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September 19th, 2018

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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VIA EMAIL

Hello,

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following resolution at its regular meeting of September 4th, 2018:

MOVED BY: V. Carroll
SECONDED BY: J. Abbass

RESOLUTION NO:192-2018
DATE: September 04, 2018

That the Council of the Township of Montague hereby support the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario in requesting that the Provincial Government undertake consultation with municipalities prior to modifying legislation that effects municipal governments.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and the Ontario Premier.

CARRIED

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

Jasmin Ralph
Clerk Administrator

Cc: Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Honourable Randy Hillier MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Crystal Fischer <hcminfocfischer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 11:37 AM
To: hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com
Subject: FW: MTO last season 2018/2019

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From: jim mellaney fitton [mailto:jim.mellaneyfitton@outlook.com]
Sent: September 24, 2018 9:59 AM
To: hcminfocfischer@gmail.com
Subject: MTO last season 2018/2019

Hello i am writing to let you know that our winter highway maintenance ,who MTO supervises is up for contract MTO will be leaving after this season as our government has chosen to go back to a full contractor . We cant let this happen we know what it was like before MTO cam back .We all need to write to The Minister of Transportation MR yakibusky office, Mrs Gallant and the primer of Ontario as i have done.Iknow i dont live in HCM TOWN SHIP but i hunt fish there and have lived in the area 25 years .i has copied letters i sent to our municipality and or MPP MP AND premier of Ontario . Thank you Jim FITTON
613 635 16

HI MR Mayor

I was wondering how you made out in Renfrew when you told them about the contracting out of the highway and MTO leaving .People especially our leaders in our municipality need to move it get letters to the minister of transportation MR yackibusky . there is still time to stop the MTO from leaving and having the contractor take over it all .Lets keep MTO as the police of the contractor . All the money they save in our government wont bring back a life
Jim Fitton
613 635 1694

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Letter I wrote to the Minister of Transportation

Good day sir . I live in Chalk River Ontario/Renfrew county .I have heard that Mto will not be supervising / patrolling highway 17 after 2019. And will be going back out to contract .We have seen what contracting dose it does not work.do WE WANT ANOTHER CARILLION? I feel MTO should stay here supervising the winter contractors. I am a MTO winter employee. And I guess should not say a thing as I could loose my job . But I am a tax payer and I take our roads seriously. My family friends and you your self drive our roads .please to keep MTO as supervisors over the contractors Thank you

Jim Fitton

~~613 635 1694~~
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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Joshua McNamara ~~<jm@ontario.ca>~~
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:06 PM
To: 'Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria'
Subject: RE: Contract information

Hi Melinda,

Hope all is well. I apologize for the delayed response.

Ornge's preference is always to land at a maintained helipad. It is in the best interests for the general public, flight crew and the patients of Ontario who require immediate assistance during day or night hours. During daylight hours, Ornge flight crew will make every effort to respond to the scene in an effort to transport the patient to definitive care as quickly as possible. When landing on scene isn't an option (such as night hours), helipads such as the one you mention is essential infrastructure to coordinate with local paramedic services. During night hours, Ornge only lands at airports, Registered, Certified or company approved helipads.

From April 2015 to present, there have been no landings at this helipad. However, this doesn't mean that the helipad will not be used for future transports.

Ornge has a signed maintenance agreement with the municipality where we make an annual contribution to maintain the helipad. This includes snow clearing, grass and tree cutting.

Due to the tree growth in the arrival and departure path, Ornge has issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) on May 27, 2018 to our pilots restricting the helipad to day operations only until the trees have been trimmed.

Should you require any further information in regards to the helipad and/or maintenance agreement, please contact James Dennison, Manager of Flight Operations.

Regards,

Joshua

From: Joshua McNamara
Sent: August-15-18 11:53 AM
To: 'Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria' <hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com>; info <~~info@ontario.ca~~>
Subject: RE: Contract information

Good morning,

I've put in a request for this data and will advise once I receive it.

Thanks!

Joshua

From: Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria [<mailto:hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com>]
Sent: August-15-18 11:12 AM

To: info <~~info@township.ca~~>

Subject: Contract information

Good morning

We currently have a helicopter landing site in our municipality which upon observation is not being utilized. The municipality has paid to have a heli-pad created and modified to allow day and night landing and in our experience it is not being used.

Council has asked that I contact your offices to determine how many times a helicopter has landed at the facility in Stonecliffe, Ontario for emergency purposes?

We have recently been told that we need to remove additional trees. Council wants to ensure that this will be a prudent use of resources as it seems that pilots regularly land on the highway or other roads as opposed to making use of the pad.

We would appreciate any statistics you might have related to this site.

On behalf of council,

Melinda Reith, Dipl. M.M.

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September 17, 2018

Dear Municipal Colleague:

This morning, an editorial in the Toronto Star urged AMO to advocate for the City of Toronto, and against Ontario's newly elected provincial government, on the matter of Bill 31 (formerly Bill 5), which reduces the size of Toronto's City Council.

The public debate on the Bill and related use of the 'Notwithstanding Clause' is divided and emotional. The matter confirms that people are passionate about local municipal governance, taxation and public services. It has also put AMO in an awkward position.

The City of Toronto is not an AMO member, and since 2005, the City has made a point of being separate from us. It sought out and secured unique status with the Ontario government, and its own dedicated legislation: *the City of Toronto Act, 2006*. AMO has always respected the City of Toronto's decision to go it alone on governance and the authority of its Act. We certainly defer to the City of Toronto leadership on matters related to its relationship with the Government of Ontario.

Understandably, AMO focuses on service to the remaining 443 Ontario municipal governments that do not have the benefit of their own legislation. Our members have been clear about their top priorities: fiscal sustainability, recognition that one size does not fit all, working with us to improve services, and assurance that the Ontario government will not download its fiscal challenges onto municipal property taxpayers. In every regard, AMO members know that we can achieve far more working together, than we can by going it alone.

In August, we heard that the Province would not act in the same manner that it has with Toronto. We heard that it is committed to discussions with our membership and AMO, to understand what is working and what is not working. And importantly, we heard that consultation would inform future governance reviews. That commitment was repeated in a formal statement to AMO today.

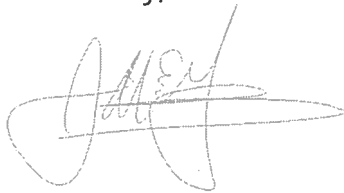
In the four weeks since the conference, we have experienced the following: Minister Clark, a former mayor and former AMO President, is having meaningful discussions with us on long-standing municipal concerns, spanning several ministries. The changes to Toronto's Council have dominated headlines, and over the past week, remarks have suggested that the government is planning to impose further changes on municipal governments across Ontario.

Late last week, I wrote to Minister Clark to emphasize that relations between Ontario's provincial and municipal orders of government should be guided by facts and evidence, rather than by political rhetoric and emotion. His quick response reflects, in part, our shared belief in the benefits of maintaining an open, respectful relationship.

AMO has a clear mandate to ensure that the Government of Ontario benefits from, and experiences, the full weight of Ontario's municipal order of government as we move forward. Our mandate to weigh-in on an issue affecting the City of Toronto is less clear. We recognize growing anxiety across the province. We urge the Ontario government to clearly state its interests in having a governance review, and how it will proceed. And we urge the Ontario government to work with AMO and the municipal order of government to change requirements that undermine municipal finance, infrastructure investment, and efficient service delivery all across Ontario.

This is an important time for AMO and we all have a responsibility to make sure that Ontario's municipal governments are speaking with a strong, clear voice on the priorities that matter most to us all. Our next Board meeting is later this month, and we welcome any input that you wish to share with us as we prepare for it.

Yours truly,



Jamie McGarvey
AMO President

Statement from Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing follows:

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Monday, September 17, 2018

Statement from Minister Clark

The government's regional review will take a broad look at the current model, which has been in place for almost 50 years. It's time to consider whether changes are needed to improve municipal governance in communities where populations have grown and the hard-earned dollars of taxpayers are being stretched.

The goal is to work together with municipal governments to give the people what they want; local governments that are working as effectively and efficiently as possible to support the future economic prosperity of their residents and businesses. The people of Ontario work hard for their money, and we want to keep as much of it in their pocket as possible while continuing the excellent level of service people have come to expect from their municipal and provincial governments.

We look forward to discussing with our many stakeholders, including our municipal partners, to determine what is working well in our current governance model, and what needs to be improved.

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August 29, 2018

Your Worship Robert Reid
Township of Head, Clara and Maria
15 Township Hall Road
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Mayor Reid:

It is the responsibility of municipalities to ensure they are in compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) has reviewed the documentation submitted by your Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and has determined that your municipality was compliant with the EMCPA in 2017.

The safety of your citizens is important, and one way to ensure that safety is to ensure that your municipality is prepared in case of an emergency. You are to be congratulated on your municipality's efforts in achieving compliance in 2017.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure your continued compliance in 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about the compliance monitoring process, please contact your Emergency Management Field Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Pegg".

Jon Pegg
Chief of Emergency Management

cc: Melinda Reith - CEMC
Philippe Geoffrion - Field Officer - Capital Sector

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 6:53 PM
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Province to Introduce Private Cannabis Retail Legislation – With Municipal Opt Out

September 26, 2018

Province to Introduce Private Cannabis Retail Legislation – With Municipal Opt Out

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Attorney General and the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Finance [announced](#) details today of plans to allow private cannabis retail in Ontario. After a month of broad consultations with stakeholders, including municipal governments, on private cannabis retail and a municipal opt out, the Ministers advised that the government is introducing new cannabis legislation on September 27, 2018 to authorize the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to license private cannabis stores in Ontario communities. Licensed stores will open on April 1, 2019. The province will operate on-line cannabis retail starting on October 17th.

AMO supports private cannabis retail for the jobs and economic benefits it can offer to communities. However, municipalities and the communities they serve will experience the impacts of cannabis legalization first-hand. While the province will control licensing and siting of stores, AMO believes that the licensing process and on-going store operations must reflect community and local government concerns for the industry to be successful. The AGCO will have a 15-day comment period for the public, communities and municipal governments to provide input on proposed locations before granting a license.

Municipal governments can opt out of cannabis sales in their communities by January 22, 2019. Councils will need additional information to make informed decisions in the best interests of their communities. Councils that opt out of private sales can opt back in at a later, yet to be stated, date. All municipal governments will receive at least \$10,000 to support transition to legal cannabis and the province will announce the full funding allocation in the future.

The legislation will require cannabis stores to observe minimum distances from schools in place of local planning controls. Beyond the 15-day commentary period, it is uncertain how the license process may address other local sensitivities. In addition to private cannabis retail stores, the Ministers announced that the province would harmonize cannabis with the current rules for places of use for tobacco under the [Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2006](#).

AMO will be analysing the legislation and regulation making authority in the coming days and will advise members further as the regulatory process unfolds.

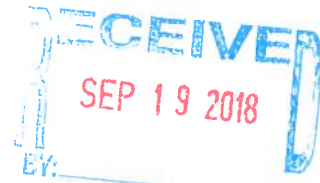
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September 11, 2018

Dear Mayor Reid,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO – RTO11), I would like to invite you to attend OH!Tourism Summit 2018, OHTO's 8th Annual Tourism Conference and AGM.

OH!Tourism Summit is the largest tourism conference in the region of Ontario's Highlands, and will be held this year on October 29 at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre in #MyHaliburtonHighlands in partnership with the County of Haliburton.

This year's conference will explore the theme, ***Rave Reviews: How Cultivating a Destination Experience Mindset Can Amplify Your Most Powerful Marketing Tool***, as we take a closer look at the power of referrals, the importance of connecting with individuals' specific interests in an authentic way, and offering impactful experiences that will lead visitors to share their remarkable stories and generate word of mouth marketing.

In addition, this will be a day of exploration, innovation, networking, and collaboration; and will see delegates walking away with tactics that will help to connect with consumers in new ways and generate more referrals by marketing *through* people instead of *to* people.

There are not only significant economic benefits derived from tourism within our communities, but also the potential for this industry and these benefits to grow as we work collaboratively to develop as a destination. We have our sights set on becoming the most talked about destination in Ontario, and as a prominent community member and a representative of our region, we hope you will show your support for an industry that brings jobs and prosperity to the area by joining us at this event. This is an opportunity for us to work together with stakeholders and communities across the region to engage and inspire more visitors to Come Wander Ontario's Highlands.

I look forward to welcoming you to OH!Tourism Summit 2018. To register for the event, please visit www.ohtourismsummit.ca/register or contact OHTO directly at 613-629-6486 or info@ohto.ca.

Sincerely,



Melissa Marquardt
Chief Governing Officer,
Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization Board of Directors

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Peever, Shawn (OPP) <Shawn.Peever@opp.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 4, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Crimestoppers; Garrison Petawawa 1; Garrison Petawawa 2; Garrison Petawawa 3; Garrison Petawawa 4; HCM twp; LH twp; LVTP; NAW twp; 'ppsb@pembroke.ca'; 'Ronald Gervais (rgervais@pembroke.ca)'; Treena Lemay; WWR
Cc: Duchrow, Dean (OPP); Smith, Patrick J. (OPP)
Subject: News release from the OPP - OPP REPORT 156 ROAD DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO "BIG FOUR" - OPP joins police partners for Operation Impact (October 5 – 08, 2018)

FROM: Highway Safety Division
2018

DATE: October 4, 2018

OPP REPORT 156 ROAD DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO "BIG FOUR"

OPP joins police partners for Operation Impact (October 5 - 08, 2018)

(ORILLIA, ON) - As of October 1, 2018 the deaths of **156** people on Ontario Provincial Police-(OPP)-patrolled roads were linked to the "Big Four" leading contributing factors in road fatalities. These are aggressive driving, alcohol/drug impaired driving, inattentive driving and lack of seat belt use.

So far this year, **50** deaths were linked to speeding (one form of aggressive driving). Thirty seven (**37**) deaths were attributed to an inattentive driver and **35** deaths involved a driver who had consumed alcohol and/or drugs. Failure to wear a seat belt was a factor in **34** people losing their lives in collisions on OPP-patrolled roads.

Over the Thanksgiving Long Weekend, the OPP is joining police partners across Canada for *Operation Impact*, an enforcement-driven initiative aimed at increasing public compliance with laws in place to save lives and reduce injuries on our roads.

"So far this year, the OPP has laid more than **175,155** charges against aggressive, inattentive, alcohol and drug-impaired drivers, and unbuckled vehicle occupants. The three behaviours associated with driving are linked to **15,269** collisions to date, **95** of which were fatal. The goal of *Operation Impact* is not about issuing traffic tickets. It is about seeing every driver, without police intervention, refrain from risky driving behaviours and every vehicle occupant buckled up." - Deputy Commissioner BRAD BLAIR, Provincial Commander of Traffic Safety and Operational Support

DID YOU KNOW?

Operation Impact is an annual initiative sponsored by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Operation Impact is part of Canada's broader Road Safety Strategy 2025 which aims to make Canada's roads the safest in the world.

Drug-impaired and alcohol-impaired driving have always been illegal and this will not change once Cannabis becomes legal on October 17, 2018.

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CYBERCRIME ALERT

Ransomware (Hack/Virus)

ISSUE

In recent months there have been several ransomware (hack/virus) attacks on businesses and municipal government offices in Ontario. A ransomware attack occurs when a cybercriminal infects a victim's computer systems with malware that encrypts the data on those systems making them inaccessible and unusable without the key to decrypt it. The cybercriminals then demand some sort of ransom (usually in bitcoin) in exchange for the decryption key. There are many types of ransomware that are distributed in various ways. The most common methods of infection begin with a phishing email or direct hacking of a vulnerable computer system.

WHO IS BEING TARGETED?

Everyone is a target, but individuals tend to be targeted by mass-market ransomware campaigns, while businesses and government offices tend to be the victims of more targeted attacks. Recently in Ontario, there has been an increase in the number of attacks on businesses and municipal government offices.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED?

Information that can help the police in identifying the particular family and version of ransomware and the particular campaign are:

- A screenshot/photograph of the ransomware demand
- A screenshot/photograph of the encrypted files including full file name and extension
- Any contact email addresses provided by the attackers
- Email correspondence from the attackers
- Any bitcoin wallet addresses provided by the attackers

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The image shows a ransomware message with several callouts:

- Callout 1:** "Most ransomware variants will include some sort of unique identifier for the victim, either an ID or unique bitcoin address." (Points to the ID 'BCB11356')
- Callout 2:** "Ransomware demands will usually include some way to contact the attackers to in order to negotiate payment or deal with technical issues. Email addresses are especially valuable as evidence." (Points to the email 'Bramwell@qg.com')
- Callout 3:** "Sometimes alternate contact emails will be provided." (Points to another email address in the message)
- Callout 4:** "Bitcoin addresses are an important piece of information for linking cases and tracing payments to identify the actors behind the campaign." (Points to the Bitcoin address '115p7UMMngo1pMvkcHjicRdfJNXj6LrLn')
- Callout 5:** "Some variants will include the bitcoin address in the original message, while others will require that you communicate with the extortionists to receive it." (Points to the Bitcoin address)

The ransomware message itself includes:

- A padlock icon and the text: "All your files have been encrypted!"
- Instructions: "All your files have been encrypted due to a virus on your PC. If you want to restore them, write us to the email address: Bramwell@qg.com. Write this ID in the title of your message: BCB11356. In case of no answer in 24 hours write to: Bramwell@qg.com. Let payment we will send you the decryption tool that will decrypt all your files. You have to pay for decryption in Bitcoins. The price depends on the size of files should not contain valuable information.
- A section titled "Free decryption as guarantee" with a warning: "Before paying you can send us up to 1 file for free decryption. The price depends on the size of files should not contain valuable information." (Note: The original image has some text obscured by callouts).
- A section titled "How to obtain Bitcoins" with links: "The easiest way to buy Bitcoins is LocalBitcoins etc. You have to register, click 'Buy bitcoins', and select the seller by payment method and price. https://localbitcoins.com/buy_bitcoins. Also you can find other places to buy Bitcoins and beginners guide here: <http://www.coinbase.com/learn/bitcoins/when-should-i-buy-bitcoins>
- A countdown timer: "Time Left 02:23:53:13" and "Your files will be lost on 5/19/2017 20:34:43".
- Buttons: "Check Payment" and "Decrypt".
- A Bitcoin QR code and address: "Send 0.300 worth of bitcoin to this address: 115p7UMMngo1pMvkcHjicRdfJNXj6LrLn".

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO PREVENT A RANSOMWARE ATTACK?

IT technicians of private and public entities should constantly assess and invest in the security of their computer systems. From an IT administrator perspective, an integral part of prevention is to:

- Ensure proper offline backups of computer system data
- Enforce strong password policies, and limit admin access for employees
- Ensure that ports that allow for remote connections are not left open

CYBERCRIME ALERT

Ransomware (Hack/Virus)

- Use antivirus software and a firewall. Maintaining a strong firewall and keeping your security software up to date are critical.
- Employ content scanning and filtering on your mail servers. Inbound e-mails should be scanned for known threats and should block any attachment types that could pose a threat.
- Ensure that all systems and software are up-to-date with relevant patches. Exploit kits hosted on compromised websites are commonly used to spread malware. Regular patching of vulnerable software is necessary to help prevent infection.

Employees can help prevent ransomware attacks by following some basic cyber hygiene tips:

- Think before you click. Be wary of clicking any embedded links in an email, especially from unknown email addresses.
- Disable macros in Microsoft Office by default and be wary of opening attached files from unknown sources.
- Do not provide personal information when answering an email, unsolicited phone call, text message or instant message. Phishers will try to trick employees into installing malware, or gain intelligence for attacks by claiming to be from IT. Be sure to contact your IT department if you or your coworkers receive suspicious calls.
- Ensure you use a trustworthy Virtual Private Network (VPN) when accessing public Wi-Fi.

DOES THE OPP SUPPORT PAYING THE RANSOM?

The OPP never negotiates any type of payments nor counsels anyone to do so as it only encourages further criminal activity and there is no guarantee that paying the ransom will restore the lost data. That being said, companies and individual victims should address threats based upon the nature and severity of the threat and after carefully considering the best interests of the individual or company's employees, stakeholders and shareholders. Regardless of what decisions the business/individual makes, the OPP strongly recommend reporting such incidents to police for investigation.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE?

Victims of ransomware attacks should contact the police of jurisdiction.

Local Lanark Residents Group Boycotting Opening of OVRT *FOVRT call County Councillors and CAO irresponsible with safety of users and residents*

Mississippi Mills / October 1, 2018 – Lanark County Councillors will be delivering self-congratulatory remarks at their scheduled official opening of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) in Carleton Place on October 5th next week.

However, Friends of the OVRT (FOVRT), a group of local residents who advocates for active transportation use of the trail, will be boycotting the Lanark County celebrations.

In a written statement, the FOVRT calls Lanark County Councillors and CAO Kurt Greaves “irresponsible” to open the trail without establishing adequate management and enforcement on the trail that will result in unsafe conditions for trail users and residents in populated neighbourhoods in Lanark County.

The FOVRT statement reads:

Lanark County Warden John Fenick, the County’s Council and CAO Kurt Greaves have systematically ignored Mississippi Mills and Carleton Place residents’ concerns pertaining to the safety of local residents and the motorized use of the OVRT through the populated neighbourhoods and downtown cores of these towns. There are many important questions that have gone unanswered.

RE SAFETY: What commitment is there from County for addressing safety concerns of the trails’ users and residents living adjacent to the trail? What recourse, if any, do people have when they encounter incidents?

RE ENFORCEMENT: The County’s management plan states ATV and snowmobile clubs are to police motorized trail traffic, but who realistically will enforce infractions like speeding and general safety on the trail? And what are the consequences for those driving with no license or insurance?

RE INSURANCE: What insurance coverage is there to deal with inevitable accidents on the trail? Or for the death of a pedestrian? What is the County’s additional liability coverage costing taxpayers?

RE MAINTENANCE COSTS: What is the anticipated on-going costs to County taxpayers of maintaining wear on the stone dust trail from the volume of motorized use; specifically, to repair the ongoing occurrence of ruts, potholes and mounds resulting from continual motorized use (This is already happening at the Pakenham bridge and in Almonte)?

Empowering ATV and snowmobile clubs to police motorized trail users and maintain the trail is like having the foxes guard the henhouse. The County’s lack of transparency in providing answers to the public’s questions on liability and maintenance costs to County taxpayers is purposeful deception.

For their own political purposes, Lanark County Councillors and CAO Kurt Greaves are opening this motorized thoroughfare without due consideration for the safety of Lanark residents or revealing the ultimate costs to taxpayers. The opening of the OVRT with these substantial outstanding issues is irresponsible. FOVRT will be boycotting the ribbon cutting opening ceremonies and publicly identify these Councillors and this CAO as being solely responsible for the eventual public dissension, and the traffic accidents, personal injuries and possible deaths on the trail.

Friends of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: MCSCS Feedback <MCSCS.Feedback@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 5, 2018 4:28 PM
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Subject: From the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services – Information on Fire Regulations

**Ministry of Community Safety
and Correctional Services**

**Ministère de la Sécurité communautaire
et des Services correctionnels**

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October 5, 2018

On May 8, 2018, the previous government passed three regulations under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* related to firefighter certification, public reports, and community risk assessments. Over the past few months, I have heard substantial concerns about the mandatory certification regulation, which would come into force July 1, 2019. After hearing these concerns, our government has decided to repeal the Firefighter Certification regulation effective October 5, 2018. The community risk assessment and public reports regulations will come into force as scheduled.

We have heard from stakeholders that the certification regulation would present significant challenges for fire services and municipalities – in particular, small, rural, and northern municipalities with volunteer fire departments. Fire departments and municipalities across the province have voiced concern with the resources and supports that were anticipated to be required to be compliant with the certification requirements, as well as the potential longer-term impacts on the ability of volunteer fire services to recruit certified firefighters.

My goal remains to ensure both firefighter and public safety and to that end, I agree in principle with the certification of all firefighters. Moving forward, however, I want to ensure that any proposals concerning fire safety balance the interests of all stakeholders.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact mcscsinput@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Michael Tibollo
Minister

Confidentiality Warning: This e-mail contains information intended only for the use of the individual named above. If you have received this e-mail in error, we would appreciate it if you could advise us through the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' website at http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/contact_us/contact_us.asp and destroy all copies of this message. Thank you.



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Head, Clara & Maria Township of
15 Township Hall Rd.
Stonecliffe ON
K0J 2K0

September 30, 2018

RE: Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the second quarter of the 2018 Program Year

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Stewardship Ontario provides payments to municipalities and First Nations equal to 50% of the total net costs incurred by those communities as a result of the Blue Box Program. Payments are made on a quarterly basis. The funding for these payments comes from companies that produce, import and sell packaging and printed paper to Ontario residents.

The Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPR) determined that 2018 payments will be based on a funding obligation of \$124,844,186. This represents an increase of 1% over 2017. RPR is also responsible for setting payments to individual communities. Further details with respect to the RPR Board's determination of the 2018 obligation and the allocation to individual municipalities and First Nations is available on the RPR website (www.rpra.ca/blue-box).

Stewardship Ontario is pleased to provide payments to municipalities and First Nations in accordance with the RPR Board's decision.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to resource recovery and reutilization.

Sincerely,

David Pearce
Supply Chain Officer
Stewardship Ontario

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:21 PM
To: hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com
Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO Recommendations: Bill 36 Ontario Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018

October 11, 2018

AMO Recommendations: Bill 36 Ontario Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018

Earlier today, AMO briefed the government members of the Ontario Legislature’s Standing Committee on Social Policy regarding the Association’s recommendations on Bill 36. Provided for your reference is a copy of AMO’s written submission that speaks to municipal governments’ role. The Standing Committee will undertake clause-by-clause review on Monday October 15th after which we will know whether our advice is accepted. The Bill is to be in effect for October 17 as it specifies the role of the AGCO, places of use, and other important matters.

AMO’s recommendations for amendments include:

- A technical amendment to the Municipal Act to ensure that municipal governments have the proper authority to regulate cannabis smoking in public;
- Ensuring cannabis retail stores are located only in commercially zoned areas allowing retail;
- Clarifying the role of municipal government in providing input to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) regarding its decision-making for store site licenses; and
- A formal process for municipal government input into cannabis retail siting authorizations in our communities that requires AGCO to have regard to municipal concerns in its decision making.

AMO will continue to work with our Municipal Reference Group on Cannabis Retail to operationalize these recommendations if the government moves forward with them. AMO remains concerned that the costs related to legalization, from closing illegal dispensaries to road enforcement and other use will exceed the funds the province receives from the federal government, of which \$40 million to be shared with municipal governments. We will be working with members to monitor this.

Last week, AMO provided members with a comprehensive briefing on legalized recreational cannabis in Ontario. We will update members as any major developments arise.

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Federal Gas Tax Program <GasTax@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:45 PM
To: robbie1_400@hotmail.com
Cc: hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com
Subject: AMO's 2017 report on the federal Gas Tax Fund

Dear Robert,

I'm pleased to announce that AMO's [annual report](#) on the federal Gas Tax Fund is now available. I encourage you to share this report with your local Council.

Our communities own and operate much of Ontario's infrastructure; the Fund provides permanent and stable funding to help us build and maintain it. In 2017 alone, we invested \$607 million from the Fund to rebuild roads, install energy-efficient upgrades, and more.

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has invested \$68,041 in eight infrastructure and capacity-building projects worth \$79,086 since the federal Gas Tax Fund was established in 2005.

AMO is proud to administer the federal Gas Tax Fund on behalf of Ontario's municipalities. Please feel free to contact AMO's Director of Membership Centre, Brian Rosborough, at 416-971-9856 or brosborough@amo.on.ca if you have any questions about the Fund or this report.

Sincerely,
Jamie McGarvey
AMO President

c. Melinda Reith, CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

CAO CELEBRATED AT HIS LAST COUNCIL MEETING

At the September session, The Warden Jennifer Murphy, County Councillors, Elected Officials and staff all brought kind remarks to mark the retirement of County of Renfrew CAO/Clerk Jim Hutton. A full gallery, and a foyer filled with friends, family and colleagues demonstrated a testament of the impact 31 years of community service by Mr. Hutton.

In an address to those in attendance the Warden of the County of Renfrew, Jennifer Murphy said this about Mr. Hutton; *"Jim, your years of service have provided real change and a steady hand on the tiller in both calm and turbulent times. Your leadership has certainly benefitted our community. Your dedicated service is celebrated today by peers, staff, senior leadership, and elected officials alike. A celebration and acknowledgement that is well deserved."* She also related to his support to her as Warden with the regional caucus; *"I wish to thank you for your professionalism, advice and great administrative support at the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus. Your experience and knowledge certainly assisted me in my capacity at the EOWC, and interacting with senior levels of government as well."* She closed with kind regards and best wishes for his retirement.

Mr. Hutton addressed Council and the guests with a few remarks, thanking those who he lead, worked with and served. *"I have had a challenging, rewarding and very interesting career. I have met many wonderful people, including elected officials, staff and the many caring and colourful members of our community that make Renfrew County a great place to live and work."* Mr. Hutton, also offered some advice and congratulations to his successor; *"Timing is everything, Be a leader, not a boss, Ask the hard questions, Build relationships first, business second. Paul, congratulations on your appointment as the new CAO/Clerk for the County of Renfrew. ...I know that you will do well in your new role."*



Jim Hutton Receives an Honourary Gavel from Councillor Peter Emon, Warden Jennifer Murphy, and Councillor Bob Sweet.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-law 99-18 – A By-Law to Appoint a Chief Administrative Officer and to Define the Duties Thereof.

County Council Adopted By-law 100-18 – A By-law to Appoint a Clerk.

County Council Adopted By-law 101-18 - A By-Law Restricting the Weight of Vehicles Passing Over Bridges in the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 102-18 - A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 29 to the Official Plan of the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 103-18 - A By-law to Amend By-law 50-17 to Authorize the County of Renfrew to Enter into an Agreement with Licensed Home Child Care Service Providers.

County Council Adopted By-law 104-18 - A By-law to Amend By-law 13-15 to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Enter into a Contract/Agreement with Licensed Child Care Providers for the Purpose of Child Care Services within the County of Renfrew.

County Council Adopted By-law 105-18 - A By-law to Amend By-law 14-15 to Authorize Entering into Agreements with Child Care Agencies and Recreation Programs for Special Needs Resourcing Funding.

County Council Adopted By-law 106-18 A By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute the 2018 Child Care Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

County Council Adopted By-law 107-18 A By-Law to Authorize Entering into an Agreement for the Provision of Janitorial Services at 7 & 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario.

For more information, contact: 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario

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