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Agenda Reference 9.a.1.

COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 14, 2014 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** C- A -14/02/14
MOVED BY: John Baranik
SECONDED BY: Phil King

WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes wishes to express serious concern with Teranet and the Land Titles Electronic Registry System in Ontario, specifically as it relates to errors that were made when the paper based land registration system was converted to the electronic system;

And Whereas the Township has been made aware of errors and omissions that are prevalent throughout the Province, especially with respect to rights-of-way and land ownership in cottage country;

And Whereas the cost to landowners to rectify these errors can be expensive, take a significant amount of time, and result in undue hardship;

And Whereas municipalities are burdened with the processing of increased consent applications before the Committee of Adjustment to correct errors and omissions;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Government Services be advised that the Land Titles Electronic Registry System contains numerous errors and should be corrected forthwith at the sole expense of the Ministry;

And further that the Ministry of Government Services develop a funding model to ensure that landowners are not negatively financially affected by the need for title corrections noted above;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to all other municipalities in the Province, for support.

and Amo, Cm, A

RECORDED VOTE:

NAYS YEAS

COUNCILLOR BARANIK	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR BRENT	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR BURGESS	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS (Deputy Mayor)	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR FURNISS	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR HARDING	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR KRUCKEL	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR McTAGGART	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR NISHIKAWA (Acting Deputy)	_____	_____
MAYOR MURPHY	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	_____

MOTION DEFEATED []

MOTION CARRIED [X]

MAYOR

Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

From: "Peggy Young-Lovelace" <peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca>
Date: April-30-14 10:34 AM
Attach: OPP Under 5000 Municipalities.pdf
Subject: Proposed OPP billing model

Good Morning Everyone!

Reeve Bovin (Baldwin Township) and Mayor Laurier Falldien (Nairn & Hyman Township) hosted a meeting in Sudbury on January 20th, 2014 to discuss the proposed OPP Billing Model. Participants from 23 municipalities, population less than 5,000) attended the meeting and the below resolution was drafted and circulated previously.

WHEREAS municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;
AND WHEREAS municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service;
AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;
AND WHEREAS there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.

Mayor Bill Vrebosh carried the resolution to AMO on behalf of the municipalities. Attached to this email is also correspondence from him.

On April 28th a follow up meeting was held in Nairn Centre. Those in attendance reaffirmed their commitment to the above resolution and further drafted the below:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is responsible for levying land tax in the unincorporated portions of Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the current tax rate is not sufficient to offset costs such as policing, social services other emergency services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the property owners in the unincorporated areas be required to pay their fair share for the noted services.

For those communities not familiar with unincorporated areas, these only exist in Northern Ontario and those who reside or operate businesses in these areas pay Provincial Land Tax to the government for services. However, the amount collected is in no way sufficient to be providing costs to these areas. For more information on PLT go to the Ministry of Finance website. Use the rates and compare to what taxpayers in your municipality would pay.

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

We are still collecting the resolution for the Province to take back policing and would encourage you to reconsider supporting the resolution if you haven't already. It is the intention of the group to begin a media campaign and to seek an audience with various Ministers at the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Conference in Sault Ste Marie next week.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Peggy Young-Lovelace

Clerk-Treasurer

Baldwin Township

PH 705-869-0225

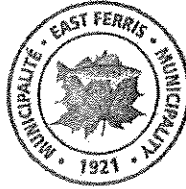
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- Publius Syrus

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April 29, 2014

Dear Mayor/Reeve,

Your municipality has been recognized as having a population of 5000 or less.

At a meeting in Sudbury, regarding the proposed OPP Billing Model, I was asked to represent the 'Under 5000 Population' municipal group. During the AMO OPP Billing Steering Committee meetings confidentiality was requested. Now that the AMO Committee has concluded their meetings and has made recommendation I am forwarding my comments to you and would appreciate any feedback that you may have.

A new committee, the Province's Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC), has been established to look at how best to deploy policing and civilian resources and explore new approaches to policing for the 21st century. Our group of 'Under 5000 Population', representing 193 municipalities or 44% of the municipalities in the province, needs to be represented on this new committee and our voice needs to be heard.

We are asking that your municipality endorse my appointment to this committee (FPAC) by passing a resolution of support.

Your resolution should be forwarded to Yasir Naqvi, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and Rick Philbin of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Together our voice will be strong.

Sincerely,

Bill Vrebosch
Mayor, Municipality of East Ferris

Attach.

April 28, 2014

Comments for the 'Under 5000 Population' Municipalities,

Re: OPP Billing Model

Driven by a group of municipalities that were paying enormous annual costs for policing, the provincial government developed a billing model that would institute a "per household" cost model, high base cost (73%) low use cost (27%), as a corrective measure. This would have meant that some municipalities would end up with huge increases in their policing bills and paying for services that they didn't require, they could not afford and that were often not generated in their municipality. My municipality has never received any documentation to illustrate that we are not paying enough for the police services that we are receiving.

The OPP billing model has become one of the most divisive issues faced by municipalities in a long time. Nobody blamed the original municipalities for bringing their case forward, but once the overall effects of the proposed "per household" billing model began to sink in, municipalities demanded that AMO convene a study group to try to come up with an acceptable and a more equitable model. I was asked to represent the Under 5000 Population Municipalities. I am the Zone 9 Representative and Past-Chair of Roma, but my position on this discussion group was not as a ROMA Representative.

The mandate given to me by the 'Under 5000 Population' Municipal representatives at a meeting in Sudbury was to ask the government to take back policing because they could no longer afford the costs. We have many examples where municipalities would be facing a 178-200 plus per cent policing cost increase that would cause their municipal taxes to be raised more than 10 per cent above their municipal infrastructure needs and their obligations to agencies, boards and commissions. This is unacceptable. As one Northern Mayor mentioned at the OPP presentation in North Bay, "if the government goes ahead with this cost re-distribution in this form, then they should just send the OPP over to his office to pick up the keys to his municipality because they'll simply have to shut the doors."

There does not seem to have been enough discussion on this group's request and I think it needs to be included in the AMO Committee report. One of the counter-arguments that I have heard is that all municipalities could request the same change in service (reduction or increase).

AMO did respond to the many requests from the municipalities and they got involved. Under Chair Russ Powers, the OPP Billing Model Committee tried to come up with an alternative option that would satisfy most municipal concerns and the group should be thanked for trying, but their recommendation is not binding on any municipality. Municipalities are going to have to analyze the AMO report in light of their own particular situation. Some will seek policing from neighbouring municipalities that have a police

force and some may feel that they have to explore setting up their own police department. I agree with my colleagues from Seguin Township and the County of Haliburton who feel that the proposed model is still flawed and needs a lot more discussion.

Two recommendations were put forward by the Committee but not all participants at the table were in agreement. I feel that any reference to "per household" costs should be stricken from all of our submissions. Households don't cause crime. Many municipalities will be adversely affected by the "per household" formula being proposed.

Transparency has to be first and foremost and all municipalities that use the OPP as their police force must be involved in final decisions. We need to see what the cost implications will be for any model before we can recommend one. "73/27" or "60/40", means nothing without facts and numbers. What makes up these categories? Without facts, it's a shell game. The movement to "60/40" base cost/usage cost may provide some relief to low-incident municipalities but, until the details on what is included in each category are given to us, we can't run a model. I personally don't support either of the models suggested because "per household" is still a part of those models.

Upon reviewing the draft report, it seems to me that the "Weighted Assessment" model may be the model that would provide positive change for many municipalities and be more inclusive but, I think it should stand alone and not include any form of "per household" linkage. We must include commercial and industrial properties in any formula and, the unorganized areas need to pay their fair share. If they are receiving services, they should be paying an equal amount.

I have heard that the seasonal people may kick up a fuss if the "Weighted Assessment" model is selected but, it's the same argument as the one used for school taxation. Some feel that they shouldn't pay twice. But, if you own a percentage of a particular municipality, you should pay a percentage of the costs associated with the running of that municipality.

I would like to see some concrete ramifications and costs for selected municipalities using the recommended models as well as the "Weighted Assessment" model, so that like communities can compare themselves to the example municipalities.

Mitigation at both ends of the spectrum will be necessary and, where the costs of policing in some communities are forcing them to delay infrastructure needs, the government has to step in and help. Increases in cost must be phased in over a longer period of time. Infrastructure cannot be neglected because of a policing cost re-alignment. Simply shifting costs from one municipality to another is not acceptable. Why should a municipality have to pay for services they don't need especially when the costs rightfully belong to another municipality?

Mayor Bill Vrebosch, Municipality of East Ferris

Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

From: "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Date: April-29-14 5:11 PM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Province Releases Document "Moving Forward on Rural Matters"

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

April 29, 2014

Province Releases Document "Moving Forward on Rural Matters"

The Ministry of Rural Affairs has released a Rural Roadmap that summarizes the Government's priorities for rural Ontario in 2014-2015. The document highlights a number of the policy priorities that both AMO and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) have identified as ways to help strengthen Ontario's rural communities.

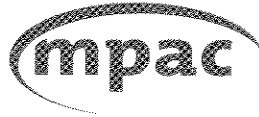
Of note, AMO and ROMA welcome the Ministry's commitment to formalize a rural lens process that would allow the government to better understand potential implications of new policies and programs and how they may affect rural communities before they are implemented. *A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario* was developed by ROMA in 2011. This document identified key issues and provided a "lens" process to shape policy and programs by highlighting northern and rural circumstances. The key issues identified include municipal fiscal health, infrastructure needs, access to broadband, fostering local food production and processing, supporting natural resource economies, and supporting people (aging, health care, education, immigration, and child care). It is gratifying to identify these same themes as the foundation for the Rural Roadmap.

The Rural Roadmap is based on consultations that the Ministry undertook with many stakeholders in rural Ontario, including AMO and ROMA. Priorities identified by the Ministry include investing in roads, bridges, and other critical infrastructure; promoting growth, job creation, and regional economic development; attracting and integrating newcomers to rural communities; improving skills/trades training, youth retention, and employment; and improving access to rural health care.

We will be attending the Budget lock up on Thursday, May 1 and will be using this list to determine how the budget supports the Rural Roadmap and what it means for our rural membership.

Beyond the issues identified in *A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario*, AMO and ROMA were instrumental in shaping the thinking around the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) to include a new concept of rural. Further, the Ministry responded to the input by producing rural and northern primers to illustrate how the PPS is intended to be interpreted differently in these parts of the province.

ROMA, as part of the AMO Rural Caucus, working alongside other AMO caucuses support policy areas that are of concern to all municipalities – such as increasing human resource costs, particularly in emergency services; the need for a better framework for interest arbitration; a new approach to joint and several liability, among other matters that all municipal



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MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

April 22, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Reith:

I received a copy of your April 1, 2014 letter To Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding the resolution passed by the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria with respect to property assessment changes.

In September 2012, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) introduced its 2013-2016 Strategic Plan. One of the Plan's initiatives that will bring about improved efficiencies and reduced costs is related to property inspections of new construction or property improvements. MPAC found that property assessors spent significant time making multiple call-backs to a property resulting in non-productive use of staff time, vehicles, etc.

Beginning in early 2014, staff will only inspect a property when there is a "trigger" which is typically a building permit and related occupancy status. While the resolution calls for 'automatic and immediate reassessment of properties once the improvements have been discovered,' we will be working with municipalities to provide us with a regular standardized building permit file to identify and plan for inspections.

Your local Municipal Relations Representative, Marcel Clement, will contact you to discuss this matter and any specific issues that you may have in the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Arthur Anderson, Director, Municipal Relations, at 905 837-6993 or 1 877 635-6722, extension 6993.

Yours truly,



Antoni Wisniowski
President and Chief Administrative Officer

Copy Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Tim Hudak, MPP, Niagara West-Glanbrook
Andrea Horwath, MPP, Hamilton Centre
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Joan Young, Vice-President, Stakeholder Relations and Communications, MPAC
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County of Renfrew
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CENTRAL ALGOMA JOINT DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

Representing Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of Laird,
Township of Plummer Additional & Municipality of Huron Shores

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Inquiry Line: 705-248-2613

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April 30, 2014

Potential Donor

On September 10, 2013 heavy rainfall caused extreme flooding in the Central Algoma area leaving behind hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of destruction and damage resulting in the area being declared a disaster area by the provincial government.

A volunteer committee, the **Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee** (CAJDRC), has been set up to spearhead the local fundraising effort to assist the *private* sector of our area. A tentative fundraising target of \$80,000.00 has been set to provide assistance to local homeowners, farmers and small businesses whose essential property has been damaged from the flooding in the four represented townships. A considerable community response is needed to help those less fortunate who have suffered such private and personal devastating losses.

Financial support from the area will be instrumental in attracting provincial financial assistance. For every dollar raised, the province of Ontario will contribute up to a ratio of 2:1 through the Ontario Disaster Relief Program, ODRAP.

Your caring financial assistance will make a huge difference in the lives of victims of the flood by helping them regain their homes, businesses and lives. Please make a donation today to the Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Fund. Every amount, big or small will be a generous donation toward helping your neighbours in nearby communities recover from this disaster.

Please make donations payable to **Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee.**

Please mail your donations to:

c/o Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional
208 Church St, P.O. Box 10,
Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0

Charitable receipts will be issued for cash or cheque donation of \$10.00 or more.
If, you require additional information please contact our inquiry line at 705-248-2613.

On behalf of the victims, of the September 10 2013, flooding, I thank you in advance for your generous donation.

With sincere gratitude,

Elzine Shuttleworth
Chair
Central Algoma Joint Disaster Relief Committee

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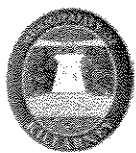
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Governments hold in common.



Municipality of Killarney

32 Commissioner Street, Killarney Ontario, P0M 2A0

April 17th, 2014

The Honourable Bill Mauro,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,
777 Bay Street – 17th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Dear Sir:

RE: Amending Municipal Act S.O. 2001, c. 25 to Permit Electronic Meetings

The Municipality of Killarney at their Regular Meeting of Council held April 9th, 2014 passed Resolution No. 14-145 directing staff to send a letter to your Ministry regarding electronic meetings.

It is our understanding that your Ministry is constantly reviewing the Municipal Act and this letter is to request your consideration of amending the Act to permit municipalities to hold meetings by using electronic means for Municipal Council, Board and Committee Meetings.

Electronic meetings are sanctioned in other Provinces and Council is of the opinion that this method of conducting meetings should be considered in the Province of Ontario.

Killarney is an isolated northern community and the fact that some form of remote meeting would make Council both more accessible to residents and cottagers in the farther corners of the municipality, and which would also permit persons from those demographics to run for and participate on Council we feel would be an option worth exploring.

Your consideration of this request is respectfully submitted.
Further, this letter is to be circulated to all Ontario municipalities for support.

Sincerely;

THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

Mrs. Candy K. Beauvais,
Clerk-Treasurer.

cc: Hon. Kathleen Wynne; Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

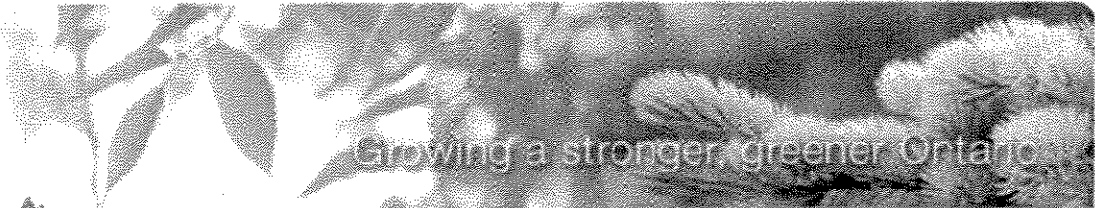
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Media Release

May 6, 2014

Liberal government's 24% reduction to Ontario's Forest Roads Program – Reckless

The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) was shocked to learn on May 1st that Premier Wynne's 2014 budget was drastically cutting funding to an effective infrastructure program that creates jobs and supports local communities. The 24% reduction to the Provincial Forest Roads Program will negatively impact hard working families, most notable small, independent contractors in Northern and Rural Ontario.

Jamie Lim, President and CEO of the OFIA commented, "The lack of warning from the Liberal government in particular the Northern Ministers is irresponsible. As recently as February, member companies of the OFIA were informed by government that this infrastructure program would be maintained at 2013 levels. The late notice of reduced funds creates business uncertainty for Ontario's forest product sector and puts into jeopardy planned road work and jobs."

She went on to say, "This is a Crown roads program administered by the forest products sector to build and maintain Crown roads in Ontario. The recovery is happening now. Putting Ontario's wood back to work is happening now and the sector needs good public access roads now."

The Government's Budget document and recent announcements by Premier Wynne have acknowledged that investing in transportation infrastructure creates jobs, supports local economies and contributes to the provincial prosperity.

"The budget talked a lot about investing in "modern infrastructure" in the GTA like transit systems. Premier Wynne doesn't seem to understand that in Northern and Rural Ontario modern infrastructure is building and maintaining good primary and secondary forest roads that are the foundation for a natural resource economy," added Lim.

Lim added, "This is reckless action at a time when markets and the primary sector are recovering. Companies need business certainty as well as a government with a vision that supports today's innovative renewable 21st century forest products sector. This government does not seem to recognize that you cannot have a value added sector without a vibrant primary sector."

"Since the beginning of 2014, signs of a real rebound within the sector have been encouraging. OFIA's member companies have announced restarts and investments into new projects throughout the province. And yet, Minister Sousa's budget had less than 50 words about Ontario's renewable forest products sector," stated Christine Leduc, OFIA's Director of Policy and Communications.

Lim concluded by saying, "This meant real work for small Northern and Rural businesses and their employees and we will continue to work constructively with Northern and Rural stakeholders and government to restore this critical infrastructure program."

With a June 12th Provincial election on the horizon, the OFIA will actively engage all candidates to ensure that their plan supports the full potential of Ontario's renewable forest products sector and the 150,000 hardworking families in over 260 Northern and Rural communities.

To: Premier/Minister/MPPs/Candidate

RE: Restore the Forest Roads Program funding to 2013 level

Dear

As the Mayor/ Owner of a Northern or Rural community/small business, "name of community/business" whose local community is supported by the renewable forest products sector or with "number" of employees, I was extremely disappointed to learn that the Ontario Government drastically cut funding to the Provincial Forest Roads Program.

The significant 24% reduction proposed by the Ontario Government, this late in the business year with contracts in place and materials already purchased will have drastic negative impacts on our local community's economy and citizens or my small business, my employees and their families.

Many 2014 contracts between the industry and small independent contractors like me were entered into in good faith late last year or earlier this year based on an understanding that the program would be maintained at the 2013 level.

Now we understand that companies will have to make tough decisions regarding the cancellation of agreements and contracts to accommodate the current and unexpected 24% reduction to the program.

Honestly, at the very least, we would have expected a heads up in the fall of 2013 when companies were planning their 2014 forest road work projects.

Contractor may want to reference specific work that is in jeopardy

On behalf of our citizens/employees, we are urging you to revisit this unanticipated decision and restore the funding for the Forest Roads Program to the 2013 level.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Citizenship
and Immigration

Ministère des Affaires civiques
et de l'Immigration

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Re : Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship by nominating a deserving citizen.

Established in 1973, the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship honours Ontarians who, through exceptional, long-term efforts, have made outstanding contributions to community life.

Recipients will be presented with their medal by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at a special ceremony at Queen's Park in the Fall of 2014.

Nominations can be made by visiting the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration's website at: www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards. You may submit your nomination on-line by choosing the "Nominate Online" option, or download the PDF format from the website to submit by mail. For any further information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526, 1 877 832-8622 or (TTY) 416 327-2391. Nominations must be received by **July 17, 2014**.

I encourage you to take the time to nominate a deserving citizen in your community for an Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. The men and women we honour stand as shining examples to us all.

Sincerely,

Michael Coteau
Minister



County Council Review

APRIL 2014

HIGHLIGHTS

Ms. Treena Hein, co-organizer, of the Pembroke Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis in the Ottawa Valley appeared before County Council as a delegation and spoke about the importance of research for finding a cure and providing treatment for people who suffer from Cystic Fibrosis.

At the end of the presentation Ms. Hein was given a cheque from County of Renfrew staff in the amount of \$450.00. The funds were raised by county staff during their participation in a workplace fundraising initiative. Ms. Hein commented by saying, "May is Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month and we have families right here in the county that are suffering from this disease, we truly appreciate the support of county staff." The Great Strides Walk takes place on May 25th and more information can be found at www.cysticfibrosis.ca

County of Renfrew and Emergency Services Employees Reach Agreement

The Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew ratified a new Collective Agreement during the latest session of County Council. The County of Renfrew Negotiating Team advised County Council that they were able to reach an agreement with the County of Renfrew Paramedics who were represented by CUPE Local 4698, and had also recently ratified the agreement.

The two-year, new collective agreement that expires in December of 2015 includes a wage increase of 1.5% in 2014, and 1.75% in 2015. This brings this agreement in-line with the recent agreements made with the Long Term Care Homes in the county.

Additionally, other items that saw some change were enhancements to the vision benefit coverage, the footwear allowance, a slight increase to the shift premium allowance, and the addition of major restorative dental co-insurance premium sharing. There were modifications to the language surrounding staffing and scheduling included as well.

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Council Communiqué

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-Law 30-14 A By-Law to Set Tax Ratios for County Purposes and Lower-Tier Purposes for the Year 2014.

County Council Adopted By-Law 31-14 A By-Law To Set Tax Rate Reductions For Prescribed Property Subclasses For County Purposes And For Lower-Tier Purposes For The Year 2014

County Council Adopted By-law 32-14 A By-Law To Adopt Optional Tools For The Purposes Of Administering Limits For The Commercial, Industrial And Multi-Residential Property Classes For The Year 2014.

County Council Adopted By-law 33-14 A By-Law To Establish The 2014 Tax Rates For County Of Renfrew Purposes

County Council Adopted By-law 34-14 A By-Law for the Execution of Contract No. PWC-2014-15 Rehabilitation of County Structure B002 (Bonnehchere River Bridge).

County Council Adopted By-law 35-14 Purchase Land County Road 1 (River Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 36-14 Purchase Land (County Road 68 (Rockingham Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 37-14 By-law 39-14 Execution of Contract No. PWC-2014-04 Double Surface Treatment on County Road 70 (Ruby Road & Kokomis Inamo).

County Council Adopted By-law 38-14 Execution of Contract No. PWC-2014-01 Rehabilitation of County Road 64 (Opeongo Road).

County Council Adopted By-law 39-14 Execution of Contract No. PWC-2014-11 Rehabilitation of County Road 21 (Beachburg Road).

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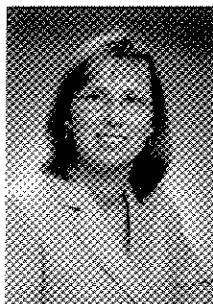
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Dear Friends:

Each year, the Government of Ontario celebrates the accomplishments and contributions many of our wonderful seniors make to communities across Ontario. This year, the Senior Achievement Award will once again highlight the significant voluntary and professional achievements made by individuals after they have reached the age of 65.

I encourage you to participate in the 2014 Senior Achievement Award Program by nominating a deserving senior. Online nomination forms and information outlining details of the program, the selection criteria and the procedures followed are available at:
www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards.

The deadline date for nomination is June 15.

If you require further information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat in Toronto at 416-314-7526, toll-free at 1-877-832-8622 or TTY at 416-327-2391.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider putting forward the name of a special senior in your community for a Senior Achievement Award.

Sincerely,

Chisanga Puta-Chekwe
Deputy Minister

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May 12, 2014

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RE: 2014 Provincial Election –

Is the Liberal Party committed to a full recovery of Ontario’s innovative renewable primary forest products sector?

Please comment on 5 issues that are critical to keeping 150,000 green jobs in Northern and Rural Ontario. (Receiving your Party’s response by Friday, May 23, 2014 would be appreciated.)

Dear Premier:

Today’s primary forest products sector supports over 150,000 direct and indirect jobs in over 260 Ontario communities. Since 2006, the sector has overcome enormous challenges – it has weathered the storm and finally, boosted by a recovering US housing market, new consumer building trends and expanding global markets for new and traditional forest products, 2014 is showing signs of a real recovery. (see Appendix One)

Ontario’s renewable forest sector is a key component of the province’s green economy. According to the Ministry of Natural Resources website (<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/business/ontariowood>), *“Ontario’s forest industry has a long history as an important economic engine for the province, providing tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars to the economy. Ontario’s ever-changing forest industry has a promising future. There is a strong outlook for lumber, with sawmills producing the lumber and by-products on which the pulp and paper, value-added wood products and emerging bioenergy segments depend.”* (Visit MNR’s Ontario Wood site, Why Use Ontario Wood and Our Forests and The Economy)

Vision 2020, the Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC) report, states that by 2020, the industry will:

- generate an additional \$20 billion in economic activity from new innovations and growing markets.
- need to hire 60,000 new recruits – those are real green jobs.
- increase its environment improvements by a further 35%. Despite the recent recession, in Ontario, our sector has continued to be an environmental leader - reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, leading the way in biomass cogeneration and energy efficiency. Members of the OFIA are proud of their performance as it relates to reducing the carbon footprint of their products. On a total emissions basis, the sector has seen a 78% reduction of CO2 emissions since 2005 – which is significantly above the provincial target of 15%.

Can Ontario benefit from this additional economic activity?

With pragmatic public policy, reliable competitive measures and a real manufacturing strategy for the province's naturally renewable resource, Ontario can be the #1 jurisdiction in Canada for the 21st century forest products sector.

With a vibrant primary forest products sector, Ontario can build and sustain a real secondary value-added products sector. And together, a growing primary and secondary forest products sector with its greenest workforce can contribute to the economic prosperity of local communities and the province as a whole.

NOMA, FONOM, NOACC, and the OFIA have identified five critical issues that need to be addressed by the next government of Ontario as elected on June 12, 2014. We are asking for your Party's response on the following.

1. Wood (Appendix Two, Ontario's Forestry Facts)

The sustainable use of a secure affordable supply of renewable wood fibre equals good paying green jobs. Whether you are an existing mill, new entrant, a big international company or a small family operated company, in order to keep people working and put Ontario's wood to work, the forest products sector needs affordable and accessible renewable fibre.

We continue to see an erosion of Ontario's industrial land base through inappropriate, excessive and complex legislation, regulation and policy. Specific examples include the provincial Endangered Species Act (ESA), Lightening the Footprint in Algonquin Park, the Far North Act, Room-to-Grow, and the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act. Erosion of the industrial land base, which in turn reduces industrial wood supply, creates a significant barrier to the economic well-being of our sector and our communities by creating business uncertainty which jeopardizes investment and employment opportunities.

If your Party forms the next government, will you commit to permanently protect Ontario's production forest land base within the Area of the Undertaking for industrial use at least 26 million cubic metres that can be sustainably derived on an annual basis?

Further, in support of this commitment, will you:

- Conduct a socio-economic impact assessment on all legislation, regulations and policies that could reduce the provincial fibre supply or increase delivered wood costs.
- Ensure that any new or revised Ontario regulations or policies, associated with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or otherwise, do not result in any increase in costs for the forest products sector, or unnecessarily reduce the production forest land base or fibre from the industrial fibre basket.

2. Tenure Reform

On January 13, 2011 the provincial government announced its intentions with regards to the development of forest tenure modernization legislation (later to become Bill 151). Despite concerns expressed by numerous forest companies, municipalities, Chambers of Commerce and other stakeholders (including the Ontario Bar Association) during presentations, and in writing to, the Standing Committee on General Government, the final Act received Third Reading and was subsequently passed on May 17, 2011.

Without clear Ministerial direction, the Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act (OFTMA) can ultimately create business uncertainty and a less competitive investment climate environment that will jeopardize economic development and employment in Northern and Rural Ontario.

If your Party forms the next government, will you respect and endorse the measured direction captured in the Ministry of Natural Resources Principles for Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence Implementation Document (Minister Gravelle, dated September 24, 2012) and Tenure Direction Letter (Minister Oraziotti, dated December 16, 2013).

3. Maintenance and Restoration of Competitive Measures

A key factor in ensuring the maintenance and attraction of existing and future investment and employment opportunities for Ontario's forest products sector is creating the necessary conditions that will allow Ontario to thrive and compete with other forest jurisdictions. As such, we are seeking a commitment from your Party to ensure the competitiveness equality

for Ontario's forest products sector. An essential component of such a commitment will be the assurance that the existing forest products sector competitive measures will be maintained and restored.

a. Provincial Forestry Roads Program – funds the maintenance and construction of resource access roads (Appendix Three – Backgrounder)

In 2005, the Minister's Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness acknowledged that roads being built and maintained by the forest industry "are public access roads, used by tourists, campers, hunters, other industries like hydro and mining, and other users" and, as a result of this fact, recommended that "the provincial government assume its proportional share of the costs of building and maintaining the public access road network in provincial Crown forests".

Modern primary and secondary resource access roads are the foundation for a natural resource economy. This program builds Crown resource access roads for the benefit of all Ontarians and is administered by Ontario's forest products sector.

If your Party forms the next government will you restore the Provincial Forestry Roads Program to \$75 million per year?

b. Poplar and White Birch Stumpage

If your party forms the next government will you promote a competitive integrated Ontario forest products sector by setting the "Fixed" portion (combination of minimum + forestry futures + forest resource inventory) and the "residual stumpage price" of the Crown dues rate for poplar and birch at competitive rates?

4. Forest Products Manufacturing Energy Strategy

According to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, "Ontario's energy prices are among the highest in North America and one of the biggest barriers to business expansion in the province. Reducing the costs of electricity must be a priority." (Ontario Budget Analysis, May 1, 2014)

As a primary resource industry, we are energy intensive and trade exposed sector. The government has introduced a number of programs that have provided some relief from the steady rise in electricity pricing. However, given the government's own projections in the recent Long Term Energy Plan these benefits are quickly being erased, along with the small competitive advantage they bring.

If your Party forms the next government will you commit to the development of a Manufacturing Energy Strategy that includes the following:

- Make permanent the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate (NIER) program and ensure it is adequately funded.
- Maintain the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI or 5 CP).
- Direct the Ontario Power Authority to work with the OFIA to identify opportunities for energy conservation and cogeneration and develop implementation programs.
- Provide effective incentive programs that promote the re-investment of energy efficient manufacturing equipment and processes that will maintain jobs and put Ontario's natural resources to work.

5. Amendments to Ontario's Building Code – wood systems in mid-rise construction

In 2009, British Columbia changed their Building Code and currently, 151 mid-rise projects are in various stages of pre-design or construction. If Ontario changed its Building Code, over the first five years, our province would have approximately 500 mid-rise projects in design or construction with each project averaging one million board feet of sustainable renewable wood systems. Leveling the playing field for all building materials could truly be an Ontario success story.

If your Party forms the next government will you support adopting the National Building Code's standards for mid-rise construction and the use of wood systems?

In closing, commitment to these priorities will be measured carefully by the 260 Ontario communities that depend on a healthy forest sector for their economic well-being.

Respectfully, in order to ensure that critical stakeholders have timely information on which to base their decisions during the pre-election period, we request your Party's response on or before Friday, May 23, 2014.

If you have any questions or require clarification on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your response.

Regards,



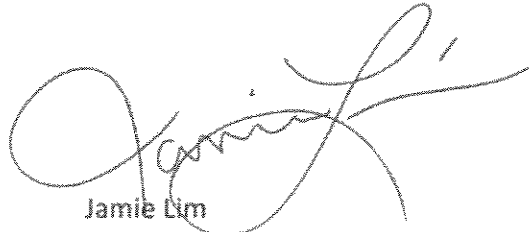
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Ontario Chambers of Commerce
First Nations and Treaty Organizations
Ontario Federation of Labour
Communications, Energy and Paperworkers' Union of Canada
Steelworkers Union
OFIA Board of Directors

Appendix One

Signs of Real Recovery for Ontario's Forest Products Sector

Resolute

- New Atikokan sawmill – \$50 million invest, 90 direct mill jobs plus more harvesting/hauling jobs

"The project is part of an overall capital program in Ontario, started in early 2011 and totalling over \$190 million." (Richard Gameau, Resolute CEO, June 2013)

"This sawmill means a great deal to Atikokan and the surrounding area. With Resolute's track record of sustainable forest management and investment in northern communities, we are confident that together we can make this project a tremendous long-term success."
(Mayor Dennis Brown, Atikokan, June 2013)

Eacom

- \$25 million to rebuild the Timmins sawmill, larger brand new mill with 20% more capacity, 100 direct mill jobs
- Re-opening the Ear Falls sawmill in Northwestern Ontario – Summer 2014

"As softwood lumber markets continue to steadily improve, we look forward to the resumption of sawmilling operations at Ear Falls, to the benefit of our customers, employees, suppliers, the community and our owners." (Rick Doman, CEO Eacom, October 2013)

Aditya Birla Group – AV Terrace Bay

- \$250 million investment to upgrade the shuttered Terrace Bay pulp mill
- Create 275 mill jobs and 335 harvesting jobs

"The conversion of Terrace Bay Pulp into a dissolving grade pulp mill is a strategic move that will provide superior quality pulp for the viscose staple fibre business."
(Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, AV Group)

Rentech

- \$22 million investment in a new wood pellet facility in Atikokan – 20 jobs – April 2014
- Converting idled oriented strandboard mill in Wawa to an industrial wood pellet production facility – 40 direct mill jobs, 200+ harvesting and forestry related jobs in surrounding communities

"Beginning with the Wawa pellet facility, which will currently be our largest pellet plant, and together with our Atikokan project, Rentech is on track to become the largest producer of wood pellets in Eastern Canada." (Hunt Ramsbottom, CEO, Rentech, November 2013)

Appendix Two

ONTARIO FORESTRY FACTS

- Ontario has approximately 85 billion trees
- Ontario's forests cover two-thirds of the province – a land area equivalent in size to the land mass of Germany, Italy and the Netherlands combined
- Only 0.5% of Ontario's trees are harvested annually
- For every tree harvested, three take root
- Crown land forest management plans are renewed every five years and laid out five generations into the future – we plan for generations!
- Wood is the only building material that is both renewable and recyclable
- 2 out of 3 people would buy wood products from Ontario if they were clearly identified
- 66.0% of Ontario is forest (71.1 million ha)
- 80.8% of Ontario's forests are on Crown land (57.5 million ha)
- 51.6% of the forest in the boreal region are managed by the Crown
- 44.2% of the forest in the boreal is unavailable for harvest
- Less than one-half of 1% of the forest in the boreal region is harvested annually

Source: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Website, 2014

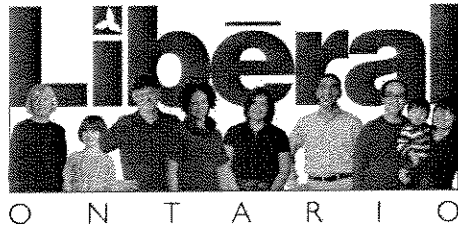
FORESTRY IN THE GTA AND URBAN ONTARIO

OFIA member companies operate in every corner of the province. And YES – the forest products sector operates in the GTA and urban Ontario. For example, Cascades has 16 GTA and Southern Ontario plants and mills providing over 2080 direct jobs!

Appendix Three

Backgrounder – Resource Access Roads Provincial Forest Roads Program

- In 1994, with the implementation of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA), the Government of Ontario downloaded the cost of road construction and maintenance to the forest products sector
- In 2005 a Minister's Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness was developed by the Minister of Natural Resources to address the uncompetitive nature of Ontario's forest products sector
- The Minister's Council acknowledged that many of the roads being built and maintained by the forest industry *"are public access roads, used by tourists, campers, hunters, other industries like hydro and mining, and other users"*
- The Minister's Council recommended that *"the provincial government assume its proportional share of the costs of building and maintaining the public access road network in provincial Crown forests"*.
- The Provincial Forest Roads Program, which has been **fully utilized since it began in 2005**, previously provided \$75 million per year for the construction and maintenance of public access roads across Northern and Rural Ontario. Despite its proven value to all users of public forests and provincial lands, the Liberal government is cutting the program to \$38 million in 2014.
- OFIA understands the need for everyone to contribute to provincial debt reduction, but does not understand the lack of support for Crown forest infrastructure just as the sector is poised for a full recovery. The program was reduced in 2011 by more than 36% which was the largest cutback in MNR's budget that year. And now to have another significant cut to the program really sends the wrong message to investors and certainly jeopardizes jobs.
- The Government's 2014 Budget document and recent announcements by Premier Wynne (April 28, 2014) have acknowledged that investing in transportation infrastructure creates jobs, supports local economies and contributes to the provincial prosperity
- The Provincial Forest Roads Program is a resource roads program which was designed to benefit all Ontarians as the road infrastructure is used by all industries and the general public to both work and recreate in our great Crown forests.
- 2014 contracts between the industry and small, independent contractors were entered into in good faith earlier in the year based on an understanding that the program would be maintained at the 2013 level. Now companies will be making final decisions regarding the cancellation of agreements and contracts to accommodate the current and unexpected reductions to the program, which will mean job losses.



July 29, 2011

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Re: Response to Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) and Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Dear Ms. Lim:

Thank you for your letter regarding Ontario's forest sector. Ontario Liberals value the competitiveness of the forest sector and believe in supporting communities in Northern Ontario. We are investing in a strong, viable and sustainable primary forest industry and we are helping the sector and others, diversify products and markets as part of our plan to move Ontario forward.

Ontario Liberals are focused on fundamentals that are key to the industry — a long-term, stable supply of cost-competitive fibre, competitive input prices, a well-trained workforce, and a solid transportation system for both raw materials and finished products.

We believe it is in everyone's interest to have Ontario's forest resources used sustainably and to its full potential. That means supporting the existing primary industry and providing additional effort to pursue the establishment of the next generation of forest products.

Today, Ontario's economic recovery is on track. In June, we created more jobs than all other Canadian provinces and the U.S. combined. In the last year, we've created more jobs than the rest of Canada. Ontario's unemployment rate is down to 7.7 per cent, lower than it was before the recession hit in 2008.

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We made tax restructuring a priority so that our corporate tax rates strengthened, rather than hindered, our economic strength and growth. The HST is a part of that. Since it came into effect a year ago, we've created 114,000 jobs. Economist Jack Mintz predicts our tax plan will create 600,000 jobs over the next 10 years.

Our schools are now rated among the best in the world, our health care ranks first in Canada, old jobs are coming back while new jobs are being created in emerging industries like advanced manufacturing and clean energy. The Hudak PCs would take us off track and put our fragile recovery at risk. Families need to know that Ontario Liberals are working to move Northern Ontario forward and that we are committed to job creation, better healthcare and education as our key priorities. That is what we are striving for and what Ontario Liberals will continue to do in the future.

While we cannot control global factors like reductions in demand in the United States where housing starts and industrial and commercial construction have plummeted, we must ensure we are doing everything we can that is within our control to provide opportunities to our forest industry. Our focus is relentless and will concentrate on getting results for Northern Ontario communities.

One of the key challenges for these communities is ensuring a secure and predictable wood supply for Ontario's forest industry. Ontario Liberals successfully completed the largest Wood Supply Competitive Process in North American history. We have offered over 5.6 million cubic meters of wood to 46 proponents. This will put Ontario's wood and people back to work, creating over 600 new jobs and protecting more than 2,300 jobs — a huge step in helping to build a stronger forest industry. This was a key component of our last budget — to create and support 10,000 new and existing jobs for Ontario families, and to strengthen local Northern economies.

In these tough economic times, we have focused on dealing with the tough challenges facing the forestry sector. The Provincial Wood Supply Competitive process was a bridge to a more long-term strategy to maximize the use of our forest resources. More efficient use of these resources means more jobs in

Northern communities. Through our tenure reform initiative, we will facilitate a transition to better industry practices in collaboration with communities, forest industry and Aboriginal peoples. The number of Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMC) that can be established in the next five years will be limited to two. This was at the request of the industry and we listened carefully to its concerns. In five to seven years, it is expected that the majority of Crown forests will be managed by Enhanced Shareholder Sustainable Forest Licenses and up to two LFMCs.

Under the NDP, employment plummeted in forestry, fishing and mining industries in Northern Ontario. Also under its tenure, 14 mills were closed and hundreds of people were put out of work in the forest industry — and that was prior to the global recession. The NDP also showed that its against improving the Northern Ontario economy when it voted against modernizing the pricing system and tenure reform for the forestry industry. The PCs have proven time and again that they would rather vote against constructive solutions than vote to improve the lives of Northerners. The PCs have voted against: better roads for rural and northern municipalities, increasing support to municipalities for land ambulances, increasing the province's share of public health funding, and modernizing the forest tenure and pricing system to benefit the Northern economy.

In response to your question about the *Endangered Species Act (ESA)*, we are proposing an exemption for forestry that will allow forestry companies that meet the requirements of the Caribou Conservation Plan, to continue harvesting in the working forest without a permit for caribou which will reduce regulatory burdens for the industry. Many Forest Management Plans have been incorporating the principles of this plan even before it was formally adopted, and forestry has been able to continue to do business successfully under the plan. Our approach to the ESA will continue to strike a balance that respects conservation and wildlife based on scientific principles.

Creating jobs and economic opportunity in the North is a priority for Ontario Liberals and is an important part of Ontario's economic recovery — and we are seeing results from the investments we've made. We have established new programs to support the forest sector including:

- \$207 million offered through our Forest Sector Prosperity Fund,
- \$141 million offered through our Loan Guarantee Program,
- \$124 million disbursed through our Northern Pulp and Paper Electricity Transition Program,
- \$399 million in road construction and maintenance.

These measures have flowed over \$826 million in assistance and created or maintained more than 4,000 jobs in the forest sector. Our investments are putting people and wood back to work and we remain committed to doing just that.

Together, we are helping to reduce the cost of electricity for large electricity consumers in the forestry sector. We have implemented a number of energy programs including the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate program, Global Adjustment, Demand Response 2 and the Industrial Accelerator Program.

We are pleased to have earned positive support for our approach from forest sector leaders like Tim Houle, General Manager, Domtar Inc., who said:

"The Ontario government's help in our efforts to reduce our electricity consumption and costs supports our drive to restore competitiveness to our Ontario pulp and paper operations. This program is helping us move in the right direction." (June 20, 2008).

Ontario Liberals are committed to reducing electricity costs in a clean and sustainable way. We are still trying to clean up the mess left by the PC government with its attempt to restructure the electricity sector in 1999. They implemented a Debt Retirement Charge (DRC) to every Ontarian's bill in 2002. It added \$1 billion to the stranded debt from 1999 to 2003. Today, the PCs would add this cost to the bills of corporations and industries — including the forestry sector. In contrast, through strong fiscal management, Ontario Liberals have steadily reduced the stranded debt by about \$6 billion. We have a plan to eliminate the DRC between 2015 and 2018 — and permanently remove it from all bills.

In 2003, we inherited an electricity system experiencing constant brownouts and blackouts. The PC government sat back and watched the electricity supply erode without making any of the necessary investments to maintain a reliable system. We're not only making these investments, we're focused on creating cleaner energy and developing an important new economic sector with clean energy jobs. The PC plan puts all of this at risk, including the 50,000 clean energy jobs that will be created in the next few years.

These investments have helped us establish a reliable energy supply but we know that energy prices here and elsewhere are on the rise. So, to help families and businesses mitigate the impact of rising prices, we've reduced electricity bills by 10 per cent for Ontario families, seniors, farmers, and small businesses through the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit. We have put in place conservation programs for Ontario's large industry to help enhance their competitiveness and continue investing in Ontario's economy and jobs, and we have also established up to \$200 in additional relief for families in Northern Ontario through the Northern Ontario Energy Credit.

You asked about our funding for access roads. We have provided strong support to the forestry sector through the roads funding program we created in 2005. Since then, we've committed almost \$400 million to forest-accessible roads. Until this year, funding levels were not reduced — even when provincial harvest levels fell nearly in half. The NDP downloaded the cost of access roads during their administration. The PCs then aggravated this by downloading the construction and maintenance of primary, secondary, and tertiary roads. The Ontario Liberals reversed these negative downloads and took the load off the industry by uploading these costs.

Based on a harvest in excess of 20 million m³, our commitment to this program was \$75 million. We maintained the \$75 million level after the wood harvest fell well below 13 million m³. Even with the reduction this year to \$47.8 million, the per m³ support remains above the original target, based on recent harvest levels.

We are committed to returning the funding to the \$75 million per year level and have also agreed to review our spending to see if additional funds come available later in the year.

We know these are challenging economic times in Northern Ontario and across the world. And these challenges go far beyond electricity prices and access roads. That is why we are creating tremendous opportunities for innovation and value-added markets in the forestry sector.

One of the most exciting business proposals that we have under our Wood Supply Competition is Rentech Olympiad Fuels. Rentech is proposing to convert merchantable and unmerchantable supplies of mostly low-quality hardwoods into a biofuel that can be used in jet airplanes. Imagine the opportunities this could present to our generation — a new source of fuel that is not only clean and renewable, but that will reduce society's reliance on non-renewable petroleum-based fuels and reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases along the way.

This project represents the largest single capital investment in a forest products business in Ontario's history: a \$675-million investment and it's also the largest wood allocation that the province has awarded. We are all very excited about this opportunity, and will carefully monitor its progress over the coming years.

Together, we have navigated the recession the Ontario way: we protected education and health care, stood by workers in the hardest hit industries, and worked together to find new opportunities for our province and our families. Our plan is getting results and Ontario is back on track. We know there is more work to do but we need to keep moving forward, together. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dalton McGuinty
Leader of Ontario Liberal Party
Premier



September 1, 2011

Dear OFIA, NOACC, FONOM:

We are pleased to have the opportunity to introduce *changebookNorth* to you. *ChangebookNorth* is the result of tens of thousands of consultations with Ontario families, small businesses and community organizations. All of that input has culminated in *changebookNorth*, our commitment to Northern Ontario.

We are proud to be the first party to bring our plan forward to Ontario families and proud of the positive change it represents.

Dalton McGuinty's Liberals have in fact done worse than nothing to help Northern families – they have actively passed laws that prevent the North from growing and jobs from being created. The Southern Ontario special interests, with their fantasy view of what Northern living really is, have far too much say over decisions that affect actual Northern families. The North needs change.

Ontario's forestry industry is in trouble. Once, it led the nation; today, it ranks near the bottom. Jobs have been lost, over 60 mills have closed and Dalton McGuinty has created chaos with a number of confusing policies that have a negative impact on forestry.

A Tim Hudak government will help our forestry industry become #1 in Canada.

These are some of the specific steps we will take:

A Tim Hudak government will create a forest tenure system that is transparent, fair, and provides the certainty necessary for job creation. Forest tenure is the cornerstone to the certainty the industry needs to invest in Ontario.

We will work with the industry to remove any barriers to job creation related to wood supply. The forestry sector needs to know that there is a stable wood supply. We believe that Ontario's forest will support 26 million cubic meters per year for existing and new mills.



When the industry is profitable again, we will direct a portion of stumpage fees to local communities and First Nations so they can share in the success. There will be no increases to fees to allow for this sharing of revenue.

We will also get rid of the Liberal law that effectively bans new development in Northern Ontario: A Tim Hudak government will repeal the Far North Act. We will change the way the government views the North. We won't cave in to the demands of Southern Ontario environmental groups. Instead, our priority will be creating jobs for every Northern family and creating wealth that stays in the North.

As the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, I believe that a strong Ontario needs a healthy and economically viable forest industry. You note in your letter that Ontario's renewable forest sector supports almost 200,000 direct and indirect jobs in over 260 Ontario communities. Recent wage and salaries provided by the forest sector have been calculated at \$2.7 billion and in addition to the employment opportunities, the provincial forest industry accounts for approximately \$14 billion in annual sales. We want to see these numbers grow.

As the former Minister of Northern Development and Mines, I had the pleasure of travelling to many of the communities that are supported by forestry operations in Northeastern and Northwestern Ontario. I understand that the forest industry is critical to the health of the local communities surrounding your mills and operations. And the health of the industry plays a significant role in the health of the regions and eventually the entire province.

It is no wonder that since the McGuinty government gained power, more than 60 mills have closed their doors. His secret deals and broken promises forced an unsustainable burden on Northern communities - the Far North Act and the Endangered Species Act are just two examples where your voices were ignored and promises were broken.

A Tim Hudak government will do things differently. We created *changebookNorth*, a plan that outlines specific programs that will benefit the North East and North West, after the largest consultation in the PC Party of Ontario's history, including discussion with members of the OFIA, NOACC and FONOM. While *changebookNorth* provides your members with specific policies, it also describes the approach a Tim Hudak government will take in helping Northern communities create private sector jobs.

Under a Tim Hudak government, all Northern communities will get a fair share of gas tax revenue to meet their local transportation needs. In addition, we will give Northerners more control over how their land is used and developed instead of listening to southern Ontario special interest groups.

As leader of the PC Party of Ontario, I understand that we all need to work together to find the right balance between economic growth and environmental protection. I believe that the people who live in the North, and not southern Ontario special interest groups should help us find the correct balance.

We believe that Ontario's forest operations are world class and we are proud of our forestry industry.

Changebook and *changebookNorth* offer a plan to deliver respect and relief to hardworking families. Please find *changebook* and *changebookNorth* in their entirety at www.changebook.ca and www.ontariopc.com/changebook-north.

On October 6, Ontario families will have a decision to make. They can choose four more years of Dalton McGuinty raising their families' taxes, wasting their money and never standing up for the things they believe in; or, they can choose a Tim Hudak government and a *changebook* plan that will deliver them the respect and relief they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hudak', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tim Hudak
Ontario PC Leader

1) Timber Production Policy and Land Base

If your party forms the next government, will you commit to permanently protect Ontario's production forest land base within the Area of the Undertaking for industrial use at the current 26 million hectares, from which at least 26 million cubic metres can be sustainably derived on an annual basis?

The NDP is committed to ensuring that Crown forest lands and the larger area covered in the Area of Undertaking are allocated in a way that maximizes jobs, protects the environment, and respects the rights of First Nations communities. To maximize the economic benefits of Crown forest use, we will scrap Bill 151 and fix the broken forest tenure process to give communities more control over wood allocations while eliminating uncertainty in the sector. The forestry sector has shed over 40,000 jobs, which has decimated entire communities in Northern Ontario. Major forestry tenure reform changes were made at Queen's Park without proper consultation with communities that are directly affected – even though over 30 mills in Northern Ontario have shut down.

Further, in support of this commitment, will you:

- **Conduct a socio-economic impact assessment on all legislation, regulations and policies that could reduce the provincial fibre supply or increase delivered wood costs through additional regulatory requirements for permits and approvals.**
- **Ensure that any new or revised Ontario regulations or policies, associated with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or otherwise, do not result in any increase in costs for the forest sector, or unnecessarily reduce the production forest land base or fibre from the industrial fibre basket.**

The Ontario NDP believes that Northerners must have a greater say over the natural resource base on which much of the northern economy is based. In our Northern Ontario platform we outline specific ways in which this can be accomplished.

As discussed below, we believe there are ways to reduce the costs to forest companies associated with the Endangered Species Act.



2) Endangered Species Act

2a) Exemption Regulation under the ESA

If your party forms the next government, will you develop and implement a long term regulation under section 55 (1)(b) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which recognizes that the primary objectives of the ESA are met through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) and its required Forest Management Plans (FMPs), and, further, will your party fulfill government's commitment (as per Minister Ramsay's letter to the OFC) to recognize the CFSA and FMPs as equivalent processes to the ESA with respect to planning for and providing for species at risk?

Forestry companies want to protect the environment and are working hard to adhere to the Endangered Species Act. However, more can be done to make it easier for forestry companies to comply with the ESA. For example, the NDP introduced amendments to the ESA that would have reduced duplication by requiring species recovery strategies to recognize work already being done to protect species as part of Forest Management Plans (the motion was defeated by the Government). Going forward, the NDP will help companies to minimize costs and protect jobs by using the full range of measures under the ESA including screening tools, offsetting of incremental cost, other incentives and selective exemptions.

2b) Caribou Conservation Plan

If your party forms the next government, will you immediately conduct the appropriate socio-economic impact assessments, and open up the CCP for revisions to ensure that there are no increases to wood costs or unnecessary reductions in the production landbase or wood supply?

New Democrats believe that decisions as to what species are at risk and what needs to be done to protect a species at risk should be based on the best science available. It stands to reason that socio-economic impact assessments are also valuable to this end. However, if a species at risks needs to be accommodated through the FMP or any other legislated process, no political party can guarantee it will not add to wood cost nor affect where the wood comes from. We would ensure that overall supply is maintained and work hard with all stakeholders to mitigate negative effects on wood costs.

3) Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act (OFTMA)

If your party forms the next government, will you address the shortcomings of the OFMTA, and at a minimum, amend OFMTA to address the following:

- a. Ensure the number of Local Forest Management Corporations is limited to a maximum of two pilot projects that will be assessed over a full business cycle (5-7 years)
- b. Require development of independent criteria to assess and compare LFMCs and Shareholder SFLs prior to implementation of any LFMCs
- c. Assessment and comparison of LFMCs and Shareholder SFLs to be conducted by an independent third-party
- d. Initial Ontario LFMCs shall be placed where no existing Sustainable Forest Licences exists or where the existing licence holder is a willing partner
- e. The development of criteria defining "sufficient and consistent use" within a regulation prior to the development of any LFMCs
- f. Protection measures for validly-supported existing and future Supply Agreements, excepting for the purposes of agreed measured and moderate tenure reforms
- g. The inclusion of rights of compensation in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice that are otherwise well enshrined in Ontario law
- h. Create parity for all tenure models with respect to revenue retention for LFMCs

New Democrats were opposed to the Forest Tenure Modernization Act. As such, we would repeal the bill. We believe the Crown Forest Sustainability Act provides a solid framework to provide security of tenure and would work closely with the forest industry to deal with specific tenure issues that need to be addressed.

4) Maintenance and Restoration of Competitive Measures

If your party forms the next government will you commit to the maintenance of the existing competitive measures, including:

1. Maintenance of the Crown dues rate for poplar and white birch at a rate no greater than \$1.07/m³ for the next three years
2. Forest Resource Inventory (FRI) funding
3. Wood promotion funding
4. Forest Sector Prosperity Fund
5. A loan guarantee program



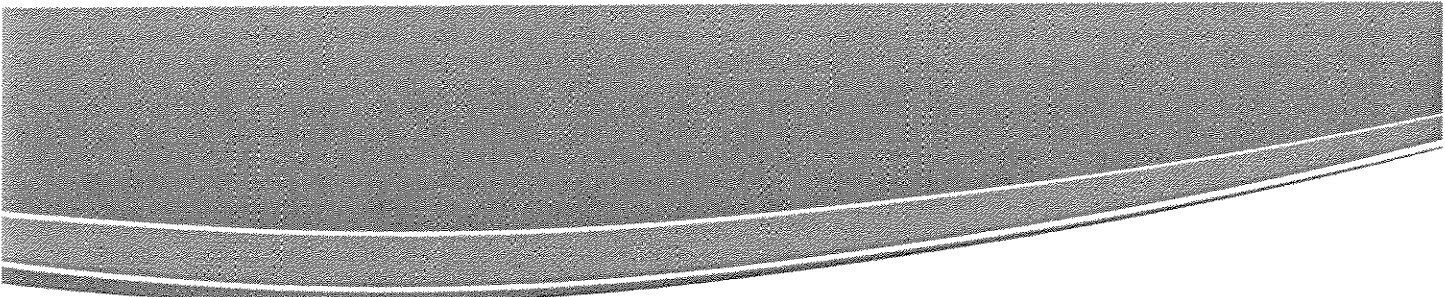
Road maintenance and construction funding (see below for additional information) - If your party forms the next government will you restore the Road Construction and Maintenance Program to a minimum of \$75 million per year?

We are committed to investing \$35 billion to pay for much needed infrastructure projects across the province, including forestry roads funded under the Road Construction and Maintenance Program. In addition, we have announced a \$70 million a year infrastructure program that will go largely to rural and Northern communities.

5) Electricity Rates

If your party forms the next government, will you develop more tools to provide the forest industry with a long term, "industry-wide", all in delivered price of \$45 per MWH of electricity, by means of the following actions:

- **Extend or provide the option of the five coincident peak formula for determining Global Adjustment to all customers that have interval meters (no lower load limit).**
- **Review the purpose, content and structure of the Global Adjustment. It has become the repository of a number of questionable programs and is punitive to industrial consumers.**
- **Extend the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate (NIER) program on the same basis to all manufacturers in Ontario with an annual consumption over 10,000 MWhrs.**
- **Develop long term special electricity rates for economic development and preservation, such as occurs in New York State, for example:**
 - **Power for jobs**
 - **Economic Development Power**
 - **High Load Power Factor Power**
 - **Preservation Power**



When it comes to industrial hydro rates, Ontario does not compare well to a number of competing jurisdictions. The result is that too many companies are either reluctant to invest in Ontario or are leaving our province to set up elsewhere.

Electricity rates are also a significant hurdle for municipalities when attempting to attract investment in the value-added parts of the resource and manufacturing sectors and are a barrier to economic diversification – particularly in the North.

In our Northern Platform entitled “Respect for the North,” we released a major platform plank to protect and create jobs in Ontario’s energy intensive industries. [More details can be found on our website.](#)

This announcement contains the following two major components:

Lowering the threshold on the five-day coincident peak formula

The five-day coincident peak formula of the Global Adjustment currently only applies to about 170 large users (defined as monthly average peak demand of 5MW).

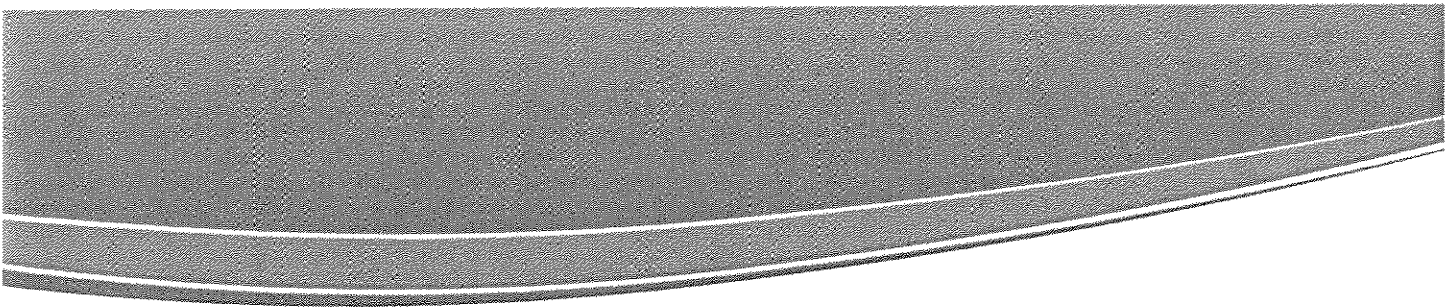
However, there is no relief for energy intensive, mid-size industrial users anywhere in Ontario. This is costing the province tens of thousands of jobs.

Ontario’s NDP has committed to lowering the threshold for eligibility in this formula to include all companies, province-wide, with an interval meter. Sectors that would be covered include:

- Mining
- Forest product industries
- Chemicals
- Petro-chemical refining
- Energy intensive food processing
- Cement
- Aluminum
- Iron and steel
- Casting and other energy intensive segments of the auto industry

These sectors are the most energy intensive sectors in Ontario’s economy and the ones suffering most from uncompetitive industrial electricity rates.





An NDP government will sit down with industry associations representing energy intensive companies in all sectors of the economy to discuss detailed eligibility criteria.

This approach is not new. In many ways, this is the way that rates were designed prior to the opening of Ontario's electricity market in 2002. These principles are also applied by the Ontario Energy Board in setting rates for transmission and distribution service by Hydro One and by local distribution companies.

Extend the Northern Industrial Electricity Rate (NIER) program past the March 31, 2013 expiry date

Ontario's NDP believes in the value of the NIER program and will extend the program past the current March 31, 2013 expiry date. It's important for the province to maintain the NIER as long as Northern Ontario industrial hydro rates remain uncompetitive with neighbouring jurisdictions.

Industrial hydro pricing is a complex area and the devil is often in the details. Rest assured that as a government we will be reaching out to your organization as we develop the various rules and regulations needed to operationalize these important policy initiatives.

Over the next few weeks, we will be announcing additional energy initiatives that we believe will further lower hydro rates not just for industrial users, but for all Ontario hydro consumers.

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Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

NEWS RELEASE – www.eowc.org

EOWC presents three questions to provincial election candidates

May 14, 2014 – In light of the upcoming provincial election on June 12, 2014 as well as a number of pressing concerns for the ratepayers across its 103 rural municipalities, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) has developed three global questions for election candidates vying to represent the region's many ridings.

The EOWC is inviting election candidates across rural Eastern Ontario to recognize the region's priorities and concerns, to respond to them publicly, and to incorporate these issues into their own election campaigns.

"The EOWC wants to get the message out to election candidates: municipalities have given the Province a decade to accept responsibility for its own costs – and, as we know, Eastern Ontario has little capacity to raise revenue, in terms of both income and property," stated Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair of the EOWC.

"Infrastructure funding cannot come at the expense of uploads or new downloads that increase other costs. You cannot rob Peter to pay Paul," added Chair St. Pierre.

This strategy is primarily based on the EOWC's 2014 priorities, established earlier this year and presented to provincial ministers during the ROMA/OGRA Conference. It includes important requests including stable, predictable funding for roads and bridges, and has been refreshed with more recent concerns such as the new OPP billing model.

The EOWC has worked closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on this strategy and, as a result, we believe that all the issues and concerns of rural Eastern Ontario are represented under these three questions to provincial candidates:

1. *Will you honour the upload agreement and reject downloading?*
2. *What is your plan for Eastern Ontario's roads and bridges?*
3. *How will you promote more affordable emergency services?*

"Eastern Ontario municipalities are spending less than half of what they need on infrastructure. Our property taxpayers are maintaining 69,000 lane-kilometres of road and 5,000 structures – this is simply not sustainable," said Linda Thompson, EOWC Vice-Chair. "I am proud that the EOWC has once again taken the lead on advancing its priorities to the province."

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For more information, please contact:

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Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

From: "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Date: May-16-14 3:56 PM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: AMO Provincial Election Update

May 16, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

We are now well into the provincial election and I would like to draw your attention to AMO's 2014 Provincial Election area on our web site. The Provincial Election area is a one-stop resource housing:

- AMO's summary of how the party platforms relate to our key municipal priorities. It captures what we know and identifies matters for which we are seeking more information. It will be updated as new or additional information is released by the parties. This document has linkages to Backgrounders on the priorities which you may find useful, too.
- AMO's letters to the Provincial leaders were sent this week. Their responses will be posted when received.
- AMO's Municipal Priorities – Copies of the Good Ideas/Bad Ideas Flyer and note card were mailed to each councillor this week through your municipal clerk.

To ensure that you will have access to timely information, watch for our Provincial Election Updates which will alert you to new information as we come across it.

As in previous provincial elections, we hope that you can use the Municipal Priorities material for discussions with your local candidates or at an all-candidate meeting, particularly one on municipal government matters. Please share with us anything that may come from local debates that we have not captured.

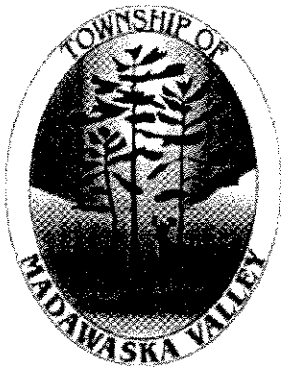
We hope you find these resources helpful. Please let us know if you need any assistance or clarification. If so, please contact Pat Vanini, Executive Director or Monika Turner, Director of Policy at 416-971-9856 or 1-877-426-6527.

Yours truly,

R. F. (Russ) Powers

AMO President

20/05/2014



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Moved by: Councillor Neuman 02-0505-14
Seconded by: Councillor Yantha 05 May 2014
BE IT RESOLVED

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley has heard the concerns of their residents regarding the blanketing of cell towers throughout the municipality with no regard to proximity to inhabited private property;

AND WHEREAS the process for the erection of cell towers is undemocratic since it does not include an open, public and informed debate;

AND WHEREAS the numbers of cell towers and antennas have increased exponentially without any serious impact studies having been carried out;

AND WHEREAS the emissions from each cell tower change over time with the addition of more equipment and leasing;

AND WHEREAS Health Canada's Safety Code 6 is some thirty years old, has never really been updated, and does not consider the non-thermal biological effects of the radiation emitted by cell antennae;

AND WHEREAS microwave technology used in telecommunications poses a risk to human health, the health of animals and insects, especially pollinators, the quality of the environment, and property values;

AND WHEREAS safe alternatives to cellular technology do exist, but there is currently no requirement to mitigate some of the harmful health effects of cell tower RF emissions through the use of fibre optic cable;

AND WHEREAS it is urgent that action be taken before the adverse effects of cellular technology cause irreversible damage;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley calls upon the House of Commons to require the Federal Government to implement a moratorium on the installation of cell towers and antennas everywhere in Canada until Safety Code 6 is replaced with a safety code that considers the biological, non-thermal effects of microwave technology on the health of Canadians,

and until it adopts a truly democratic process for locating new cell towers and antennas that includes municipalities and citizens;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley will withhold concurrence for any new cell tower placements until such time as they are provided with conclusive proof that each new cell tower location requested is critical to providing the service, is not located in close proximity to inhabited private property, and will be equipped with fibre optic cable only.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to Cheryl Gallant MP, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Transport Canada, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and all Eastern Ontario Municipalities for their support.

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Silas, Lorbetski,
Acting CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

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NewsRelease



TransCanada Files Eastern Mainline Project Description with National Energy Board

TORONTO, Ontario – **May 8, 2014** – TransCanada Corporation (TSX, NYSE: TRP) (TransCanada) today announced that it has filed a project description with the National Energy Board of Canada for the Eastern Mainline Project. The proposed project will add new facilities to the company's existing Canadian Mainline natural gas transmission system in southeastern Ontario. The Eastern Mainline Project will ensure TransCanada can accommodate growing demand and new supplies of natural gas from the U.S. Northeast.

"This new pipeline infrastructure will be a vital addition to the Canadian Mainline system to meet the needs of Ontario and Quebec gas consumers," said Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and chief executive officer. "We are committed to ensuring that gas transmission capacity is available to meet the needs of customers and that the cost of serving those customers does not increase as a result of the transfer of a portion of the Canadian Mainline to Energy East."

Ontario and Quebec gas customers will continue to get the gas they need to heat their homes, especially during the cold winter months, Girling added.

The proposed scope of the project will ensure appropriate levels of capacity are available to meet the requirements of existing shippers as well as the new firm service commitments contracted by TransCanada for services in the Eastern Triangle segment of the Canadian Mainline. The project requirements are the result of the proposed transfer of a portion of the Canadian Mainline capacity to crude oil service from natural gas service as part of TransCanada's proposed Energy East Pipeline Project and an open season that closed on January 15, 2014. The project description proposes the construction of as much as 370 kilometres of up to 36-inch diameter pipe and associated compression facilities adjacent to existing Mainline facilities between the City of Markham and the Township of South Dundas in Eastern Ontario.

Discussions between TransCanada and shippers are ongoing to determine the appropriate amount of capacity that will be required.

The proposed Eastern Mainline Project will allow TransCanada shippers that have historically used short term contracts to use firm service to meet their long-term needs. TransCanada will ensure that customers continue to receive reliable and fairly priced transportation services through the addition of facilities in this section of the Canadian Mainline.

"Our teams have been busy over the last year meeting with thousands of people in communities across all six provinces to explain the benefits of the Energy East Project," concluded Girling. "We remain focused on continuing to gather the public's input to ensure we address local issues in our planning and design not only for Energy East, but also for the Eastern Mainline Project. Outreach for the Eastern Mainline Project will begin in the coming weeks."

With more than 60 years' experience, TransCanada is a leader in the responsible development and reliable operation of North American energy infrastructure including natural gas and oil pipelines, power generation and gas storage facilities. TransCanada operates a network of natural gas pipelines that extends more than 68,500 kilometres (42,500 miles), tapping into virtually all major gas supply basins in North America. TransCanada is one of the continent's largest providers of gas storage and related services with more than 400 billion cubic feet of storage capacity. A growing independent power producer, TransCanada owns or has interests in over 11,800 megawatts of power generation in Canada and the United States. TransCanada is developing one of North America's largest oil delivery systems. TransCanada's common shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under

the symbol TRP. For more information visit: www.transcanada.com or check us out on Twitter @TransCanada or <http://blog.transcanada.com>.

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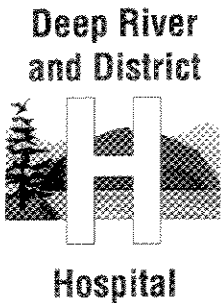
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May 12, 2014

Ms. Tammy Lea Stewart
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United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
15 Township Hall Rd.
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Dear Ms. Stewart:

Re: Physician Recruitment Incentive Invoice for 2014-15

The three municipalities of Laurentian Hills, Deep River and Head, Clara & Maria have a long history of working with the Deep River & District Hospital. One area of special note is physician recruitment. The municipalities recognize that recruiting and retaining family doctors in North Renfrew is crucial to the physical and economic health of their respective communities.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our four-party partnership to make funds available for physician recruitment incentives for North Renfrew. We respectfully request that the corporation remit its portion of the partner commitments for 2014-2015 to meet our obligations.

Since the community incentive fund has been established, it has been an excellent tool in recruiting physicians to our area, such that every North Renfrew resident who wishes to have access to a family physician is now able to do so.

Sincerely,

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Gary Sims
Chief Executive Officer

Deep River District Hospital

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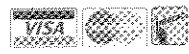
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PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE DEEP RIVER AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.
 WE ALSO ACCEPT CASH, VISA AND MASTERCARD AND INTERAC.
 BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:30 TO 4:30
 DUE UPON RECEIPT



TOTAL DUE ➡ \$1,260.00