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Ms. Melinda Reith, CAO/Clerk  
Township of Head, Clara & Maria  
15 Township Hall Road  
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Dear Melinda:

On behalf of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, I am forwarding to your respective Elected Councils a copy of the 2012 Eastern Ontario Financial Sustainability Update Report. This landmark Report was distributed at our EOWC meeting at the ROMA/OGRA Conference.

This analysis of the fiscal circumstances faced by local governments in Eastern Ontario is the most detailed regional analysis of its type conducted for our region (and perhaps for any region in the province). It comes at a time when we are initiating a series of discussions at both federal and provincial levels to find ways to address our region's particular concerns and issues, while recognizing that all levels of government face major financial challenges.

For the seventeen Local Governments within the County of Renfrew, and the City of Pembroke, this report contains vital information in terms of long term sustainability and program delivery within our region. We have produced a picture of the situation faced by rural Eastern Ontario as well as providing comparative statistics for our colleagues in the separated cities and towns, and the City of Ottawa. Behind this report is a substantial database representing each of the 114 local governments in the region.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus will utilize this information to propose policy changes and programs aimed at improving the financial sustainability of our municipalities. I hope you take the time to review this Report and its impact on your individual municipalities.

Sincerely,

Robert Sweet  
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**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 1:26 PM  
**Subject:** Emergency Management Program Compliance  
Dear all,

We all know that the year is over when your municipalities start to get their emergency management compliance letters! However I would not want this particular year to be over without thanking each of you for your commitment to emergency management in Ontario and the safety of Ontarians in your community. The overall program compliance in the province is outstanding—98 percent and we know that you make it happen.

For those of you whose leadership will not be getting a "fully compliant" letter, I wish to reinforce with you that staff at EMO are here to support your efforts. Please call on us.

To all of you, we know the critical role you play. And we know that for many of you it is one of several assigned roles. Your skills, your passion and your good hearts make a difference.

**Allison J. Stuart**

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