, Mr. Swartz, a director of Metron, entered guilty pleas that he failed to take all reasonable care to ensure the corporation complied with the applicable provisions of OHSA and its regulations, which require that an employer ensure that a worker who may use a fall protection system is adequately trained in its use. Mr. Swartz also failed to ensure that training and instruction records were maintained; failed to ensure that the swing stage was not used while it was defective or hazardous; and failed to ensure that, at the time of the accident, the swing stage was not loaded in excess of the load it was designed to bear.

The maximum fine permitted by the OHSA for an individual is \$25,000 per count. A fine of \$22,500 for each of four counts was imposed. Therefore, the fine was 90% of the maximum. The Court noted it was well above Mr. Swartz's total income for the last year.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Given the financial status of the corporate and individual defendants, these were substantial fines. The case underscores the fact that directors do have very real obligations under both the OHSA and the *Criminal Code*. It remains to be seen whether this decision will encourage the laying of *Criminal Code* charges in other serious workplace accidents. At the very least, as the Court said, the decision is intended to "send a clear message to all businesses of the overwhelming importance of ensuring the safety of workers whom they employ."

Should you have any questions regarding this decision or its impact, contact Robert W. Little at 416.864.7332 or any member of the Occupational Health group.

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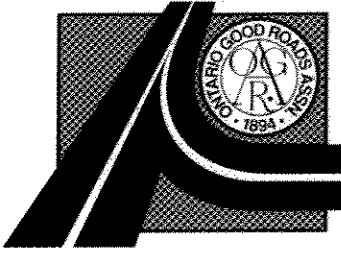
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Minister of Transportation Agrees to “Open up” MMS Regulations

OGRA is very pleased to advise that the Minister of Transportation, Bob Chiarelli has agreed to open up the Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS) regulations to address the problems created by the recent Ontario Court of Appeals decision in *Guiliani v Region of Halton*. Further he has made the commitment to address the problems “before the snow flies” this winter.

Late last year the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned a lower court ruling in the matter of *Guiliani v The Region of Halton* which has serious implications for all municipalities in Ontario. The ruling undermines the ability of municipalities who are in compliance with their existing Minimum Maintenance Standards to defend court actions brought against them. Members of the OGRA Board and Staff met with both Minister Chiarelli and Premier McGuinty at the 2012 ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference to apprise them of the matter and to advise that while OGRA was supporting an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, that if all legal avenues were exhausted, we would be back requesting that the regulations and/or the legislation be amended.

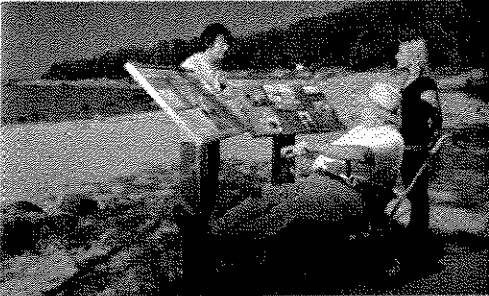
OGRA supported the appeal by OMEC to the Supreme Court of Canada. Unfortunately the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal and OGRA immediately contacted the Minister’s office to set up a meeting.

OGRA President Alan Korell stated “We are extremely pleased that the Minister has seen the important role that the MMS plays in protecting municipalities from frivolous law suits and that he has agreed to act so quickly.”

The Committee that OGRA had established to develop new best practices to deal with the court ruling will be re-tasked to draft the revised regulations to be submitted to the Minister this fall.”

Executive Director Joe Tiernay stated “OGRA will continue to take a leadership role in ensuring that the MMS provide the level of protection that municipalities need and we will also continue to press for legislative changes to the bigger issue of Joint and Several Liability.”

For more information contact OGRA at info@ogra.org



Empowering communities

- Create or maintain a hiking trail or canoe route
- Organize community volunteers to clean up a shoreline
- Install information about nearby plants and animals on a walking trail



Protecting water

- Plant trees and native plants along a stream bank to prevent erosion
- Create a program to help cottage owners maintain their septic systems
- Educate recreational boaters about preventing pollution



Improving wetlands, beaches and coastal areas

- Help landowners take action on their property to control and clean stormwater
- Construct viewing and fishing platforms to enhance visitor experiences
- Replace invasive plants with native species



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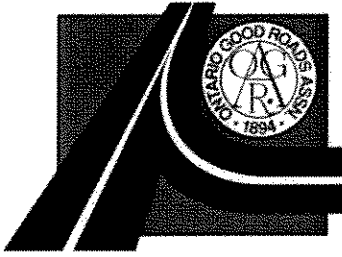
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Minister of Infrastructure Rolls out Asset Management Funding Program

OGRA President Alan Korell was in attendance in Trenton yesterday when Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli announced the Province's new Municipal Infrastructure Strategy. The strategy will require municipalities that request provincial infrastructure funding to show how projects fit within a comprehensive asset management plan.

Asset management plans help municipalities make smart planning decisions about building, operating, maintaining, renewing and replacing infrastructure over the long-term.

Through the strategy, Ontario is providing \$60 million over the next three years to municipalities. Up to \$9 million will be used to help municipalities prepare their plans, while the remaining funds will be used to address critical projects identified in those finalized plans.

In his address Minister Chiarelli stated, that "the government has made unprecedented investments in infrastructure across the province. We will continue to partner with all municipalities to invest in local infrastructure to support economic growth and enhance quality of life."

OGRA President Alan Korell stated that "The federal, provincial and municipal governments need to work together to fund the infrastructure that makes Ontario communities prosperous. The Province's decision to provide funding to small municipalities to prepare asset management plans confirms a commitment to approaching infrastructure needs in partnership, and to investing wisely."

"This is exactly the direction that we had hoped the Province would take" said OGRA Executive Director Joe Tiernay. "Municipalities need to do asset management but they also need financial assistance to get the job done." He also restated OGRA's commitment to the Municipal DataWorks (MDW) program confirming that access to OGRA municipal members would continue at no cost.

Municipalities interested in accessing the funding must submit an "Expression of Interest" by no later than October 22, 2012.

Click the following link to be redirected to the on-line form.

[Funding for Asset Management - Expression of Interest Form](#)



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Moved by Councillor Brian Barnim

Resolution # 232-12

Seconded by Councillor Alex Westerhout

DATE: 13 Aug 2012

YEA	NAY	BE IT RESOLVED:
_____ ANDERSON	_____	WHEREAS School Crossing Guards play a vital role in road safety for Children;
_____ BARNIM	_____	
_____ COLQUHOUN	_____	
_____ GINN	_____	And WHEREAS the School Crossing Guard mandate is to ensure children can cross streets safely as they travel to and from school;
_____ JEWITT	_____	
_____ LOBB	_____	
_____ METZGER	_____	And WHEREAS the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8, Section 176 (1) defines a "school crossing guard" as a person sixteen years of age or older who is directing the movement of persons across a highway and who is,
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- a) employed by a municipality, or
- b) employed by a corporation under contract with a municipality to provide the services of a school crossing guard;

And WHEREAS the expenses for the provision of the Crossing Guard Program is the responsibility of the municipality who chooses to provide the service and these expenses are a burden on the taxpayers of that municipality;

And WHEREAS the Education Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.2, Section 190 (1) states A board may provide for,

- (a) a pupil who is enrolled in a school that the board operates;
- (a.1) a resident pupil of the board who is enrolled in a school operated by another board under an agreement between the boards;
- (b) a pupil in respect of whom the Minister pays the cost of education under the regulations, transportation to and from the school that the pupil attends.

NOW THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Central Huron requests the Minister of Education change the Education Act to be the responsible authority for the Crossing Guard Program and the Minister of Education be responsible for the costs of the Crossing Guard Program;

And That the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H.8, Section 176 (1) be amended to change the definition of "school crossing guard" to be employed by the Ministry of Education.

And That This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Education, Minister of Transportation, AMO, and to all Ontario municipalities for their support.

CARRIED Mayor Jim Ginn

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From: "David Goldstein, Tourism Industry Association of Canada" <david.goldstein@tiac.travel>
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TIAC Talk

August 30, 2012

Share



TIAC has heard from many of our members this summer, and we share your concern over the significant decrease in the Canadian Tourism Commission's annual budget. This summer, TIAC has been making the case that we need increased funding for our national tourism marketing activities.

Now, we need you to reach out to your Member of Parliament to help strengthen our case and to put a local face on the importance of this issue.

By contributing a few moments of your time, you can help us make the case for increased funding more compelling. As elected officials hear this message more frequently, our chances of success increase - especially when it originates from those in their own communities.

Here's how you can help:

- Only have a minute? [Fill in our template letter to automatically send an email to your MP.](#)
- Have a bit more time? You can follow up your letter with a meeting with your MP to discuss this very real threat to the industry. TIAC has an online advocacy centre with [tips on scheduling a meeting with your MP](#), [tips on conducting an effective meeting](#), [talking points](#) and [an information kit to leave with your MP.](#)

Affecting change requires a new, sustained approach with the involvement of tourism stakeholders from coast to coast. As the

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tourism industry's front line representatives, you give a face to the story of how important our sector is in your community. Your voice will give urgency to the industry's call for a competitively-funded CTC.



Please take action today by reaching out to your elected official and sharing this important message with your colleagues.

Spread the Word

TIAC members have already helped make the case in recent weeks to their MPs, but we need to spread the word and have your tourism sector colleagues take action as well. Please use the "Forward email" link at the bottom of this email to send this notice to your tourism friends and partners. We need as many members of our industry as possible to make this case for renewed funding.

Why Funding the CTC is More Important Than Ever

The CTC budget for 2013/14 is \$57.8 million - a decrease of 41.5% in just a decade.

Yet, funding the CTC is more important than ever. Tourism continues to grow globally, but Canada's share continues to erode. We have slipped from 7th to 18th in the world for international visitors and we are one of only five countries to experience a drop in arrivals in the last 10 years. With less money to promote Canada in key markets, we will unquestionably struggle to take advantage of the growth in international travel.

What is TIAC doing about it?

TIAC continues to make the case in Ottawa for increased tourism marketing funds. This includes regular, constructive dialogue with key decision-makers, including senior representatives in the offices of the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, and the office of the Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism).

Additionally, TIAC's recent submission to the pre-budget consultation process to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance this month focused on the need for long-term, sustainable and increased tourism marketing funding. We also worked with our provincial and sectoral colleagues to help make a broad and profound national case for this funding through this budget process.

For more information, please contact Adrienne Foster at afoster@tiac.travel or (613) 238-6378.

On behalf of the industry, thank you in advance for your invaluable contribution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Goldstein".

David F. Goldstein
President & CEO



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 14, 2012

NEW HOUSING PROGRAM OFFERS SUPPORT FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED

Ontario Renovates Is An Opportunity for County of Renfrew Residents To Access Funding For Home Repairs

Pembroke, ON: The County of Renfrew, in partnership with the Province of Ontario, is pleased to announce that a new program is being introduced to assist seniors and disabled individuals to access funding for upgrades to their homes to enhance their quality of life. **Ontario Renovates** is a program that provides financial assistance to homeowners by way of a forgivable loan to repair their home to acceptable standards while improving the energy efficiency and/or increasing accessibility of their unit.

Mayor Peter Emon, Chair of the County of Renfrew Social Services Committee, explained that **“the target groups for Ontario Renovates include low to moderate income seniors and persons with disabilities residing in the County of Renfrew. This is a great opportunity for some of our residents to make the necessary upgrades to their home and also improve their quality of life. I really encourage our local residents to inquire about this program. The program is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.”**

In order to qualify for the program, residents must meet certain criteria including:

- The property must be located in the County of Renfrew
- Applicants must own the home that is their sole and principle residence with a market value below \$216,831
- Applicants must have a total household income that does not exceed \$70,100 which includes all sources of income

In order to qualify for the program, there is a formal application process that is administered through Renfrew County Housing Corporation. Funding is provided in the form of a 10-year, interest free forgivable loan to homeowners based on the cost of approved work items up to \$10,000. In addition, funding for accessibility repairs made to a home and/or unit up to a maximum of \$3,500 is based upon the cost of approved work items, is in the form of a grant and does not require repayment. The application must provide supporting information and documentation as required.

For more information on this exciting new program, or to request an application package, please call 613-432-3679. Residents of the County of Renfrew can also download the application package by visiting www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca

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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

August 19, 2012

The Board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has approved a submission to Infrastructure Canada that lays out the needs of Ontario's municipalities in a new federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan.

The AMO submission calls for a long-term investment program that would allow municipalities to plan capital works and ensure that local priorities are funded. These include:

- A long term, ideally at least ten-year, program;
- Funding allocations by province based on population and economic importance;
- Dedicated portion of the funds to be directly for municipal infrastructure reflecting the fact that municipal governments are owners of the greatest portion of public infrastructure; and
- Eligibility of all local priorities determined by municipal councils through long term municipal asset management planning.

In approving the submission, AMO's Board noted the critical importance of municipal infrastructure as the foundation for economic and social development, environmental protection and quality of life and passed a resolution that articulates municipal priorities. This resolution is appended below and local councils are encouraged to support it or use it as a basis for their own resolutions to the federal and provincial governments.

The submission will be provided to the federal government and posted to the AMO website in the near future.

Resolution – Federal Long-Term Infrastructure Plan

Whereas municipalities in Ontario are responsible for the majority of infrastructure in the province and that infrastructure is an investment in the economic, social and cultural development and the environmental protection of our communities; and

Whereas the Government of Canada is developing a new Long Term Infrastructure Plan for federal support for infrastructure in Canada; and

Whereas, despite increased investment in municipal infrastructure by municipal, provincial and

federal orders of government in recent years, Ontario's municipalities still have a significant infrastructure deficit.

Now, therefore, the Board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolves that:

Any new federal infrastructure support program must be long-term in its scope and horizon, ideally at least ten years, to help infrastructure investment partners tackle our significant infrastructure needs; and

That Ontario, as Canada's most populous province, should be allocated infrastructure support under any new federal infrastructure support commensurate with its population and economic importance; and

That any new federal infrastructure support program must recognize the number and variety of infrastructure systems owned, managed and operated by municipalities in Ontario and the critical supports these provide to local communities and economies by providing for an exclusive municipal allocation in any new federal infrastructure support program; and

That the priorities of local governments in Ontario, as defined by their long-term municipal asset management plans, must be recognized and eligible for direct federal support under any new federal infrastructure support program; and

That those municipalities that have or will have comprehensive asset management plans in place at the time the Federal program is in effect should be considered immediately eligible for any new infrastructure program funding from the federal government.

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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CAO, CLERK AND COUNCIL

August 16, 2012

Ontario Launches First Phase of Municipal Infrastructure Strategy

The Ontario Government today launched the first phase of the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy under its long-term infrastructure plan, Building Together. Today's announcement responds directly to a request for municipal support by AMO.

Through the first phase of the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy the Ministry of Infrastructure will provide \$60 million over three years to municipalities for municipal asset management planning and critical repairs.

The funding includes:

- Up to \$9 million to help small, rural and northern communities meet capacity challenges to develop long term municipal asset management plans;
- \$750, 000 over three years to those Service Managers who have less than 4,000 social housing units to allow for asset management planning activities;
- \$51 million over two years to fund critical repairs to infrastructure identified as priorities through asset management; and
- A guide and web tool to help municipalities complete their asset management initiatives to be eligible for provincial funding.

Under the Building Together plan, the Province indicated that long-term asset management planning would be required of all organizations seeking provincial infrastructure funding.

The Provincial-Municipal Roads and Bridges Review also emphasized the need for municipal asset management to guide future funding when fiscal situations allowed for roads and bridges. While the government and AMO are committed to implementing the Premier's pledge of a permanent, predictable roads and bridges fund, timing has been delayed due to fiscal circumstances.

While AMO supports municipal asset management to guide funding priorities, the association had concerns regarding the capacity of some municipalities to carry out these plans. A large

majority of respondents to AMO's recent infrastructure priorities survey indicated they had human resource or financial challenges in carrying out asset management planning.

With today's announcement, the provincial government is responding to AMO and other municipal groups in their request for asset management and critical infrastructure support and taking a critical first step in putting municipal infrastructure, and its \$60 billion funding gap, on a more sustainable footing for the future.

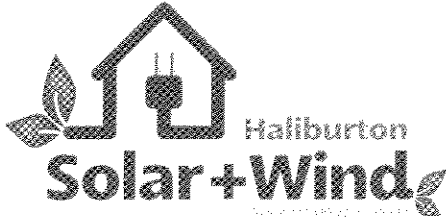
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Dear Tammy Stewart,

Re: Solar & Wind Development Opportunities

Haliburton Solar and Wind ("HSW") is an authorized representative of Rumble Energy Inc. ("Rumble"), Ontario's largest FIT developer. Rumble has developed hundreds of projects across Ontario and is a highly regarded solar company specializing in Feed-In-Tariff ("FIT") system design, supply, and installation. HSW is a professional project management firm specializing in solar developments, off grid design and implementation.

There will be significant opportunity for Townships, Municipalities, Cities, and First Nations to benefit financially and structurally under the FIT programs if you choose to move forward with renewable forms of energy.

According to the Pembina Institute, renewable energy:

- Has minimal or no negative environmental or social impact;
- Does not deplete natural resources;
- Meets the needs of people today and in the future in an accessible, equitable and efficient manner;
- Protects air, land and water;
- Has little or no net carbon or other greenhouse gas emissions;
- Is safe today and will not burden future generations with unnecessary risk.

You may be considering building your own renewable generation projects or you may be looking to lease to a developer with an equity position. There are many options available, each with their own distinct benefits. The cost to build solar today is 40% less than it was just 3 years ago and the Ontario Government offers generous rates with 20 year contracts. There has not been a better time for Townships, Municipalities, Cities, and First Nations to seriously consider their role in the future of Ontario's energy mix and the decentralization of their grid segment.

Please take a moment out to peruse the enclosed information brochure. The combined impact of Haliburton Solar and Wind and Rumble Energy is considerable. I hope to be able to speak with you directly at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


 Brian Nash
 Haliburton Solar and Wind
 13 August 2012



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ATTENTION: Reeve Tammy-Lea Stewart

Dear Reeve Stewart:

On behalf of the Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee, I am writing to request financial support to the Disaster Relief Fund to assist those affected by flooding this past spring.

In the early hours of May 28, 2012, more rain dropped in Thunder Bay and area in two hours than normally falls on the city the entire month of May causing extensive damage and flooding in many areas of the City. Throughout our neighbourhoods, several homes were flooded with sewage resulting in life-altering destruction. In the aftermath of this tragedy you could see massive piles of flood-damaged belongings strewn across front yards. Most heart-wrenching were the stories of overwhelming loss of property, family pictures and a place to call home.

Although several weeks have passed, flood victims are discovering that the suffering caused by this disaster continues to impact their lives. While much of the cleanup has been completed, there are thousands of affected homeowners and businesses faced with the task of repairing the damage and restoring some normalcy. It is estimated that \$15 to \$20 million will be required to help our neighbours who are either without insurance or are under-insured.

As a result of the flood, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing declared the region a "Disaster Area" which allowed the municipality to access provincial funds through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP). A Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee has been formed and is spearheading the local fundraising effort. The Disaster Relief Committee is committed to *Restoring Our Neighbours*.

This disaster is, without a doubt, a defining moment in our city's history but it's our ability to help our neighbours overcome this tragedy and create a positive outcome that will also leave a lasting mark.

We are appealing to all municipalities in Ontario for assistance. Your financial contribution will make a huge difference in assisting victims of the flood in regaining their homes, their businesses and their lives. All donations will be matched 2:1 by the province – \$1 becomes \$3.

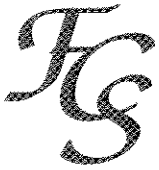
As a community, we need to raise \$5 million to help those affected by the flood. Not only is your support appreciated, it's essential to helping us meet this goal. Donations can be mailed to the Disaster Relief Office, 500 Donald St. E. Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4.

Sincerely,



Lynn Peterson
Co-Chair, Thunder Bay and Area Disaster Relief Committee

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County of Renfrew

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To All Government Officials

Re: Foster Parent and Friends Appreciation:

Dear Councillors, Mayors, Reeves:

As many of you know, each year Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County holds a celebration to honour its many hard-working and dedicated foster parents. This year's event will be held on Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre in Rankin. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the enclosed invitation for all the details.

During the evening, we honour all foster parents, while paying particular attention to those who have dedicated themselves to fostering for 5, 10, 15, and more years.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 per person, with proceeds to Fostering in Renfrew County. Advanced tickets and confirmation of your attendance can be made through **Ann Hubert** at 735-6866 ext. 4060 or by email at ann.hubert@fcsrenfrew.on.ca.

Thank you in advance for considering this event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Marjorie J. Walker
Foster Parent and Friends
Event Coordinator

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