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**Date:** January-29-15 1:37 PM  
**To:** "Melinda" <twpshcm@xplornet.com>  
**Subject:** Loop Update

Happy New Year from all of us at Loop Recycled Products and Photech Environmental Solutions. I wanted to check in and give you an update as to some of our services and events.

Our Community Give Back Programs are in full swing this year. Every month, we are giving away paint for your regional improvement project needs. Please feel free to reach out to me with any project ideas to learn how to obtain free paint for your community.

Meet up with us at the Municipal Waste Management Association Workshop at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville this year to talk about ways Loop Recycled Paint can team up with your municipality to educate your community about the importance of recycling paint and learn about Photech's innovative waste management solutions.

We are always available to discuss marketing or sponsorship opportunities. Whether it be depot signage, or brochures; let's get creative!

If you require more information or would like a tour of our new facility in Niagara Falls please contact Josh [j.wicharyk@looppaint.ca](mailto:j.wicharyk@looppaint.ca) or myself. Loop is Ontario's Recycled Paint brand. Together, we are increasing recycling, providing jobs, and diverting waste from landfills. We couldn't do any of this without Ontario's municipalities!

Connect with us on social media:

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**From:** "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
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**To:** <twpshcm@xplomet.com>  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Highlights of the January 2015 Board Meeting

January 30, 2015

### **AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the January 2015 Board Meeting**

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the January 2015 Board meeting include:

#### **Social Assistance Management Systems (SAMS) Implementation Problems**

The AMO Board received an update on the continuing serious problems associated with the implementation of the new provincial Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) for municipal welfare administrators. SAMS is negatively impacting client service, including employment assistance, and causing extraordinarily large additional labour intensive administrative costs for municipal service managers and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs). AMO's Board demands the government use all available means and resources to address the short and long-term implementation issues. In addition, the Province must reimburse municipalities and DSSABs for the all ongoing costs of SAMS' implementation until each short and long-term implementation problem is resolved to mutual satisfaction. AMO is working closely with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and will keep service providers updated on progress.

**Contact:** Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, email: [mjacek@amo.on.ca](mailto:mjacek@amo.on.ca), ext. 329.

#### **Building Canada Fund – Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC)**

AMO recently became aware that a December 2014 letter sent to federal Minister Lebel from provincial Minister Duguid appears to confirm that there will be no municipal opportunity for project intake for PTIC funds. AMO will be sending a letter immediately to express our great disappointment on this provincial decision while stressing the need for a stronger partnership on future funding program decisions.

**Contact:** Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, email: [creid@amo.on.ca](mailto:creid@amo.on.ca), ext. 334.

#### **LAS Update**

LAS is launching a Residential Water/Wastewater Warranty Protection Program for municipal homeowners where the homeowner would pay a small monthly amount to warranty the repair or replacement of their utility service lines located between their residence and the municipal sewer/water main. The municipality must endorse the program but takes on no administration or risk and also helps homeowners who generally are unaware of their responsibilities on their property.

**Contact:** Jason Hagan, LAS Program Manager, email: [jhagan@amo.on.ca](mailto:jhagan@amo.on.ca), ext. 320.

#### **Municipal Government Climate Change Survey Results**

The Board was briefed on the municipal climate change survey results staff conducted with municipalities of 25,000+ populations. This was done to help prepare for expected discussions on the Ontario Climate Change Strategy. The survey found that municipalities have been undertaking climate change mitigation and adaptation actions and are keen to do more, but identified the major obstacle of funding for infrastructure and other work. A focus group will be conducted shortly for smaller municipalities to identify their interests and needs. A new AMO Task Force will be created to focus on the development of an AMO response to the expected Ontario Climate Change Strategy which is anticipated to be released soon.

**Contact:** Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, email: [creid@amo.on.ca](mailto:creid@amo.on.ca), ext. 334.

#### **Bill 52, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2014 (Anti-SLAPP Legislation)**

If passed, Bill 52 will create a new procedure for courts to dismiss Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation (SLAPP). AMO staff worked with members to develop principles which address the concerns of municipalities in

both northern and southern Ontario by bringing balance and fairness to anti-SLAPP legislation. AMO staff met with staff from the Ministry of the Attorney General to discuss the proposed principles. It is not clear how the government will move forward with Bill 52 and whether it will be referred to a standing committee.

**Contact:** Renatta Austin, Policy Advisor, email: [raustin@amo.on.ca](mailto:raustin@amo.on.ca), ext. 367.

#### **Energy East: Pipeline Conversion from Gas to Oil**

As part of the TransCanada Energy East project, there are plans to convert 1,925 kilometres of existing pipeline to oil, construct 104 kilometres of new pipeline, and build 30 pumping stations in Ontario. The AMO Board will be providing feedback to the Ontario Energy Board highlighting the need for TransCanada to ensure current customers and economic growth will not be negatively impacted by the conversion. As well, TransCanada needs to ensure that a high standard of safety and spill prevention are in place so that this economic benefit may be realized without environmental impacts or reliance on municipal resources.

**Contact:** Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, email: [cathiebrown@amo.on.ca](mailto:cathiebrown@amo.on.ca), ext. 342.

#### **Revised Rural and Northern Lens**

The "A Voice for Rural and Northern Ontario" discussion paper and the Rural and Northern Lens have been updated and will be launched at this year's ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference in February. The purpose of the Lens is to assist policy developers, program managers, and decision makers with considering the impacts of provincial initiatives on rural and northern municipalities. For more information, visit the [ROMA website](#).

**Contact:** Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, email: [cathiebrown@amo.on.ca](mailto:cathiebrown@amo.on.ca), ext. 342.

#### **Project Green Light – Meeting with Members of the Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets**

The Province is considering the sale of Hydro One distribution assets. AMO, working with the Energy Distributors Association, met with members of the Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets to discuss Project Green Light. This proposal provides an alternative to electricity delivery which could rationalize the current configuration and be more efficient and effective.

**Contact:** Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, email: [cathiebrown@amo.on.ca](mailto:cathiebrown@amo.on.ca), ext. 342.

#### **MEPCO Update**

The Board was updated on the current Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP) consultation following the introduction of Bill 56 that sets out high level parameters of the new pension plan design. MEPCO is looking at possible impacts on the municipal sector and a response to the Province.

**Contact:** Bruce McLeod, MEPCO Coordinator, email: [bmcleod@amo.on.ca](mailto:bmcleod@amo.on.ca), ext. 350.

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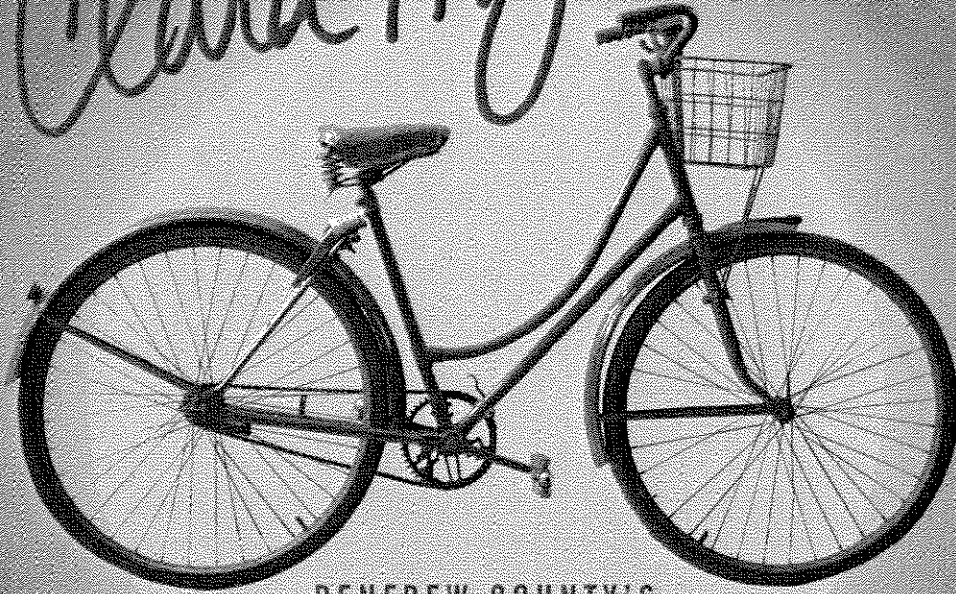
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Clara Hynes

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RENFREW COUNTY'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
COALITION

**PEDAL FORWARD!**  
You can make great things happen

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
to brainstorm with a committed,  
multi-sector team of local  
community-minded organizations  
to shape Renfrew County's  
Mental Health Week 2015

**WHEN** THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

**WHERE** The Phoenix Centre  
130 Pembroke St W. Pembroke  
Upstairs Board Room

**WHO** Hosted by KidActive/PAN-RC  
and The Phoenix Centre

**CONTACT** Charlene Chaput 613-735-2374 ext. 226  
pedalfoward@phoenixctr.com

**TOPICS** Creativity, enthusiasm and a sense of humour

Our work will continue to reduce stigmas and raise mental health awareness, all on the wheels of Clara's Big Ride!





### Movement is Medicine

Last year Clara Hughes garnered national attention to the issues of mental health and the need for awareness and intervention. In 2014, a County-wide working group was formed to host Deep River's Community Welcome for Clara's Big Ride, as part of the Bell Let's Talk initiative. According to Clara, Deep River's Welcome was one of the most remarkable events on the 108-community tour around Canada.

In debriefing the event, the partners of the Community Welcome working group deemed it necessary to continue their work, and, as a result, a new collaboration has been formed and been branded "Pedal Forward! this, on the wheels of Clara's Big Ride. Beautiful Blue Bikes remain the symbol for Pedal Forward! and its associated events. The bikes signify the importance of mental health priorities; to reduce stigmas and raise awareness for mental health, and to provide support to those who have mental health needs. Blue Bikes featuring crisis support information signage will again be appearing in many locations across the County, as we get ready for Mental Health Week 2015.

Mental Health Week 2015, (May 3 to May 9) will be a time to create, promote and recognize existing County-wide activities and events connected to mental health and well-being. The collaboration of partnering agencies and organizations will result in events that intend to create awareness, raise funds, and provide a forum for conversation and discussion relating to mental health. The possibilities are endless and we anticipate some fantastic efforts across Renfrew County.

We are currently building and growing Pedal Forward! We invite all agencies, businesses, organizations, clubs, families and individuals to join this effort and participate as it fits. You may choose to join the working group and be part of the planning, or offer assistance within Renfrew County communities to promote Pedal Forward! and Mental Health Week 2015. Every team needs good players, we invite you to join the Pedal Forward! team.

The co-chair organizations for Pedal Forward! are KidActive/PAN-RC and The Phoenix Centre, and we will ensure that Mental Health Week in Renfrew County is positive and impactful, this year and for years to come.

If you wish to join Pedal Forward!, as a member and/or to begin receiving information and minutes of meetings please contact email us at [pedalforward@phoenixctr.com](mailto:pedalforward@phoenixctr.com)

Pedal Forward! can be found online at the Physical Activity Network – Renfrew County (PAN-RC) website

<http://www.physicalactivitynetwork.ca/pedal-forward>

Sincerely,

Susan Patterson

Greg Lubimiv



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January 21, 2015

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

RECEIVED  
FEB 03 2015

Re: Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Dear Sir / Madam,

April 2, 2015, will mark a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the third year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim April 2, 2015 as World Autism Awareness Day and raise Autism Ontario's Flag.

By participating in our 2015 "Raise the Flag" campaign, you are increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families.

If your community is interested in supporting autism awareness by participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on April 2, 2015, please register your municipality at <http://bit.ly/MunRTF2015>, on or before March 13, 2015.

**Last year we requested that municipalities keep the flag for future use. We have a limited number of flags available for those who require one; please make note when completing the online registration if you require one.**

The March 13, 2015 registration deadline will allow us to mail out flags to those who need it, and to advertise through our communication channels that your municipality will be participating. We recognize municipalities have a formal approval process for recognizing charitable proclamations and may not be able to register by the deadline; if this is the case we still invite you to proclaim the day and raise a flag, if you have one. Please notify us of your participation by emailing [rtf@autismontario.com](mailto:rtf@autismontario.com).



**Autism**ONTARIO  
*see the potential*

We are also excited to share with you that in mid-February 2015 we will be launching a new website that will enable Ontarians to share their stories of inclusion and opportunities. Please visit [www.raisetheflagforautism.com](http://www.raisetheflagforautism.com) in the coming weeks and share your story!

For questions regarding participation, please contact Kavitha Krishnaswamy at 1-800-472-7789 extension 238.

Sincerely,

Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag Committee  
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Toronto, Ontario  
M6K 3C5  
Phone: 416-246-9592 ext. 238  
[rtf@autismontario.com](mailto:rtf@autismontario.com)

#### **About Us**

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community in Ontario. Today, 1 in 94 children are diagnosed with autism in Canada. Through improved public awareness, Autism Ontario strives to increase opportunities and acceptance for over 100,000 people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Ontario, ensuring that each person with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

Learn more at [www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com)

#### **Enclosure:**

- Proclamation

Follow us on Twitter!

@AutismONT and tweet your Raise the Flag photos with #RaisetheFlagforAutism

## PROCLAMATION

I, (name of Mayor or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim

### April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day

<b>WHERE AS:</b>	World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2015, in Canada thanks to Liberal Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, <i>An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day</i> ; and
<b>WHERE AS:</b>	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 100,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and
<b>WHERE AS:</b>	ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and
<b>WHERE AS:</b>	Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society Ontario) is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the province; and
<b>WHERE AS:</b>	Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
<b>THEREFORE:</b>	I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 <sup>nd</sup> as World Autism Awareness Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015



**Ministry of Transportation**

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29 January 2015

Clerk's Office

The Townships of Head, Clara and Maria  
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Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Clerk's Office,

**RE: Consultation on Ontario's Default Speed Limit**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is seeking stakeholder input on whether to consider changing the default speed limit for local roads within urban areas. As a representative of The Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, we welcome your comments and invite you to participate in the consultation activities for Ontario's default speed limit.

The current default maximum speed limit for local roads within urban areas in Ontario is 50 km/h. MTO would like to consult with stakeholders on the following options:

- \* Maintain current default speed limit of 50 km/h;
- \* Through a legislative change, reduce the default speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h;
- \* Through a legislative change, permit municipalities to set a default speed limit of 50 km/h or 40 km/h inside municipal boundaries, and require the posting of a sign at each entry point of the municipality; or
- \* Through a legislative change, permit municipalities to set a different default speed limit inside municipal boundaries or neighbourhoods, and require the posting of a sign at each entry point of the municipality/neighbourhood.

You are invited to provide comments and/or complete a questionnaire available on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpeedLimitOntario> by February 27, 2015.

Following the public comment period, MTO will host a series of workshops to consult with municipalities and various stakeholders regarding the options under consideration for a potential change to the default speed limit. Stakeholder workshops are currently scheduled for March, 2015. Each workshop will be held in a different geographic jurisdiction of MTO (e.g., Central, Eastern and Southwestern and Northern Ontario).

You are encouraged to provide comments and/or complete the on-line questionnaire, and/or attend a stakeholder workshop on these possible changes to the default speed limit. I kindly ask you to complete and forward the attached workshop reply form indicating your interest in participating in future workshops by February 27, 2014 to me as follows:

Roger De Gannes  
Head, Traffic Operations  
Traffic Office  
Ministry of Transportation Ontario  
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St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 7R4  
Phone: (905) 704-2947  
Email: [Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca](mailto:Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca)

Thank you in advance for your input. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Should you have any questions or difficulty accessing the on-line questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-704-2947 or by email at [Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca](mailto:Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Roger De Gannes  
Head, Traffic Operations