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Date: June-26-14 8:55 AM
To: "Township of Head Clara Maria" <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: RE: County level Elections Compliance Committee

Melinda, Our Finance and Administration Committee did not support your resolution.

Jim Hutton

From: Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria [mailto:twpshcm@xplornet.com]
Sent: June-23-14 10:47 AM
To: Jim Hutton
Subject: County level Elections Compliance Committee

Good morning Jim

I wonder if you have an update on the request by our Council and others County municipalities to form a County level Elections Compliance Committee? I have included our original letter for your reference.

Sincerely

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To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: Thank you on behalf of NRUL

Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

On behalf of the North Renfrew United Landowners, we would like to extend a sincere thank you for helping us make our June 17th Landowners Association meeting in Stonecliffe such a great success. We have had lots of great feedback from the public and the OLA members.

The NRUL would also like to personally thank your Municipality for letting us use your newly renovated Municipal Hall and kitchen. Your Municipality should **ALL** be very proud to have such a beautiful facility and should all be grateful to all of those who made it happen. Also we would like to thank all of those who helped out in the kitchen and prepared the refreshments and fantastic treats for that night.

We really appreciate everyone for donating their time and hard work. Without your help that night would not have been such a success.

Sincerely,

North Renfrew United Landowners



June 18, 2014

Dear Wardens, Mayors & CAOs in Eastern Ontario,

Get your community the attention it deserves—on your budget.

As a membership-based regional marketing organization, the Ontario East Economic Development Commission (OEEDC) unites over 125 economic development professionals and business leaders across 200 communities. For over 25 years, municipalities have joined forces under OEEDC to give limited marketing budgets great momentum—like a presence at industry tradeshows you don't want to miss and completion of competitive studies to better understand how to position Ontario East and your community for investment.

OEEDC's regional marketing model is so respected it is emulated around Ontario and Canada. So, whether you are a general member, or you participate in one of five Sector Marketing Teams, your community benefits from being involved.

Contact OEEDC to give your area the advantage of robust sector marketing initiatives:

Sharing best practices and learning from other experts at Ontario East events (while networking with top business leaders, politicians, and investment attraction reps) are key parts of an OEEDC General Membership. Sector Team Members also receive lead generation services supported by a well-maintained back office system. OEEDC leverages government funding to expand sector team budgets. You can also share staffing at sector tradeshows bringing down the cost of entry fees, giving you more time to develop business for your community.

Sector 1. Innovative Rural Opportunities: Inspire youth to stay, increase talk to businesses, and attract rural investment. A new sector—created to meet the needs of rural communities by focussing on niche agribusiness, downtown revitalization, the creative economy, and other forms of rural entrepreneurship. A systematic Marketing Tools Calendar now guides this sector's communication as it gets ready to publicize local Success Stories to prove what diverse dreams can be built in Ontario East's rural spaces.

Sector 2. **Food Processing: Build upon partnerships with trade commissioners, the local food movement and educational institutions to prove your capacity.** The sector-specific business directory and innovative cluster ranging from SMEs to multinationals is a testament that new business succeeds in Ontario East. Join an active tradeshow cycle to help your local businesses connect with investors found at these shows. Ontario East's specialized labour pool, history of agriculture and world-renowned educational programs give you lots to leverage.

Sector 3. **Advanced Manufacturing: Identify new opportunities to attract energy, clean technologies, biotech and aerospace companies.** Working on your behalf with Provincial and Federal investment specialists and trade commissioners, OEEDC helps you capitalise on strategic marketing to attract more of what your community needs in this key employment sector.

Sector 4. **Logistics and Transportation: Understand how to build upon the 30 million square ft cluster of distribution centres in Ontario East's central North American location.** From analysing global trends to conducting market research, here's a group ready to help you highlight the benefits of your location. Win business from industry networking, established trade commissioner relationships, digital media marketing and an updated sector-specific business directory.

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Find out how you can better market your community to keep your economy strong, vibrant, and healthy. Call 1-866-641-EAST or email info@ontarioeast.ca to discuss your OEEDC membership status, or check out our new membership advantages video and become a Member online at OntarioEast.ca.

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Subject: Rural Recreation Conference please forward to Recreation Department/ Committees

Please forward this email to your department's recreation department or committee. Thank you in advance,

Recreation Staff/ Volunteers

I am writing to you with regards to a Recreation Conference that is taking place in County of Renfrew that will address topics, challenges and successes that are experienced by rural recreation departments and committees in Eastern Ontario. The R.O.A.R. (*Rural Ontario-east Active Recreation*) Conference has been designed by various municipal staff, facilitators and volunteers in the recreation field to bring those in rural areas together to network and create partnerships that will help build and develop rural recreation using each other's knowledge and experience.

The conference will take place over 4 days at Calabogie Peaks Resort in which participants will take part in various sessions that are based on networking, participation in growing or new activities and group programs. The conference has been designed with small budgets in mind as the conference fees are only \$225.00 for the 4 days which includes all meals, activities and sessions. The only additional cost is accommodations in which Calabogie Peaks has been generous enough to reduce their fees to \$90 per night, though shared accommodation are available.

We hope you are able to join us in September for this conference as we believe this is a great opportunity to bring together rural communities in a positive environment and create a strong network for small communities. Please see below for a link to conference information and registration. Please share with the various communities, towns and groups in and surrounding your area.

<http://www.ottawavalleyeconomicdevelopment.com/entrepreneur-toolkit/events-seminars-workshops/inaugural-rural-ontario-east-active-recreation-conference-1833.html>

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What is ROAR?

Rural Ontario-east Active Recreation (**ROAR**) is a community-based partnership comprised of recreational professionals located throughout rural areas of Eastern Ontario. **ROAR** has been developed to offer opportunities to recreation, health care, volunteer and municipal staff to further expand knowledge, training and networking prospects and collaborations with peers in the recreation and community development field. The purpose of **ROAR** is to grow and expand the field of recreation and promote its benefits to users across rural Eastern Ontario. You don't have to do everything alone is something we strongly believe in. By creating a strong network of connections, we can all achieve BIG outcomes in our small rural areas working together through the sharing of expertise, knowledge and experiences, we can achieve!

Our goals are to provide a voice through opportunity and hands on sessions to those in the recreation field and to build upon the positive and focus on the enhancement of health and social benefits through active living in communities across rural Eastern Ontario.

Conference Highlights

The **ROAR** conference has been designed to keep your brain thinking and your body moving. All sessions will be facilitated by highly regarded professionals in their field. Sessions are fully interactive allowing participants the opportunity to share thoughts, discuss ideas and participate in a collaborative forum.

We know that recreation professional in rural areas are innovative, creative and active by nature. The beautiful and peaceful setting of Calabogie provides an ideal backdrop for this unique and first time gathering. Be a part of the process and success of the ROAR conference!

Join in evening activities around the bonfire, team building games, live music and an outdoor old fashion BBQ dinner. No need to bring the suit and tie as we will be outdoors on the beach having fun!

Conference Resort & Accommodations

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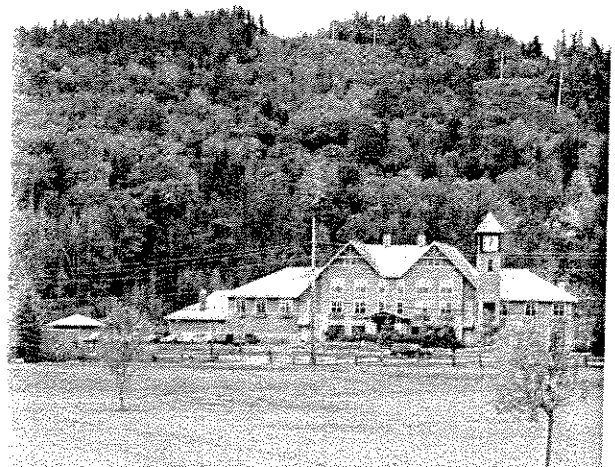
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May 07, 2014 09:44 ET

Northern Graphite Looking at Doubling Bissett Creek Production Rate

OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - May 7, 2014) - Northern Graphite Corporation (TSX VENTURE:NGC)(OTCQB:NGPHF) announces that the Company intends to update the Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "PEA") for its 100% owned Bissett Creek graphite project to double the planned production rate at the outset rather than after three years of operation as originally contemplated. The current PEA is based on twinning the mill circuits and was undertaken to show the project's ability to meet future growth in graphite demand. However, building one large plant is much more efficient and should lead to lower capital and operating costs. The Company has also been encouraged to assess the economics of the larger plant by recent developments in the lithium ion battery industry and by strong interest in the high purity concentrates that will be produced using Northern's proprietary purification technology.

The PEA already indicates that the Bissett Creek project has very attractive economics even at or below current depressed graphite price levels. The pre-tax internal rate of return is 26.3% (22.0% after tax) and the pre-tax net present value is \$231.1 million (\$150.0 million after tax) using an 8% discount rate and a weighted average price of US\$1,800/tonne of concentrate.

Gregory Bowes, CEO, commented that: "Bissett Creek is the only true large flake deposit and the only one with a bankable Feasibility Study (the "FS") and its major environmental permit. It also has the best infrastructure of any new graphite project, the lowest capital costs and the highest operating margin."

Capital costs in the current PEA have been estimated at \$146.8 million to produce an average of 42,700 tonnes of graphite annually over the first 10 full years of operation compared to capital costs of \$101.6 million and annual production of 20,800 tonnes in the FS. Almost 90% of graphite production will be large and extra large flake and battery grade which is the highest ratio in the industry. There are also 27.3 million tonnes of measured and indicated resources and 24 million tonnes of inferred resources that are not part of the PEA mine plan and the deposit has not yet been closed off by drilling, all of which indicates that further expansions are possible. P&E Mining Consultants Inc. have been engaged to complete a new mine plan for the PEA update and WorleyParsons Canada will estimate the capital and operating costs of the larger mill.

Expandable Graphite

Expandable graphite is used for thermal management in consumer electronics as well as in gaskets and fluid sealing solutions, fuel cells, redox flow batteries, and fire retardants and other construction materials. It is one of the fastest growing market segments along with lithium ion batteries. Expandable graphite is made from extra large flake (+50 mesh) graphite which will make up almost 50% of Bissett Creek production, by far the highest in the industry. The Company has developed a

proprietary purification process which will enable it to produce and sell high purity expandable graphite at a significant premium. Representative samples have been provided to a number of potential customers and substantial interest has been generated.

Graphite Markets and Pricing

After more than tripling from 2005 to 2012, graphite prices have fallen back 50% or more due to the slowdown in China and a lack of growth in the US, Europe and Japan. Recently it has been reported that Chinese flake production has fallen 30% as uneconomic and polluting mines are closed. Current prices are at the marginal cost of production for many producers which should limit further price declines. The weighted average price that would be realized by Bissett Creek concentrates in the current market is estimated at US\$1,800/t which is the highest in the industry as almost 90% of production will be large or extra large flake. Current pricing is approximately \$2,100/t for +50 mesh concentrates, \$1,300/t for +80 large mesh, \$1,100/t and \$900/t for -100 and -150 medium and small flake respectively, and less than \$500/t for -150 mesh fines.

Qualified Person

Mehmet F. Tamer, Ph.D., P.Geo., a Consulting Geologist who is independent of the Company, has reviewed and approved the technical content of this press release.

Northern Graphite Corporation

Northern Graphite Corporation is a Canadian company that has a 100% interest in the Bissett Creek graphite deposit located in eastern Ontario. Graphite demand is expected to rapidly increase in the future due to strengthening economies and the growth in new technologies such as lithium ion batteries, particularly due to their use in hybrid and all electric vehicles. Northern Graphite is the only public graphite company with a true large flake deposit, a bankable Feasibility Study and its major environmental permit and is well positioned to benefit. Additional information on Northern can be found at www.sedar.com and www.northerngraphite.com.

Due to market conditions, Northern no longer retains the services of Renmark Financial Communications Inc. effective May 1, 2014.

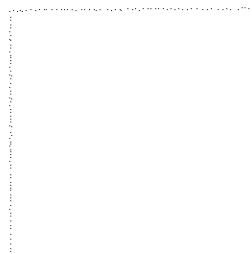
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Dear Mr. Megrath,

Re: Planning for Seismic Activity

Thank you again for taking the time to attend our Energy East Pipeline project Open House in Pembroke on April 2, 2014, as well as our kick-off Emergency Response Consultation with Renfrew County first responders on April 3, 2014. I have had a chance to sit down with our geology team to provide a response to your question about TransCanada plans for seismic activity.

All of TransCanada's pipelines are non-rigid and are able to move and bend slightly without impacting integrity. Additionally, when designing pipelines, TransCanada determines if active fault zones are present and if so, we implement additional mitigation measures in the detailed design to minimize potential impacts of active fault zones to the integrity of the pipeline. Potential safety measures include heavy wall pipe, wide trenches and low density backfill. The types of sand and earth in the backfill, as well as the angles of the sides of the trench when initially created, are designed to allow for minute movements of the pipe. The flexibility of the pipeline steel itself also allows for very minute movement of the line and as such, any potential seismic vibrations as well as slope movements can be safely offset. As the pipeline is buried, it is safer than if it was aboveground, as buried pipe will move with the seismic vibrations.

To further investigate the risk of seismic activity throughout eastern Ontario, TransCanada has completed a geologic hazards assessment focused on identifying faults with geological evidence of surface displacement within the Quaternary (i.e., faults that have evidence of activity within the last 2.6 million years), which TransCanada refers to as potentially active faults. Additionally, TransCanada has looked for evidence of surface displacement within the Holocene (less than 10,000 years old) as those are faults that could potentially impact a pipeline (referred to as active faults). During our research for the geologic hazards assessment for the conversion portion of the Energy East project, we did not observe in our remote sensing review evidence of surficial displacement of these faults, or come across references identifying these faults as having been potentially active in the Quaternary or active in the Holocene.

TransCanada follows up earthquake events with an immediate aerial inspection to look for damage to the pipe or signs of slope movement caused by the shaking, and then takes the appropriate action to remediate. Note that there is no set "breaking point" for pipelines in case of an earthquake.

Please don't hesitate to contact my colleague Nathalie Guay with any further questions (nquay@ascentum.com, cell:1.613.668.2377).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Pitcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon Pitcher
Community Relations Lead - Ontario
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July 7, 2014

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Dear Mr. Herback,

Re: Distance between valves

Thank you for taking the time to participate in our kick-off Emergency Response Consultation with Renfrew County first responders on April 4, 2014 in Pembroke. During the session, you asked for further information on the standard distance between valves on the proposed Energy East Pipeline project.

There is no standard distance between valves along the pipeline. As part of the engineering and design of the pipeline, shut-off valves are installed at certain locations and intervals for operation of the pipeline and to minimize potential spill volumes. Pipeline regulations require shut-off valves to be placed along the pipeline route to allow isolation of a section of pipeline, such as on either side of an environmentally sensitive area or a large river like the Madawaska. While the maximum distance between any two safety valves is 30km, this would be rare. In areas like the Madawaska River, the safety valves would likely be closer to 10km apart. We are still in the midst of determining the optimal locations for valves, and will include these in our filing with the National Energy Board (anticipated this summer).

Note that as part of the conversion process of part of the existing Canadian Mainline from gas to liquid service, valves across Renfrew County will be replaced.

Please don't hesitate to contact my colleague Nathalie Guay on the community relations team with any further questions (nguay@ascentum.com, cell:1.613.668.2377).

Sincerely,

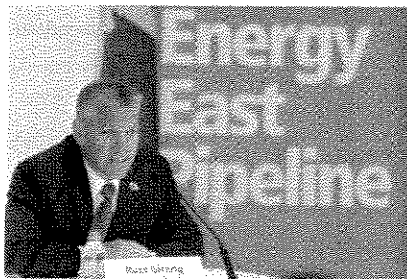
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Jon Pitcher
Community Relations Lead - Ontario
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Business

TransCanada donation to Ontario town comes with 'no comment' condition

The Town of Mattawa accepted \$30,000 from TransCanada Corp., on the condition that it won't comment on the company's business.



JEFF MCINTOSH / THE CANADIAN PRESS

TransCanada CEO Russ Girling announces the company is moving forward with the 1.1 million barrel-per-day Energy East Pipeline project at a news conference in Calgary, Alta., Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013.

By: John Spears, *Business Columnist*. Published on Sat Jul 05 2014

A \$30,000 donation by TransCanada Corp. to the Northern Ontario town of Mattawa comes with a condition attached — an apparent vow of silence on TransCanada's business activities.

While the condition makes Mattawa councillor Nico Walters uneasy, TransCanada says it isn't meant as a gag on Mattawa, which is situated close to the company's main pipeline.

The line is part of TransCanada's Energy East project to convert part of the pipeline to carry oil instead of natural gas.

Mattawa Mayor Dean Backer insists everything is above-board:

"At no time have we been put on a gag order," he said in an interview.

The issue's roots go back to 2012, when TransCanada gave Mattawa \$30,000 for a new rescue vehicle.

A formal agreement covering the donation was only drawn up this year.

One of the clauses in the agreement says this:

"The Town of Mattawa will not publicly comment on TransCanada's operations or business projects."

Commenting on TransCanada's business is a sensitive point, as the company has several controversial pipeline projects on the go, in addition to Energy East.

The clause raised questions for Walters.

"It's not right," Walters said in an interview. He worries that the condition will keep the town from voicing concerns it might have about the pipeline.

"Basically, you're paying someone to stay silent about a contentious issue that will potentially impact future generations," he said.

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The pipeline runs just outside the town's boundaries, but a break in the line could affect waters upstream, Walters said.

Mayor Backer says it's not like that at all.

He says TransCanada has a pipeline station about 60 kilometres east of Mattawa, and wanted fire protection for it.

They offered \$30,000 toward a new rescue truck, if Mattawa would agree to provide fire service.

"It was a no-brainer," Backer said.

The contentious clause "has nothing to do with Energy East," he said; it was inserted to protect TransCanada's jurisdiction over its own property.

Mattawa will keep working with other communities along the pipeline to have their concerns addressed about Energy East, Backer said.

TransCanada spokesman Davis Sheremata said the no-comment clause was inserted to protect town councils from feeling pressured to support TransCanada projects elsewhere.

"In recent years, we have found that communities we enter into partnerships with have at times been targeted by opponents of our projects in Canada and the United States, and have felt pressured to make public statements on our behalf in support of projects not related to them and sometimes located thousands of miles away," he said.

"The language in the agreement was designed to prevent municipalities from feeling obligated to make public comments on our behalf about projects that did not impact them and about which they had no experience or knowledge."

"If the Town of Mattawa or any other municipality expressed a concern that the contract would in any way have limited their ability to take part in a full and open discussion about the Canadian Mainline or Energy East, we would have removed it," he wrote.

"We will also amend the contract to remove that clause on a go-forward basis if necessary."

Not everyone is persuaded.

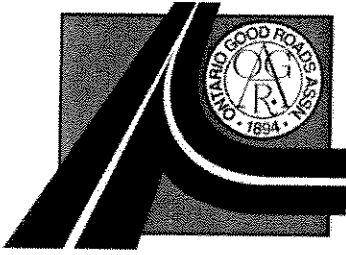
Walters said he voted in favour of the agreement, including the controversial no-comment clause, but now regrets it.

"I had a hard time sleeping that night," he said.

Adam Scott of *Environmental Defence* said in an interview that the no-comment clause reads like a gag order.

Local councils need to be asking tough questions about pipeline safety, he said, and this clause could limit them.

"They're taking hush money to shut up, and that means they're not looking out for the best interest of their community," he said.



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July 3rd, 2014

2014 Throne Speech Affirms Pre-Election Commitments

Significant Investments in Infrastructure, Transportation, and Public Transit

Earlier today, Lieutenant Governor David Onley presented the new Ontario government's Speech from the Throne.

The commitments outlined in the speech mirrored those found in the pre-election budget. OGRA is happy to see that the government has made it a priority to build infrastructure and a modern transportation network.

Relevant highlights include:

- \$130 billion on public infrastructure over the next decade on new hospitals, schools, undergraduate campuses, safer roads, better public transit, and all-day, two-way GO Regional Express Rail;
- \$29 billion over the next 10 years for public transit, transportation infrastructure, and other priority infrastructure projects across the province;
 - \$15 billion has been allocated for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area; and
 - \$14 billion for the rest of Ontario;
- \$1 billion to build a road link to the remote resource-rich Ring of Fire region in Northern Ontario. This money is no longer contingent on receiving matching funds from the federal government;
- Reaffirming the commitment to making Ontario fully accessible by 2025; and
- Reintroducing the Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act.

OGRA is pleased that the Government of Ontario will continue to address the infrastructure deficit in the province. OGRA remains hopeful that municipalities would be afforded the authority to pursue new revenue tools to address local needs. Such responsibility would reflect the fact that local governments are the most responsive, transparent order of government in Canada. OGRA will continue to advocate for this right in the future.

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JUL 10 2014

Dear Heads of Council:

I am pleased to be writing to you as the newly appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Thank you to those of you who have written to congratulate me on being selected for this important post by Premier Kathleen Wynne. Your kind wishes were appreciated.

Before the provincial election, my most recent role in Cabinet was as Minister of Community and Social Services. Over the years I've also served as Minister of Government Services, Consumer Services, and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

During my years of public service, I've had the pleasure to serve as MPP, as City councillor for Ward 7 Hamilton Mountain and as Mayor of Flamborough. As a committed community volunteer, I've found it fulfilling to be an advocate for the vulnerable and to work to help strengthen communities. I want to bring that same commitment to working with you and our other partners across the province to help Ontario communities grow and prosper.

Many of you know me already – and if we haven't already had the chance to meet, I hope we will have the opportunity to do so soon. I look forward to all the upcoming conferences and meetings so I can hear about the issues that are important to you.

Strong relationships and open communication are the foundation for creating healthy and sustainable communities. I look forward to working together to develop programs and policies for the benefit of all Ontarians.

Kindest regards

Ted McMeekin,
Minister

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Subject: Policy Update - The 2014 Provincial Update

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

July 14, 2014

The 2014 Provincial Budget

Today the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, reintroduced the Provincial Budget for 2014. The Budget was first introduced on May 1, 2014 prior to the dissolution of the Legislature for the 41st Ontario general election. This second introduction makes the same spending commitments as the first. It contains initiatives that are both good and bad for municipal governments. Highlights include the following:

Good ideas:

- **Significant Infrastructure Investments** – The budget includes a 10-year \$130 billion commitment to infrastructure investment. The Province's matching funds to the federal Building Canada Fund are included along with the following new municipal components:
 - **Public Transit and Transportation Infrastructure** – Of the above total, \$28.9 billion over the next 10 years will be dedicated to public transit and transportation. This includes \$15 billion for the GTHA and \$13.9 billion for investments in the rest of the province. In 2014-15 this represents \$3.3 billion (\$1.7 billion in the GTHA and \$1.6 billion outside the GTHA). Further discussions on the how and when of these allocations will occur in the future. Municipalities appreciate the focus on infrastructure. Communities outside of the GTHA need clarity on the criteria for putting projects forward. AMO looks forward to working with the government on these programs and those listed below.
 - **A Permanent Infrastructure Fund for Roads and Bridges** – The budget delivers a \$100 million annual fund for "critical projects in communities with challenging fiscal circumstances". It will include application and formula-based funding for municipalities. It will move towards a fully formula-based funding model over time. No other details regarding eligibility are provided in the budget. This honours a longstanding provincial commitment to the municipal sector.
 - **Cycling Infrastructure** – In a previous statement in the Legislature, the Minister of Transportation provided details on this funding including \$10 million over three years through a new cost-shared program that will help municipalities expand their local cycling networks, and in addition, \$15 million over three years will be dedicated to investments in cycling infrastructure.
- **The Upload Remains Intact** – The Province continues to maintain the 2008 upload

agreement. Its 2015 value to the municipal sector is \$1.63 billion. The importance of this commitment to the sector as a whole is indisputable. Sector wide, municipalities have been able to redirect these dollars to increased infrastructure investments. But on a local level, the value of this upload varies considerably from one municipality to the next. That's why the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund is so important to municipalities with challenging fiscal circumstances.

- **Social Services** – The Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative will benefit from the permanent addition of \$42 million starting in 2014-15. Previously this allocation was temporary. In addition, municipalities will not be required to cost-share the Ontario Works rate increase until January 2015.

Bad ideas:

- **Accelerated OMPF Cuts for 2015** – The budget cuts operating funding to municipalities with challenging fiscal circumstances by \$35 million in 2015. This represents an unexpected funding cut of \$10 million to the communities that can least afford it and which benefitted the least from the upload. AMO had advocated for a deferral of the expected \$25 million cut. While ongoing discussions between the municipal sector and the Ministry of Finance on the OMPF continue, they will not blunt the impact of this envelope decrease. The Association remains extremely surprised and disappointed with this move. It raises ongoing questions regarding the government's approach to OPP billing. Specifically, what does this added decrease mean when OPP billing reform policy for 2015 has not been determined?
- **Cuts to the Power Dam Special Payment Program** – The 110 municipalities which host power dams will see \$4.4 million in cuts to these transfers over four years. Such dollars offset lost property tax revenues for these communities when the right to tax the dams was rescinded in 2001. To illustrate the impact of this change, to the Municipality of Wawa, payments under this program represent the uncollectable tax revenue coming from 47% of its property assessment base. Residents of Wawa face a 12.6% property tax increase to make up for these losses. Any OMPF losses will be in addition to this change. Municipalities affected by these reductions will be meeting shortly to review the situation and are encouraged to attend.
- **Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Phase 2 Program Funding Cancelled** – The Ontario government has cancelled the MHSW Phase 2 program. Effective October 1, 2014, municipalities will no longer be reimbursed for the management of MHSW Phase 2 materials. Announced in the 2012 provincial budget, MHSW Phase 2 was to be a three-year \$10.5 million program.

AMO is surprised and disappointed in the cancellation of this small and important waste diversion program, especially with no consultation or warning mid-year for municipal operations and budgets. We are very concerned about this additional fragmentation of the MHSW program and the great potential for resident confusion about where these toxic materials go while knowing that the public expects that hazardous and toxic materials will be safely diverted from our landfills and water sources.

This approach also compromises diversion goals and appears to retreat from the principle of extended producer responsibility – which holds manufacturers and retailers

accountable for the costs related to safe disposal of their products. Phase 2 materials include six wastes: fire extinguishers, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, mercury-containing devices such as thermostats and thermometers, and pharmaceuticals and sharps (for those pharmaceuticals and sharps not captured through the Health Products Stewardship Association's regulated program).

We understand that the Ministry of Environment will be working with producers, municipalities, and other stakeholders to determine a path forward on options for best management of these Phase 2 MHSW wastes given this upcoming program cancellation. However, no details have been provided at this point. AMO has been a strong advocate of expanding producer responsibility for their products and packaging and will continue to do so. We will provide members with further information on this and other waste diversion matters once available.

AMO's budget analysis will continue. Further updates will be provided as required.

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July 3, 2014

Ontario Speech from the Throne Delivered Today in the Legislature

Today in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Lieutenant Governor David C. Onley delivered the Speech from the Throne laying out Premier Kathleen Wynne's priorities for government in the next legislative session. In the Speech, the Lieutenant Governor noted that the government's first priority was job creation and economic development and that it intended to re-introduce the 2014 Budget on July 14th after passage of the Throne Speech in the Legislature. Click here for [AMO's Budget analysis](#).

Government priorities of importance to municipalities are:

Infrastructure:

- Reaffirmed \$130 billion over ten years for public infrastructure investments including the \$29 billion Moving Ontario Forward plan which prioritizes:
 - \$15 billion for transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas (GTHA) including two-way, all day GO rail expansion and;
 - \$14 billion for transportation including roads and bridges outside of the GTHA.
- Consult with local governments and communities in setting priorities for these investments.
- Creating a Ring of Fire Development Corporation to lead development of this area and \$1 billion for transportation to access the Ring of Fire.

Economic and Financial Management:

- Eliminating the deficit in three years. No increases in Harmonized Sales Tax or the Ontario Gas Tax are planned. However, the government did commit to an increase on higher wage earners in the province.
- The President of Treasury Board will have responsibility for government spending, accountability, transparency, and labour relations within Ontario Public Service and Broader Public Sector.

- A \$2.5 billion Jobs and Prosperity Fund to invest in traditional and emerging industries and regions impacted by the global recession. Industries from agribusiness, advanced manufacturing, resources, tourism, media, and culture are expected to benefit.

Accountability and Transparency:

- Will bring the *Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act* back to the House. This legislation extends the oversight of the Provincial Ombudsman to the municipal sector.
- Noted the government would "engage with Ontarians to consider what it can do in the context of our labour and employment law regime to continue to protect workers while supporting business in today's modern economy". The 2013 Throne Speech included language which committed the government to build a sustainable model of wage negotiation that is respectful of both collective bargaining and a fair, transparent process for interest arbitration in Ontario.

Accessibility, Social Services and Community Services:

- Reiterated the commitment to make Ontario fully accessible by 2025 and will create a new Poverty Reduction Strategy, index the Ontario Child Benefit and minimum wage as well as expanding investments in housing and homelessness.
- Focus on community health and wellness with the expansion of home and community care and the implementation of its Cycling Strategy to which the Budget committed \$25 million.

Climate Change, Energy and Environment:

- The new Ministry of Environment and Climate Change will be responsible for working across government to coordinate action to reduce greenhouse gases and renew work with communities on work to adapt to climate change impacts.
- Work with other provinces and territories to create a Canadian Energy Strategy that recognizes the importance of climate change, renewable energy, and energy conservation.

AMO will continue to work with the government and all MPPs on municipal priorities and looks forward to engaging with the government.

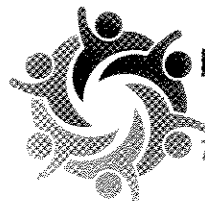
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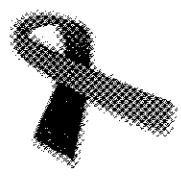
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**Family & Children's Services
of Renfrew County**
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**October is:
'Child Abuse Prevention Awareness – Purple Ribbon Campaign'**

Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County has once again, has begun its preparations for October's Child Abuse Prevention campaign which is marked by the Purple Ribbon. This initiative serves to create awareness, increase public knowledge of child abuse/neglect and ultimately protect children and youth in our community. It takes a community to protect our children/youth – **you are the community!**

"United Against Child Abuse, Eastern Ontario is dressing in Purple on October 17th, 2014. Break the silence, use your voice and join us in keeping kids safe!"

We would like to ask municipalities for a *proclamation* for the month of October. In support, of this Provincial campaign.

As well, we would invite you and council members and families to join our community and schools throughout the county to participate in our **COMMUNITY DRESS PURPLE DAY**. We will be as well inviting businesses to join in with our Wear Purple on Oct 17 this year.

- WHEN
to Dress: **Friday, October 17th, 2014**
- WHERE: At home, at your business, or at play.
- WHY: To raise awareness about child abuse/neglect and keep our kids safe.

Help us **BREAK THE SILENCE** and **PAINT OUR COMMUNITY PURPLE!**



Maggie Johnston
Campaign Chair

Arijana Tomicic, M.S.W. Executive Director

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

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From: "Kelly Cole" <kcole@penetanguishene.ca>
Date: June-27-14 11:33 AM
To: "undisclosed-recipients:"
Attach: Letter to call for Formation of Small and Rural School Alliance.pdf
Subject: Call for a Formation of Small and Rural School Alliance

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter to the Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding a call for a Formation of Small and Rural School Alliance.

At the regular meeting of Council held on June 25, 2014, the Council of the of the Town of Penetanguishene passed a resolution which calls for a formation of Small and Rural School Alliance.

Please find attached a copy of the above noted resolution which indicates the call for support of this resolution from all small town and rural Ontario municipalities that face or have faced the possibility of school closures within their municipality and that these small town and rural Ontario municipalities jointly lobby for a moratorium on all school closures until such time that the administrative process on accommodation reviews is completed by the Provincial Government.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thanks,

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June 25, 2014

Premier Kathleen Wynne
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Hon. Kathleen Wynne;

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Most Sincerely,

Gerry Marshall, Mayor
Town of Penetanguishene

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Encl.

cc. Hon. Liz Sandals, Minister of Education
Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Ontario Small Urban Municipalities
MPP Garfield Dunlop
MP Bruce Stanton





Regular Meeting of Council
June 25, 2014

Moved By: Councillor Daryl O'Shea
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Patrick Marion

WHEREAS Education is one of the largest assets that a municipality can provide to its residents in terms of offering quality of life and quality of community;

AND WHEREAS one of the challenges that small town and rural communities face are closures of both elementary and high schools in their communities;

AND WHEREAS the levels of Educational service and costs associated with said services are funded by the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has not directly consulted nor communicated with small town rural Ontario municipalities being serviced by the School Boards in regards to school closures;

AND WHEREAS these potential closures are subject to an administrative School Board process called an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC);

AND WHEREAS there is lack of public trust in the Accommodation Review process as School Boards are not being held accountable for the recommendations of the ARC;

AND WHEREAS there is support from other small and rural municipalities to jointly lobby for a moratorium on all school closures until such time that the administrative process on accommodation reviews is completed by the Provincial Government;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Penetanguishene request the support of this resolution from all small town and rural Ontario municipalities that face or have faced the possibility of school closures within their municipalities;

AND THAT the Mayor is authorized to reach out to interested communities to form an alliance to approach the Provincial Government via the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Rural Affairs on this issue;

AND FURTHER THAT this joint effort request meetings with the Minister of Education and Minister of Rural Affairs at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference to represent all supporting municipalities to clearly and directly communicate to the Province the concerns with the policies of local School Boards in reference to ARC processes;

AND FURTHER THAT said municipalities are encouraged to forward letters in support of this resolution to the Premier, Minister of Education, Minister of Rural Affairs, the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation Northern Ontario Municipalities, the association of Ontario Small Urban Municipalities and local Members of Provincial Parliament;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate government agencies and communities as outlined within.

CARRIED.

Mayor Gerry Marshall

Attach: Power Dam Payments.pdf; Premier Wynne.pdf; Minister Sousa.pdf
Subject: Power Dam Special Payment Program - Ontario Budget

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Dear Colleagues:

There are some communities across the Province of Ontario that are looking forward to the adoption of the current Provincial Budget; many more are not. Many communities are struggling with aspects of the current

budget such as the accelerated cuts to the OMPF program, the unknown aspects of a new OPP billing model and questions about funding for aging infrastructure. If you are receiving this email it is because your community is also subject to a cut in the Power Dam Special Payment Program.

The proposed clawback of this program should be alarming for many communities. Implemented in 2001, the program was put in place to replace the taxation revenues associated with hydro-electrical plants, poles and wires when these properties were deemed exempt. In the case of the Municipality of Wawa, this meant that 47% of our property assessment base was declared exempt – can you imagine a change of this magnitude happening to your community?

We have attached a brief excerpt from the Provincial Budget document, yet somehow this does not do justice to the ramifications of the proposal. The following are few additional thoughts:

1. The program is very small (\$18.7 million in 2014) when compared the multi-billion annual budget yet the impact of the clawback is large for many of the communities.
2. Payments range from \$158 (0.002% own purpose taxation) to \$2,350,908 (66.512% own purpose taxation). These payments are significant contributions to the revenue base of many participating communities.
3. The program represents property that was previously taxable assessment. The right to tax the subject properties was removed in 2001.
4. The previous property taxation model was replaced with a gross receipts model wherein payments are now submitted to the Province of Ontario. The Province of Ontario has refused to release the amounts of these payments.
5. Since 2001, the payments have not kept pace with either inflation or the property taxation rates in any community. This has resulted in an unfair shift to the remaining assessment base.
6. Payments to MPAC still reflect a calculation that uses the now exempt assessment. Communities therefore pay MPAC for the assessment of property that is no longer assessed.
7. ARB cases that may have existed prior to 2001 would require taxation refunds from their remaining property assessment.
8. The only way for participating communities to recapture the subject revenue would be through a taxation increase to the remaining assessment. Alternatively, services could also be cut to compensate for the loss in revenue.
9. The clawback of this program affects 110 communities across the Province, many in a very significant way.
10. There is nothing that is fair or manageable about the reduction in this program.

Should the Province proceed ahead with this clawback, Wawa will be unable to meet financial obligations. Many services will need to be eliminated or reduced or a property taxation levy increase of 12.6% will need to be implemented. Either way, it is our ratepayers that lose.

Given the above, Wawa is prepared to host or co-host, in a central location, a joint meeting of interested and

concerned communities to discuss how to best approach this matter before it is too late. To that end, we would appreciate hearing from you by way of return email (to this email address). If you require more information or wish to discuss this matter, you can call the following:

Linda Nowicki Mayor Phone – 705-852-0440 Email – lnowicki@wawa.cc	Chris Wray CAO / Clerk-Treasurer Phone – 705-856-2244 (ext. 223) Email – cwray@wawa.cc
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We look forward to hearing from you as soon as practicable.

Best Regards,

Linda Nowicki
Mayor

Chris Wray
CAO / Clerk-Treasurer

Power Dam Special Payment Program

The Province provides a special annual payment to municipalities hosting hydro-electric generating stations (power dams). Through this program, the Province has been providing municipalities with funding that reflects the amount of property tax revenue that each municipality received from these stations prior to 2001, when the stations became exempt from property taxation.

In 2013, the Province advised municipalities that this program would be reviewed as part of a broader examination to ensure government programs meet their policy objectives, while taking into account the government's ongoing effort to make responsible spending choices. Pending the outcome of the review, the Province committed to maintain a stable level of funding to municipalities under this program for the 2013 and 2014 taxation years.

As a result of the Province's review, and in the context of the government's commitment to continue to manage spending, the program will be phasing down to \$14.3 million by 2017.

TABLE 1.10 Power Dam Special Payment Program Annual Funding
(\$ Millions)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Annual Payments to Municipalities	18.7	18.1	16.8	14.3

The Province will work with municipalities on ways to implement the phase-down in a manner that is fair and manageable.



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Attention: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne - Premier

July 3, 2014

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Update – Municipality of Wawa

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Municipalities receiving power dam compensatory payments



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From: "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Date: July-08-14 3:50 PM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: AMO Report to Members - Accountability Act

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

July 8, 2014

***Accountability Act* Introduced Today**

The Premier's commitment to introduce new rules on transparency and accountability for the Province again captures other parts of the broader public sector, including municipal governments.

In response to the Association's letter to all the party leaders during the election, the Liberal Party stated with respect to the *Accountability Act*, that: "Ontario Liberals remain committed to expanding accountability in the public sector. If we form another government, we will work with AMO and the entire Broader Public Service to identify the best ways to expand accountability and give Ontarians confidence in their public service".

AMO President Russ Powers wants the Association's membership to know that AMO is very concerned that it has not been given any opportunity to work with the government prior to the Act's reintroduction. A request for an urgent meeting has been sent to the Premier. "This government has an outstanding track record of pre-consulting and getting input and feedback, so this is an extremely surprising and disappointing situation" says the AMO President.

We have been advised that this re-introduced Bill has been amended to address another area but apparently there is no change to the municipal government section. If the Bill introduced today is identical to the one previously introduced, then:

- A municipal government must appoint a municipal Ombudsman, no matter its size and if it does not, then the Provincial Ombudsman becomes the municipal Ombudsman by default. The *Municipal Act* currently describes the function of an Ombudsman (S.223.13. (1)) as reporting to a council on an investigation of any decision or recommendation made or act done or omitted in the course of the administration of the municipality. Investigations can be triggered by individuals or by the designated Ombudsman.
- Even if there is a municipally appointed local ombudsman, the Ontario Ombudsman would have the jurisdiction to investigate complaint(s) after a municipal Ombudsman has completed and reported on a complaint of maladministration or decides a complaint has no merit and dismisses it. In practice, this means an investigation undertaken by an independent ombudsman is not necessarily the last stop. It would also permit the Ontario Ombudsman to undertake a systemic investigation where she/he believes there is a more universal maladministration issue than in just one municipality.
- In terms of closed meeting investigations, there is no change to the appointment of an

investigator. In other words, the current default model continues such that if no one is appointed by the Council then the provincial Ombudsman has jurisdiction. However, as above for maladministration complaints, there will be an 'appeal' process to the Provincial Ombudsman.

- For those municipal governments who do not appoint and by default fall under the services of the Ontario Ombudsman, there is no ability to have a review of his/her decision. In other words, there is no ability to have the decision of the Ontario Ombudsman reviewed.
- The Bill also does not scope in anyway the review of a municipal ombudsman or closed meeting investigation.
- There is no change to the legislative function of either an ombudsman or closed meeting investigation. The law continues to require that the function of these positions be independent and impartial; to maintain confidentiality and have credible investigative processes.
- In terms of application to local boards, AMO was advised that the original Bill would not capture police services boards, library boards, boards of health, boards of long-term care and Children's Aid Societies and municipal corporations created under S. 203 of the *Municipal Act*.

This means that these entities would remain out of the jurisdiction of any closed meeting investigator or ombudsman. At the time the Ontario Ombudsman had been promoting that his Office would have jurisdiction for these boards. AMO received written confirmation in the spring from the Minister of the day that Ontario's Ombudsman would not oversee them. We assume that this has not changed; however, we do not have a copy of the Bill nor its intended regulations to ascertain this.

The additional oversight approach contained in this Bill suggests that all the closed meeting investigators – all learned professionals, including lawyers, are not trusted. Yet, there has been no evidence provided by the government that in its eyes the system is not functioning to meet the existing Acts' provisions for independence and impartiality, confidentiality and a credible investigative process.

Again, we call on the Province to engage in active discussion with us before this legislation proceeds any further.

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From: "Peggy Young-Lovelace" <peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca>
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Subject: Letter to Minister Naqvi re policing

Happy Monday Everyone

Reeve Bovin requested that I circulate the attached letter to all communities with a population of under 5,000. He also asked me to respectfully request that those municipalities not having passed this resolution as of yet please reconsider.

Hope all is well!

Peggy Young-Lovelace

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*Where there is UNITY there is always VICTORY.
- Pubilius Syrus*



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July 7, 2014

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Dear Minister Naqvi,

On behalf of the members of Council I reiterate our congratulations as outlined in my correspondence of April 4, 2014 as you continue in your appointment. I have attached a copy for ease of reference.

We look forward to working with you to transition the responsibility and associated cost of policing for municipalities, population under 5,000, back to the Province. Prior to the Local Services Realignment exercise, municipalities of our size did not have responsibility for policing. We appreciate the efforts that have been made by others to find alternatives to the billing model proposed by the OPP. However, we remain committed to the course of action decided in January at the meeting of small municipalities in Sudbury organized by my colleague Mayor Falldien (Nairn and Hyman Township) and myself. At this meeting the communities present decided they no longer wanted to be in the policing business.


There was a follow up meeting in April in Nairn Centre as well as a meeting with a number of additional municipalities at the FONOM conference held in early May. The communities stood strong in their commitment to the January resolution that the Province take back policing responsibility for small municipalities. To date we have received the same resolution passed by 60 municipalities and we expect to receive more in the coming weeks.

Mayor Falldien and I look forward to meeting with you in person to further discuss this matter. While our budgets prohibit us from travelling to Toronto we could travel to Sudbury to meet with you there. Additionally, we might be able to make arrangements to meet by video conference if face to face is not

possible. As you can well imagine this matter is of utmost importance to our small communities and time is of the essence. Please contact the Township office at 705-869-0225 or by email to peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca to arrange a convenient date and time.

Thank you in advance for your attention to our request. Again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely



Archie Bovin
Reeve

cc: Mayor Falldien, Nairn and Hyman Township
The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Municipalities Under 5,000 population



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April 4, 2014

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Dear Minister Naqvi,

On behalf of the members of Council I extend our congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Your new post does not come without its challenges. As I am sure you are aware, many municipalities have expressed their lack of support for the proposed changes to the Ontario Provincial Police billing model; which will be an important issue to resolve.

Baldwin Township is a small northern rural community. We are one of the 44% of Ontario municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 and one of the 49% of Northern Ontario communities with a population of less than 1,000. We are also one of the sixteen communities that pay more than six hundred dollars per household for OPP policing costs. Council, at our February 10th meeting passed the following resolution:

14-019 Fairbairn Golden

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.

There are a number of different organizations and groups of municipalities that have come together to voice their concern over the whole cost of policing issue. Our taxpayers cannot continue to sustain the cost of policing as it is or will be; with inflation and increases due to wage negotiations.

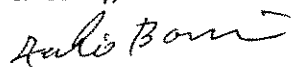
We are mandated to provide policing services. Currently, we are too small to establish our own force and have always relied on the OPP for service. We do not get to negotiate service level or cost. We are just expected to pay.

Mayor Falldien of Nairn and Hyman Township, our neighbouring municipality and myself organized a meeting of small municipalities in Sudbury. The resolution included earlier, was the outcome of the meeting. We are planning on hosting a follow up meeting in Nairn Centre in the near future and respectfully invite you to join us. If however, your time and schedule may not allow for this, we would be willing to travel to Sudbury to meet with you if that is more convenient to you. Video conference might also be another way we could connect in person on this matter.

On behalf of Council and our taxpayers, we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and look at the issues and concerns around the billing model and how we see our resolution being implemented.

Again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Archie Bovin
Reeve

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Friends of the Earth requests your urgent attention

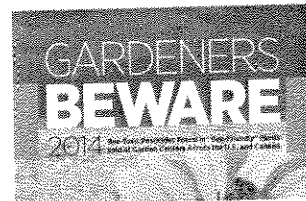
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Friends of the Earth
Les Ami(e)s de la Terre

Dear Melinda Reith,

Friends of the Earth requests your urgent attention to the welfare of honey bees and other pollinators that are so necessary for our own well-being. One municipality, Prince Edward County, has passed a resolution with a number of leadership steps including discontinuing use of Neonicotinoid (neonics) products on municipal properties. Friends of the Earth's report, Gardeners Beware 2014, provides strong evidence for the need to act on landscaping and garden related services. Flowering plants promoted as bee-friendly are widely treated with neonicotinoids. You can see our media release with links to the report for your consideration. Here is a copy of Prince Edward County's resolution.



We hope your council will consider taking practical steps to protect bees and other pollinators by requiring service providers and contractors to cease all use of neonicotinoid products.

Yesterday, the tide on neonic use began to turn with the announcement by Home Depot they will begin efforts to stop use of neonics. I hope we can count on you and your colleagues to take appropriate steps as well. Please do let us know if we can assist in any way.

Sincerely,

10/07/2014