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December 15th, 2022

*Mayor Debbi Grills and Council
Head, Clara and Maria Twp.
15 Township Hall Road
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Dear Mayor Grills and Council:

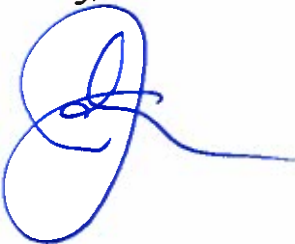
It's my pleasure to announce the Province of Ontario, through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), has approved your 2023 allocation of \$100,000 to meet local infrastructure needs in response to pressures from inflation.

This allocation is part of the government's overall investment of \$400 million in 2023.

The OCIF supports local infrastructure projects by providing stable and predictable funding for rural and northern communities with populations under 100,000. I realize the financial challenges rural municipalities face with infrastructure projects, and I am confident these funds will be well-utilized by the township.

If I can be of assistance in any way, at any time, in my capacity as your Member of Provincial Parliament, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,



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Procedural bylaw

Jim Gibson <hcmjimg@gmail.com>

Thu 2023-01-19 12:05 AM

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I have been trying for over two years now to have Council change the criteria for timelines to apply for a deputation to Council to no avail.

I would ask yet again that Council consider my proposed changes to the procedural bylaw. These suggestions are not new to returning members of Council but may be new to the new members. Most of these proposed changes are part of the public record.

I have used the procedural bylaw that Crystal has marked up and included in the Council package as the reference document.

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Item 2.2 Replace 2/3 with the term "majority"

Item 2.8

(No subject)

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- Item 2.2 Replace 2/3 with the term "majority"
- Item 2.8 State clearly that a quorum is three members of council
- Item 2.13 "A member shall not speak... a second (add "or more times") Speaking only twice simply stifles debate.
No member ... than 5 (five) minutes Add the first time and 3 (three) minutes subsequent times.
- Item 2.14 Question: How do members of the public ask for consent to be given by the majority of Council?
- item 2.16 Strike out "apart from the Members making the appeal and the Chair"
- Item 2.17 Strike out "Notwithstanding the alphabetical... in a recorded vote."
- Item 2.20 (e) Strike out "2/3"

Deputations to Council

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Thu 2023-01-19 8:49 AM

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Hello all,

The current rules wrt deputations to Council prevent a ratepayer from addressing Council on items on the posted agenda. I propose two different sets of rules. One set is for items not on the agenda, that is the current rules apply to that situation. The second set of rules apply to deputations that are about items that are on the posted meeting agenda and these additional rules will allow for ratepayers to address Council about items on the posted meeting agenda. This solution has been presented to previous Councils.

Item 12.0 Deputations

Item 12.1

Add after "... make a request of Council" " on matters not on the posted meeting agenda"

Add a new item after 12.1

"for items on the posted agenda, the request shall be made two days prior to the posted meeting time."

Item 12.2 Eliminate this item. If Council needs a staff report, that report should be given after the meeting during which the deputation is delivered.

Item 12.18 Replace "stand facing" with the word "face"

Thank you for taking time to read and consider these proposed changes.

Jim Gibson