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Melinda Reith

From: Ministry of Community and Social Services Info <mcssinfo.css@ontario.ca>
Sent: March 24, 2016 1:48 PM
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Subject: MCSS reply

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

While the province sets the overall legislative, regulatory and policy framework for the program, Ontario Works is delivered by 47 municipalities and 101 First Nations across the province. Local Ontario Works Administrators are responsible for decisions regarding individual eligibility and day-to-day case management.

Under Ontario Works, recipients may receive assistance for special services, items or payments as a discretionary benefit. Eligibility for Ontario Works discretionary benefits is determined on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the local Ontario Works Administrator.

If you have further questions, I encourage you to contact your local Ontario Works office directly. For a list of office locations and contact information, please visit appow.mcss.gov.on.ca/OfficeLocator/index.aspx.

I hope this information is helpful. Once again, thank you for writing.

Lina Cernaz

Manager, Correspondence Unit
Ministry of Community and Social Services

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Municipalities Under 6,000 Conference Call

Wednesday March 30, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.

Participants:

- Manny Baron, Town of Petrolia
- John Couwenberg, Township of Warwick
- Shannon MacGillivray, Moosonee
- Neil Vincent, North Huron
- Bob Purcell, Dutton Dunwich
- Kendra Reinhart, Southbruce
- Robert Buckle, Southbruce
- Barbara Marlow, Ryerson Township
- Rosalind Hall, Ryerson Township
- Judy Kosowan, Ryerson Township
- Paul Gowing, Morris-Turnberry
- John Moore, Moosonee
- Rosalie Evans, Neebing
- Tammy Rob, Machin
- Ronald Kujansuu, Machin
- Gordon Griffiths, Machin
- Todd White, Warwick Township
- Todd Case, Warwick Township
- Allan Fletcher, Warwick Township
- Bill Verbosch, East Ferris
- Chris Wray, Wawa
- Peter Hopkins, McKellar Township

Summary:

- A '**working group**' of 5-7; representing all areas of Ontario, will be assembled & identified. Group members will share work-load/ communication within their assigned areas. Emailing will be utilized greatly.
- Bill Vrebosch will be taking the role as Chair for this working group. Municipalities that have interest in either being a rep or helping out can email Bill with their interest. (vrebosch@efni.com)
- Suggestions on issues to discuss can also be sent to Bill.

Cc: Crane, Brian
Subject: Algonquin Land Claim

The following memo is being sent on behalf of Brian Crane, Ontario's Chief Negotiator for the Algonquin Land Claim.

Results of the Algonquins of Ontario ratification vote on the Proposed Agreement-in-Principle are now publicly available. They are posted on the Algonquins of Ontario website at: http://www.tanakiwin.com/wp-system/uploads/2015/11/AOO-Media-Release_AIP-Ratification-Vote_20160317_Final.pdf

These results are now under the review of the three negotiation parties. Ontario is encouraged by the ratification vote results and we continue to hope for a common agreement by all three parties to move forward with these negotiations.

We have also received the results of a separate, parallel referendum that was conducted by the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. This was an initiative managed by Pikwakanagan in order to facilitate the participation of a significant number of their membership who had not enrolled for the Algonquins of Ontario ratification vote process. The Pikwakanagan referendum results suggest some concern exists within that community.

At this time, we need to respect the needs of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan and allow sufficient time for their leadership to determine the best way forward for that First Nation Community.

Ontario remains committed to working with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, and the other Algonquins of Ontario communities, to build on the common understandings and positive relationships that have been forged to date as a result of these negotiations.

Further information about the future of the negotiations will be provided once the necessary and appropriate discussions have taken place amongst the parties.

Should you have any questions, the Public Information Centre for the Algonquin Land Claim is available via these contact points:

Ontario Information Centre
Telephone: 1-855-690-7070 or 613-732-8081
Email: alcinfo@ontario.ca
Web site: ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim



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March 3, 2016

All Ontario Municipalities
c/o The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Via Email: amo@amo.on.ca

Dear Ontario Municipal Clerks and Councils:

Re: Resolution – Overview of the 2015 Annual Report of the Auditor General

The City of Stratford has been working with the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) computer system since it was implemented on November 11, 2014 which has proven to be a challenging endeavor for staff and clients alike.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services brought in PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as an independent third-party advisor on March 2, 2015 to evaluate, advise and assist with the implementation of SAMS and received their final report including 19 recommendations to improve the SAMS transition on April 30, 2015.

The City of Stratford received the 2015 Annual Report of the Auditor General in which five recommendations were made to the Ministry of Community and Social Services to further improve the Social Assistance Management System:

Recommendation 1:

To ensure that eligible individuals receive the level of social assistance and support to which they are entitled, and to eliminate as best as possible, eligibility and benefit payment errors made by the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS), the Ministry of Community and Social Services should:

- assign adequate resources to review the backlog of information related to potential defects so that defects can be prioritized for fixing;
- allocate its resources so that fixing of defects takes priority; and
- develop a process to reconcile all benefit payment errors generated by SAMS to the eligible amounts that clients should have received and ensure that they are corrected.

Recommendation 2:

To prevent unnecessary delays in bringing the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) to full and effective functionality, and to ensure that the consultants still working on SAMS are held accountable for delivering quality results, the Ministry of Community and Social Services should:

- assign its own properly qualified staff to directly oversee consultants;
- ensure that consultants' work is assessed for efficiency and effectiveness; and
- on future projects, work towards reducing its dependence on consultants, and ensure consultants' knowledge is transferred to ministry staff.

Recommendation 3:

To ensure that ministry staff can help fix all defects in the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) in the short term, and maintain SAMS in the long term after consultants have left, the Ministry of Community and Social Services should:

- establish a knowledge transfer strategy for ministry staff which includes outcome targets based on achieving learning objectives; and
- assess and document the progress in achieving these targets.

Recommendation 4:

To ensure that the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) reaches the high level of performance intended and that it functions in compliance with government requirements, the Ministry of Community and Social Services should ensure that SAMS undergoes and passes all government-mandated payment testing.

Recommendation 5:

In order to improve the decision-making process used to launch a major information system, the Ministry of Community and Social Services should:

- ensure that the decision to launch an information technology system is based on relevant criteria and information that provides decision-makers a complete and accurate status of system readiness; and
- have Internal Audit independently review key information used in assessing the system's state of readiness while making the decision to launch.

After consideration of the Auditor General's Report and staff report, Stratford City Council recently adopted the following resolution in regards to the ongoing issues involved with the implementation of the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS):

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council receives the information on the Auditor General's 2015 report in which five recommendations were made to help the Ministry of Community and Social Services further improve SAMS;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City Council requests from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, both a timeline and a plan for how the Ministry intends to implement the Social Assistance Management System recommendations from both PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and the Auditor General of Ontario in order to provide a permanent fix to the SAMS system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution be forwarded to other Municipalities for their support, in writing to the Minister of Community and Social Services.

We kindly request your support and endorsement.

Sincerely,



Joan Thomson
City Clerk
jthomson@stratfordcanada.ca

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cc: Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece
Perth Wellington MP John Nater
Hon. Minister Helena Jaczek, Ministry of Community and Social Services

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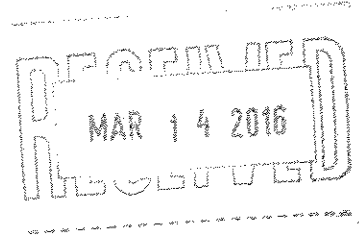


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March 14, 2016



**SUBJECT: Approved 2016/2017 Annual Work Schedule
Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The 2016/2017 Annual Work Schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit is approved as of March 14, 2016. On the reverse is a copy of the public inspection notice that will be appearing in several newspapers in communities that surround Algonquin Provincial Park.

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

Yours truly,

David Coulas
Park Superintendent
Algonquin Provincial Park
Ontario Parks

C. Gord Cumming, AFA, Huntsville

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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2016 – 2017 Annual Work Schedule Ottawa Valley Forest

The **Pembroke District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved **Ottawa Valley Forest Inc.** April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Ottawa Valley Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. office and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2016** and throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at 400 Pembroke Street East, Pembroke and 316 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

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

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

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

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

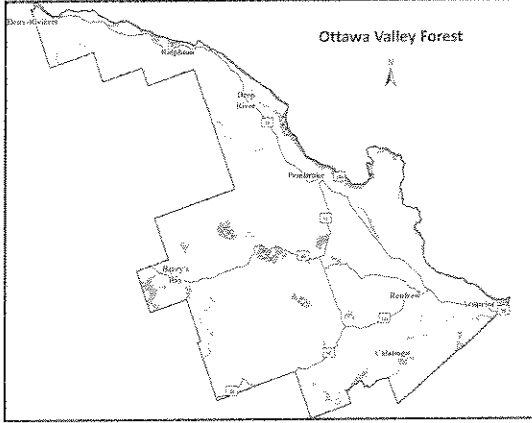
More Information

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

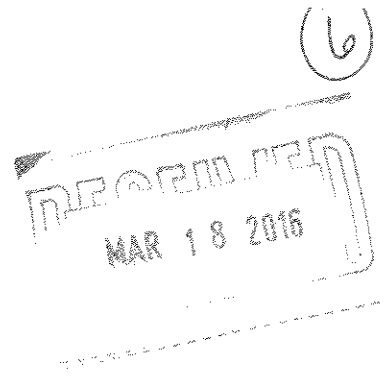
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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Renseignements en français : Joffre Cote au 613 258-8214.



March 4, 2016



Township of Head, Clara & Maria
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Mayor and Council

Prior to the 2015 Christmas Market Show the water pipes disconnected due to age and wear, which resulted in a flood. It destroyed the kitchen, bathroom and eating areas of the Market Building, estimated at \$ 30,000. The Agricultural Society has informed the Market that there is no insurance to repair the damage; however they will help with non-financial contributions and volunteer time. The Market has already hired contractors to repair the damage, and our goal is \$ 15,000.00.

Cobden Farmers Market can only achieve its goal to raise funds to repair the building with the assistance of generous donations from members of our community. Without these donations, the market would not be able to continue to offer a valuable serve in our area. The market is open from May to October which includes the annual Cobden Fair and Taste of the Valley events. Both events bring tourism and economic development to our area and the vendors are from Renfrew County as well as other areas surrounding the County.

Since our organization relies on the generosity of individuals like you, we write to ask you to consider a donation to our cause during the municipality budget meetings

We hope that you will help support our efforts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Joy Curry, President

Cheques payable to Cobden Farmers' Market
c/o Nell Rooney, Treasurer
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2016 ANNUAL REPAYMENT LIMIT (UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 403 / 02)

MMAH CODE:	69612	FIR CLEAN FLAG:	C
MUNID:	47098		
MUNICIPALITY:	Head, Clara and Maria Tp		
UPPER TIER:	Renfrew Co		
REPAYMENT LIMIT:		\$	173,448

The repayment limit has been calculated based on data contained in the 2014 Financial Information Return, as submitted to the Ministry. This limit represents the maximum amount which the municipality had available as of December 31, 2014 to commit to payments relating to debt and financial obligation. Prior to the authorization by Council of a long term debt or financial obligation, this limit must be adjusted by the Treasurer in the prescribed manner. The limit is effective January 01, 2016.

FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY,

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

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

5% Interest Rate			
(a)	20 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	2,161,545
(a)	15 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	1,800,331
(a)	10 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	1,339,319
(a)	5 years @ 5% p.a.	\$	750,939
7% Interest Rate			
(a)	20 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,837,511
(a)	15 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,579,749
(a)	10 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	1,218,226
(a)	5 years @ 7% p.a.	\$	711,171

DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL DEBT REPAYMENT LIMIT

(UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 403/02)

MUNICIPALITY:

Head, Clara and Maria Tp

MMAH CODE:

69612

Debt Charges for the Current Year

0210	Principal (SLC 74 3099 01)	0
0220	Interest (SLC 74 3099 02)	0
0299	Subtotal	0
0610	Payments for Long Term Commitments and Liabilities financed from the consolidated statement of operations (SLC 42 6010 01)	0
9910	Total Debt Charges	0

Amounts Recovered from Unconsolidated Entities

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

1610	Total Revenues (Sale of Hydro Utilities Removed) (SLC 10 9910 01)	853,183
Excluded Revenue Amounts		
2010	Fees for Tile Drainage / Shoreline Assistance (SLC 12 1850 04)	0
2210	Ontario Grants, including Grants for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 0699 01 + SLC 10 0810 01 + SLC 10 0815 01)	155,486
2220	Canada Grants, including Grants for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 0820 01 + SLC 10 0825 01)	0
2225	Deferred revenue earned (Provincial Gas Tax) (SLC 10 830 01)	0
2226	Deferred revenue earned (Canada Gas Tax) (SLC 10 831 01)	3,205
2230	Revenue from other municipalities including revenue for Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 10 1098 01 + SLC 10 1099 01)	700
2240	Gain/Loss on sale of land & capital assets (SLC 10 1811 01)	0
2250	Deferred revenue earned (Development Charges) (SLC 10 1812 01)	0
2251	Deferred revenue earned (Recreation Land (The Planning Act)) (SLC 10 1813 01)	0
2252	Donated Tangible Capital Assets (SLC 53 0610 01)	0
2253	Other Deferred revenue earned (SLC 10 1814 01)	0
2254	Increase / Decrease in Government Business Enterprise equity (SLC 10 1905 01)	0
2299	Subtotal	159,391
2410	Fees and Revenue for Joint Local Boards for Homes for the Aged	0
2610	Net Revenues	693,792
2620	25% of Net Revenues	173,448
9930	ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPAYMENT LIMIT	173,448
	(25% of Net Revenues less Net Debt Charges)	

* SLC denotes Schedule, Line Column.

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March, 2016

Dear Mayor or Reeve,

June marks the 32nd anniversary of Seniors' Month in Ontario. To recognize the important role seniors play in our communities, we will be celebrating this year under the theme of, "Seniors Making a Difference."

It's a fitting theme, given how our seniors have built our communities and continue to contribute their time and talents today in many ways.

It's important we all recognize their achievements, and what better way than by proclaiming June as Seniors' Month in your community. I am asking you to make this proclamation and have attached a sample to make it easier for your municipality to participate. We will be sending you promotional materials for Seniors' Month soon.

I would also like to encourage you to work with your MPP(s) to host Seniors' Month events in your community. We would be happy to help you promote your event on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website and on Twitter. Please send your event details to infoseniors@ontario.ca.

Last year we introduced Twitter to our seniors and we were impressed by their enthusiastic response to our online campaign. We plan to do more in 2016! Follow us [@OntSeniors](https://twitter.com/OntSeniors).

Each year, municipalities have the opportunity to pay tribute to one outstanding senior with the Senior of the Year Award. A certificate, provided by the Ontario government, is signed by Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor, myself as Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs, and the local Head of Council. I encourage you to submit a nomination before April 30, 2016 and during Seniors' Month, showcase how your seniors are making a difference in your community. Throughout the month of June, I hope to visit a number of municipalities to help celebrate the achievement of local seniors.

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

Thank you for your consideration and your commitment to honour our seniors.

Sincerely,

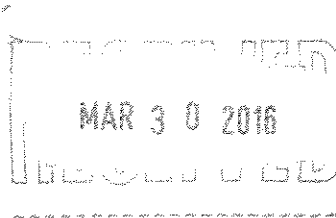
Mario Sergio, Minister

Enclosed: sample proclamation



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March 23, 2016

Dear Landowner:

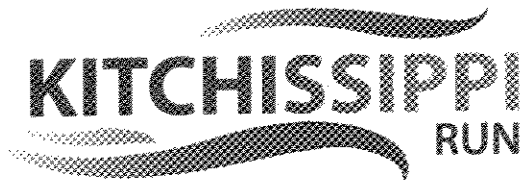
On December 17th, 2015 TransCanada filed an amendment to the existing application with the National Energy Board (NEB) for the Energy East Pipeline Project (Project). The amendment includes adjustments to the proposed route, scope, and capital cost of the project based on extensive landowner, environmental, community and customer input.

The amended application includes route and scope changes that come in direct response to efforts to further avoid sensitive environmental areas. While some of the aspects of the Project have changed, the economic benefits of the Project remain significant, including job creation, energy security and local community tax revenue across Canada. The amended application is available digitally on the NEB website (www.neb-one.gc.ca) where it is organized into sections by subject. It is also available on our project website (www.energyeastpipeline.com).

At this time we anticipate limited field activity over the course of 2016, however, if you have any questions or would like additional information about the Project, we would like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me directly at the email address below, or for general inquiries you can visit our website at www.energyeastpipeline.com, call us by phone at 1.855.895.8750 (Toll-free), or send us an e-mail at: EnergyEast@transcanada.com.

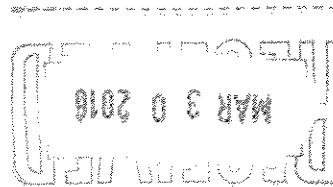
Sincerely,

Graeme Wright
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March 22, 2016

Dear the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria,

On September 25, 2016 Laurentian Hills is hosting the 5th annual Kitchissippi (Big River) Run in support of the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre and the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation. The Long-Term Care Centre and the Deep River and District Hospital both play a vital role in the health of our community by caring for friends and family - whether it be in the emergency department or one of the many programs offered at the Long-Term Care Centre.

Did you know that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care does not provide funding for replacement equipment? As a result, many projects undertaken by both the NRLTCC and the DRDH Foundation depend on generous donors to help meet the needs of our community. Last year's run attracted over 150 participants, continued to build on the successes of our previous runs, and contributed over \$12 500 in donations. Thanks to the monetary support provided from the Kitchissippi Run, the DRDH Foundation has been able to continually respond to our hospital's priority needs and purchase vital capital equipment. A few significant purchases made over the past year include a bariatric mattress, a pediatric immobilizer for the Diagnostic Imaging department, various items for the Physiotherapy Centre and more. The North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre has been applying Kitchissippi donations to their recently completed generator project, which cost approximately \$305 000 - most of which was fundraised through the generosity of our community. Upcoming projects for the NRLTCC will include the replacement of dehumidifying units which service the long-term care floor residents and the supportive care apartments, ensuring that the environment is cooled. The NRLTCC also hopes to proceed with some overdue renovations in the program area on the long-term care floor. Both the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre and the Deep River and District Hospital Foundation are extremely grateful for the fundraising provided by the annual Kitchissippi Run.

The Kitchissippi Run's route will continue to capitalize on the beautiful fall scenery in the Petawawa Research Forest and will continue to ensure the race has something to offer all levels - from the experienced marathoner to a family wanting to come out and enjoy the fall colours with friends and family. Distances include a Full Marathon (42.2 km), a Half Marathon (21.1 km), a 10 km, a 5 km as well as the Family Fun 2 km route.

This year, we are planning our biggest and best run yet, and we need your help! We are turning to local townships to help maximize our donation dollars. By sponsoring, your township will have the opportunity to give back to the community as well as contribute to the future of our health. In addition to monetary sponsorship, we are also looking to collect prizes for our runners. Gift certificates or other product gifts would be greatly appreciated. All donors and sponsors of the Kitchissippi Run will receive recognition at our event. We are eager to discuss additional promotional opportunities available to your business based on your level of support. Help us make the Kitchissippi Run a successful community event that will continue to grow and bring new people into our beautiful community while inspiring current members to join the fun!

Thank you in advance for your support,

The Kitchissippi Team

Barbara Gallagher, Colette Giroux, Amy Joyce and Meggan Vickerd



North Renfrew Long-Term Care Services Inc.



Deep River & District Hospital
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March 30, 2016

Melinda Reith
CAO / Clerk / CEMC
United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria

Dear Melinda Reith,

Re: Update on the Energy East Pipeline Project and Re-opened Application to Participate

As mentioned to you in previous correspondence, TransCanada filed an amended Application for the Energy East Pipeline Project to the National Energy Board (NEB) in December 2015. I am writing to share a further update on Energy East that occurred since that filing and to let you know about the next steps for the project.

As you may be aware, the federal government announced interim measures for its review of the Energy East Pipeline Project that will extend the overall regulatory timeframe to 27 months. We are currently reviewing this development and assessing the potential impact on the project.

While we await the results of the NEB's review of the Application, I would ask that you direct all inquiries about the Energy East Pipeline Project to me directly. I will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, as well as share the latest information on Energy East.

The NEB has also opened a supplemental Application to Participate process for those directly affected or who may have relevant information or expertise related to the amendments. The online Application to Participate form will be available on the NEB's website for a period of three weeks, starting March 30 to April 20, 2016. **The deadline to submit an Application to Participate is April 20, 2016 at Noon Mountain Standard Time.**

If you previously applied to participate, you need not apply again. Your original Application to Participate remains valid and will be considered by the NEB. Here is the link to the NEB's website to submit an application:

<http://www.neb-one.gc.ca/pplctnflng/mjrpp/nrgyst/index-eng.html>

Going forward, we have indicated to the NEB that we will be filing a Consolidated Application at the end of April in response to their request. This consolidation is a clean version of the Application and will incorporate the various supplemental and amendment filings that have been submitted to date.

Please be assured that continuing our relationship and consultation with you is of the utmost importance to Energy East. We value each and every one of the communities that we pass through and want to keep the communication lines open. We will also be present at many municipal conferences across Ontario this year including FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and OEMC. If you, your staff, or councils, plan on attending any of these events, I encourage you to come by and speak with us. We plan on having technical experts on hand to help answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jon Pitcher, Community Relations Lead - Ontario
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E-mail: jon_pitcher@transcanada.com

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March 24, 2016

RE: RECRUITMENT OF NEW ADMINISTRATOR/COUNSELLOR

Dear Member Worksite:

Myself and the Board of Valley EFAP are happy to announce the newly appointed Administrator and Counsellor, Jeff Blyth to the Valley EFAP team. Jeff brings 21 years of experience in mental health and addictions. He completed his Masters degree in Family Counselling in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and his Ph.D. in Family Psychology in Miami, Florida. His experience includes working with mild, moderate, and severe mental health presentations. He has experience working with individuals, couples, concurrent disorders, dual diagnosis, children and adolescents, family therapy, and addictions. Jeff brings a new level of expertise and energy to the organization, and is excited to dive into his new position.

I too am excited to launch into the next phase of my own career – retirement! While I have some mixed feelings regarding my departure, I have been blessed to finish off my career doing something that has brought me such enjoyment and great relationships. I leave you in Jeff's very capable and professional hands. My commitment to the agency will transfer to being an active member on the Board of Directors.

At this point in time, Alex von Taube is also wrapping up his clinical commitments and transferring working files over to Jeff. We anticipate that a part-time female therapist will likely be recruited in the near future to compliment Jeff's clinical availabilities. Please join me in welcoming Jeff to our organization.

Sincerely,

Shelley TerMarsch
Retired Administrator/Counsellor
Valley EFAP

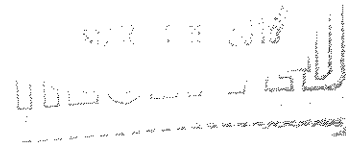


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2016 February 29



Jim Gibson
Reeve
The Corporation of the United Townships of
Head, Clara and Maria
15 Township Hall Road
STONECLIFFE, ON
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Dear Mayor Gibson:

On behalf of the Board and staff of North Renfrew Family Services, we want to extend our sincere thanks to you and Gail Watters of the HCM Recreation Committee for the generous donation of \$385.00 (Receipt #384763) from the New Year's Eve dance.

We are most grateful for your continuing support of our Agency and it's programs.

With best regards.

Yours truly,

Kelly Hawley
Executive Director

Julie Laderoute/Jonathan Leslie
Co Chairs, NRFS

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Renfrew County United Way



Family Service Ontario

"Strengthening North Renfrew - One Family at a Time"



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March 15, 2016

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Re: **Richmond Hill Town Council – Ontario Municipal Board Reform**

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on February 22, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas the Town of Richmond Hill has dedicated a good deal of time, and resources, developing an Official Plan that guides and directs the future development of our community and accurately reflects the expectations of the citizens of Richmond Hill; and

Whereas the Town of Richmond Hill also spends a good deal of resources defending the Official Plan and our Zoning By-laws at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB); and

Whereas the Town's Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Ontario Provincial Government; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to rule on Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Richmond Hill Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Richmond Hill's Official Plan; and

Whereas land use planning decisions may be appealed to the OMB, an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Richmond Hill;

Now therefore be it resolved that Richmond Hill Town Council requests the Government of Ontario thoroughly review the land use appeals process and develop a process for such appeals that recognizes and supports the rights of municipalities to make decisions that adhere to Municipally approved Official Plans, local community needs and aspirations, reflected in those plans; and

(continued)



Be it further resolved that the regulated timelines before an appeal is possible based on a "failure to make a decision" by the municipality be significantly extended thus ensuring that:

1. Adequate time be given for proper and meaningful negotiations between the Municipality and Applicant with the goal of resolving planning disagreements
2. Applicants are prevented from appealing to the OMB before a thorough negotiation process has been exercised to come to a successful outcome

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party; the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Regional Municipality of York and all York Region Municipalities; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration."

In accordance with Council's directive, the foregoing Council resolution in this regard has been forwarded to your attention.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk at 905-771-8800.

Sincerely,



Gloria Collier
Acting Town Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party
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All Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario

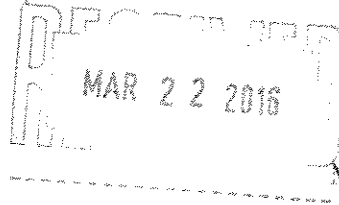
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March 3, 2016

Mayor J. Gibson
The Corporation of the United
Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON
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Dear Mayor Gibson

On behalf of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group I want to thank you and the Council & residents of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria for your kind donation to our Group. I, on behalf of the Genealogical Group, was happy to participate in your Program and to promote the idea of finding family roots. Personally I have roots in your area and my great grandparents are buried at the old Catholic Cemetery at Mackey.

As you may already know, we are a non-profit organization and therefore we rely heavily on donations such as yours to maintain what we believe is one of the best genealogical reference libraries between Ottawa and North Bay.

Sincerely

Diane Walker Burnett
Library Coordinator
Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group

Spring Freshet 2016 – MNRF Proactive Teleconference #4
April 1, 2016 - 1:30pm

MNRF Update: Christina Davis

1. MNRF Current Situation:
 - Balaclava Dam: still monitoring, no operations, normal high freshet levels
 - Lake Dore Dam: log operations this morning, normal high freshet levels
 - Rivers and lakes: ice covered lakes, rivers full and flowing
 - Fraser Township snow station: no update
 - Snow levels: snow has gone down since Wednesday, more in open areas, fields completely open
2. Pembroke District Flood Status: A Flood Warning was issued for the Bonnechere River below the Town of Renfrew to the Ottawa River and a Flood Watch for Round Lake, Golden Lake and the remainder of Renfrew County on March 30, 2016.
3. Neighbouring District Status:
 - North Bay: flood watch for the southern portion issued on March 31
 - Bancroft: flood watch issued on March 30
 - Kemptville: water safety issued on March 24

Surface Water Monitoring Centre Weather Forecast: Lak Ramanathan

- Temperatures dropping over the next few days
- Nights below 0°C
- Days 0 to -5°C
- No precipitation forecast over the next few days – if any it will be snow
- Monday there is a possibility of a bit of snow

Madawaska Update: Marc Bisson, OPG

- No new snow information
- Bark Lake and Kamaniskeg Lake inflows are rising rapidly
- The flow on the Madawaska has doubled
- Expecting Kamaniskeg Lake to peak on Sunday or Monday

Ottawa River Update: Michael Sarich, ORRS

- Northern reservoirs have flattened off, not expecting flows from the north to increase after this past week's rain event
- Tributaries in the middle are rising
- The rise is slowing in the southern tributaries, peaks on the lower tributaries were less than expected
- Levels will still rise but only to the start of flooding levels

Bonnechere River Update

1. Round Lake & Golden Lake: Shawn Cameron, RPG
 - Golden Lake has exceeded its upper Water Management Plan limit
 - Round Lake is still rising and hasn't crested yet
 - At Renfrew the flows have tripled
 - The Bonnechere system is quite full
2. Eganville: Jack Roesner, Eganville Generation Corp.
 - Since Wednesday there has been a steady increase in the water level but it is still manageable by raising the gate every day
3. Douglas: Shawn Cameron for Janusz Rydel, Multistream Power Corp.
 - Lots of water but manageable

Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management: Philippe Geoffrion

- Monitoring the South West Ontario situation

County of Renfrew: Steve Bolan

- On Highway 58/Round Lake Road the water in the Indian River is still well below the bridge at the Alice Ski Hill
- Levels at or close to normal for this time of year

City of Pembroke: Doug Sitland

- Indian River: ice free, no debris, flowing well
- Muskrat River: no concerns, water is up a bit at the Bishop Smith foot bridge but the water is clear of debris so no problems

Other Townships/Municipalities or others:

- Town of Renfrew: Mike Asselin
 - Lots of water passing on the Bonnechere River
 - Higher backwater than normal at the sewage pumping station
- Township of Laurentian Valley: Lauree Armstrong
 - The Indian River is high but manageable

Questions/Information Requests:

Q: Who controls the gage on the Bonnechere River at Castleford?

A: Adam Dowler of Water Survey Canada

Update Pembroke District Flood Status

- Will issue a continuation of the Flood Warning for the Bonnechere River between the Town of Renfrew and the Ottawa River and a Flood Watch for Round Lake, Golden Lake and the remainder of Renfrew County.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL: Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 1:30pm

Teleconference 1-866-602-5423; passcode 6553803#

Key Information Websites:

<http://www.ontario.ca/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry> - MNRF Website

<http://www.ottawariver.ca/> (or call the 24hr toll free number 1-800-778-1246)

<http://www.opg.com> – Madawaska River/Ottawa River

<http://www.renfrewpg.ca> – Bonnechere River

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html> - Emergency Management Ontario