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**NORTH RENFREW
FAMILY HEALTH TEAM**

**117 Banting Drive
Deep River, ON K0J 1P0
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November 3, 2014

Municipal Clerk Melinda Reith

United Townships of Head, Clara, Maria

Ms. Reith,

With the municipal election over, I am writing to ask that the Council renew its municipal representative on the FHT Advisory Committee.

The municipal representatives have been a real support to the FHT over the past four years, as the organization recruited four new doctors, dealt with the transition of a retiring community doctor and actively recruited new patients. We are pleased to state that every North Renfrew resident has access to a family doctor if desired.

I have attached the committee's Terms of Reference. The Committee meets quarterly, with a time commitment for two to three hours each time. The next meeting will be scheduled in early January.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to being notified of the Council's designate.

Thank you very much,


Jennifer Kennedy

NRFHT Executive Director



North Renfrew Family Health Team

North Renfrew Family Health Team Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

Vision

To facilitate easy, local access to quality primary healthcare for the residents of North Renfrew.

Mission

Residents of North Renfrew will have the opportunity to work in partnership with primary health care physicians and the interdisciplinary team to make informed health choices from birth to end of life, including: health promotion and illness prevention information and/or programs, wellness care, early diagnosis of health care problems by screening programs, and ongoing management of illness.

Purpose

To provide advice to the FHT Leadership Team which comprises of the Executive Director of the North Renfrew Family Health Team, the Lead Physician, and the CEO of the Deep River and District Hospital, regarding the scope of services and operation of the North Renfrew Family Health Team.

Functions and Responsibilities

The Advisory Committee shall provide advice to the FHT leadership team in the following areas:

- Opportunities to increase local access to, coordination of, and integration of FHT primary care services
- Healthcare programming responsive to the socio-economic, ethnic and cultural diversity of North Renfrew
- Possible enhancements to health and wellness education that promotes personal health responsibility in community members

The Advisory Committee will request regular reporting from the FHT leadership team on matters such as:

- Quality improvement
- Annual goals and objectives
- Strategic direction
- Community engagement
- Issues of access to primary care



North Renfrew Family Health Team

Membership

- The CEO of the Deep River and District Hospital
- The Executive Director of the North Renfrew Family Health Team
- The Lead Physician of the North Renfrew Family Health Team
- One representative appointed by each municipal council – the Town of Deep River, the Town of Laurentian Hills, the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, and Rapides-des-Joachims
- Two to three community representatives, being local residents and reflective of community demographics. Knowledge about health needs throughout the catchment area or some other expertise deemed necessary by the committee would be preferable.

- Note:**
1. Any advisory committee member from the community can be patients of the FHT, but must declare that status to the committee and should be cautious about advocating for their personal benefit.
 2. Community members will serve two year terms, which can be renewed. Appointments will be approved by the Advisory Committee.

FHT staff members may be invited to attend Advisory Committee, either by request of the Committee, the FHT leadership team, and/or staff members themselves. Invitations will be administered by the Executive Director.

Meetings

Meetings will be chaired by the Executive Director.

Meetings will be at the call of the Chair, with the expected minimum frequency of four times per year.

Minutes will be kept and submitted for approval.



November 10, 2014

Re: Energy East Impacts on Natural Gas

Dear Mayor,

450 – 1st Street S.W.
Calgary, AB
Canada T2P 5H1

Tel.: 1.855.895.8750
Fax: 1.855.895.8751
Email: EnergyEast@TransCanada.com

Some questions have been raised about how the Energy East Pipeline will affect the supply and price of natural gas for consumers in Ontario. I understand you may have received a letter to this effect from local gas distributors that has contributed to this confusion.

First, let me assure you that the portions of northern Ontario that are located west of North Bay will continue to be served by existing pipeline facilities that will have more than sufficient capacity after the transfer of one of the pipes to Energy East to meet all market requirements. The local distribution companies have acknowledged that they have no concerns with the proposed transfer in this area of the system. The result is that all parties agree that communities throughout northern Ontario through to the North Bay area will not be negatively impacted by Energy East.

In addition, TransCanada has been clear that we will not transfer any of our existing natural gas capacity to oil service until we have capacity in place to meet the needs of the Ontario market. Additionally, TransCanada estimates that approximately \$900 million in net cost savings will be achieved as a result of the repurposing of gas assets to oil service.

To provide clarity to the questions raised by the local gas distributors' letter, we offer the following facts:

- Our Canadian Mainline system serves two separate markets: one for Canadian customers and one for export. We are only re-purposing pipeline capacity that is no longer being contracted for by the export markets. Capacity that serves Canadians will not be impacted.
- As with the capacity available to serve markets west of North Bay, the capacity available to serve markets that are located south of North Bay, including the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas, is also unaffected by the transfer of pipe assets to Energy East.
- With respect to the portion of the Canadian Mainline system to the east of North Bay, that portion of the system has contracts for domestic Canadian markets in eastern Ontario and Quebec of 1.8 Petajoules (PJ) of natural gas per day. On peak days, this portion of the system has only been required to deliver about 1.7 PJ of natural gas to those markets so there is more than enough capacity already contracted to serve domestic customers, even on a peak winter day.
- The same portion of the system also serves export markets. Currently there is an additional 1.4 PJ/d of natural gas capacity available for export markets. However, contracts for exports continue to decline and in fact only approximately 0.7 PJ per day is contracted today on a firm basis. Energy East would use a portion of this un-contracted export capacity - about 0.6 PJ of capacity - to transport oil.

- We will be removing 1.2 PJ of natural gas capacity in the area east of North Bay, leaving 2.0 PJ of natural gas capacity in place, and adding an additional 0.6 PJ of capacity with our Eastern Mainline Project. The resulting 2.6 PJ will provide sufficient capacity to exceed historic peak domestic needs while fully meeting existing contract requirements for export markets.
- Re-purposing this un-contracted pipeline capacity makes the system more efficient and reduces transportation costs for our customers. These savings should benefit Ontario and Quebec natural gas customers as well as Quebec and New Brunswick refineries that would have access to cheaper and stable western Canadian oil through Energy East.
- Ontario and Quebec gas customers will continue to receive the gas they need to heat their homes, especially during the cold winter months. Any claim that we would do otherwise is simply false and deliberately misleading.
- We are planning to build the new natural gas pipelines where they are needed most – in the Toronto-to-Montreal corridor. Our Eastern Mainline Project would add 250 kilometres of new natural gas pipeline in this area, as that is where demand is strongest. This line would also provide greater access to affordable new gas supplies from the northeastern United States.
- To ensure costs do not increase as a result of the transfer from gas to oil on Energy East, TransCanada and our Energy East oil shippers will contribute \$500 million to the cost of building the new Eastern Mainline Project. We estimate this contribution, combined with reduced operating and maintenance costs, will save our customers over \$900 million in the next 15 years alone. These are important savings for Enbridge, Union Gas and GazMétro - and it is reasonable to expect that these savings will be passed on to consumers in Ontario and Quebec.

While we may have a difference of opinion with local gas distributors about keeping un-contracted gas pipeline capacity available for future growth in the system that may or may not occur, we are committed to ensuring the Ontario and Quebec markets will have the supply they need.

The independent National Energy Board (NEB) is the regulatory body responsible for ensuring Canada has both the oil and gas supply – at fair prices – that we need. The NEB has the authority and mandate to ensure that projects proposed are in the interest of Canadians.

As we have for over 60 years, TransCanada will continue to provide a safe and reliable supply of natural gas for schools, hospitals, businesses and homes in Ontario and Quebec. For additional information, you can visit www.energyeastpipeline.com/natural-gas-consumers/

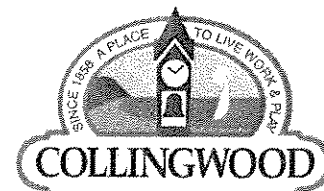
Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my colleague Gary Houston, Vice President, Energy East at gary_houston@transcanada.com or (403) 920-4415 with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Francois Poirier
President, Energy East Pipeline

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD



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October 20, 2014

Canada Post
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London, ON N5Y 1A3

Attn: Deepak Chopra, Chief Executive Officer
Andy Paterson – Municipal Relations
-and-

Mayors, Reeves, Wardens and Councils – Ontario Municipalities (via email)

Re: Reconsider Decision to Eliminate Home to Home Postal Delivery

During the meeting of Council held September 22, 2014, Council of the Town of Collingwood passed the following resolution:

Moved by Councillor Ian Chadwick, Seconded by Councillor Kevin Lloyd
WHEREAS Canada Post has proposed a plan to end residential home delivery in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the lack of home delivery will disadvantage many seniors and people with mobility problems and will be compounded during inclement weather;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Collingwood does not support the proposed plan to eliminate residential home to home delivery and herein petition Canada Post to reconsider this plan immediately and retain this valuable service for communities.

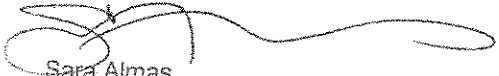
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), municipalities in Ontario, as well as to our local MP, MPP and representatives of Canada Post and its unions to encourage others to speak up against this plan.

CARRIED (Recorded Vote 8-1)

Home to home mail delivery is essential for seniors and persons with varying abilities within our community. If home to home delivery was discontinued and replaced with the community mailbox, it would deny these individuals of a fair and barrier free opportunity from accessing regular mail delivery and adversely affecting their quality of life. In addition, this change will also have a residual impact on the employees, local post offices, and economy. We are strongly urging Canada Post to reconsider their decision and are seeking support from municipalities across Ontario and the Country.

Yours truly,

TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD


Sara Almas
Clerk

Cc Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Kellie Leitch MP
Jim Wilson MPP

Township of McKellar

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November 5, 2014

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, MPP
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park,
Toronto, ON
M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

The Council of the Township of McKellar, at its regular meeting on November 3, 2014, passed the enclosed resolution regarding the new municipal policing cost-recovery billing methodology for O.P.P. services approved by the Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet in August of 2014.

The Council of the Township of McKellar is calling on your government to initiate a moratorium on the implementation of the new O.P.P. billing model until such time as the principles of a fair and equitable billing model can be addressed for all participating municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration of Council's position on this matter and we look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



Shawn Boggs, AMCT
Clerk Administrator


enclosure (1)

cc Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
Norm Miller, MPP
Jim Wilson, MPP, Interim P.C leader
Andrea Horwath, MPP, NDP Leader
Bonnie Lysyk, Auditor General of Ontario
Andre Marin, Ombudsman of Ontario
AMO, FONOM, NOMA, ROMA
All rural Ontario municipalities

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

DATE: November 3, 2014

RESOLUTION No. 14- 331


Moved by 

Seconded by 

WHEREAS the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. Yasir Naqvi announced a new OPP billing model to take effect on January 1, 2015 based on calls for service and base costs;
AND WHEREAS the effect of the new billing model is to shift policing costs from urban centres to small rural communities;
AND WHEREAS the shift in costs is more pronounced in communities with a large number of seasonal households;
AND WHEREAS the Federal Government's definition of households does not include seasonal dwellings as households and therefore may affect the new formula;
AND WHEREAS the new funding formula will force small rural communities to consider alternative policing arrangements, cuts to existing programs and services, depletion of capital reserves or major increases in taxes;
AND WHEREAS there will be no increase in OPP levels of service;
AND WHEREAS the new funding formula will mean an increase for the Township of McKellar in OPP costs from \$121,393 in 2014 to \$388,834 in 2015 or an increase of 320 percent not accounting for the five year phase in adjustment;
AND WHEREAS there is nothing in the new funding formula which controls future OPP cost increases;
AND WHEREAS the new OPP funding formula will negatively affect over 130 small rural municipalities;
AND WHEREAS unorganized municipalities have not been considered in this new formula;
AND WHEREAS small rural communities do not have the economic ability to generate new tax revenues from commercial property to off-set new costs;
AND WHEREAS the larger urban municipalities are going to receive savings on new OPP costs and yet have the higher calls for service and crime rate;
AND WHEREAS this means that small rural seasonal communities that are relatively safe communities are subsidizing larger urban centres;
AND WHEREAS the overall OPP review process was flawed whereby the many resolutions, delegations and depositions by various communities were not listened to; the various committees that were established were weighted in favour of larger communities and the results appear to have been predetermined;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McKellar reiterate its objection to the new OPP billing model and call on the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. Yasir Naqvi, the Auditor General, Ms. Bonnie Lysyk and the Ombudsman, Mr. Andre Marin to call a moratorium on the implementation of the new billing model until such time as a fair and more equitable billing model for all Ontario municipalities can be introduced;
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in the District of Parry Sound, all small rural municipalities in Ontario, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, ROMA and the PC and NDP parties.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐


Peter Hopkins, Reeve

DIVISION VOTE

	YEA	NAY
Councillor Tamara Black	_____	_____
Councillor Jim McColi	_____	_____
Councillor Jury Nakłowych	_____	_____
Councillor Ted Stroud	_____	_____
Reeve Peter Hopkins	_____	_____



RESOLUTION NO. 2014/163

DATE: November 19, 2014

CARRIED: /

DEFEATED: _____

MOVED BY:

L Malott

DIVISION LIST

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Daleman

Councillor Dixon

Councillor Johnson

Councillor Malott

Mayor Robinson

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

WHEREAS the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services announced a new OPP billing model to take effect on January 2015 based on calls for service and base costs;and

WHEREAS the effect of the new billing model is to shift policing costs from urban centres to small rural communities;and

WHEREAS the new funding formula will force small rural communities to consider alternative policing arrangements, cuts to existing programs and services, depletion of capital reserves or major increase in taxes;and

WHEREAS there will be no increase in OPP levels of service;and

WHEREAS the new funding formula will mean an increase for the Municipality of McDougall in OPP costs from \$255,884 in 2014 to \$523,458 in 2015 or an increase of 205 percent not accounting for the five year phase in adjustment;and

WHEREAS there is nothing in the new funding formula which controls future OPP cost increases;and

WHEREAS the new OPP funding formula will negatively affect over 130 small rural municipalities;and

WHEREAS if the model could be established with a 40% base cost and a 60% call for service providing a fairer distribution of costs to communities with lower crime rates;and

WHEREAS unorganized municipalities have not been considered in this new formula;and

WHEREAS small rural communities do not have the economic ability to generate new tax revenues from commercial property to off- set new costs;and

WHEREAS the larger urban municipalities are going to receive savings on new OPP costs and yet have the higher calls for service and crime rate;and

WHEREAS this means that small rural seasonal communities that are relatively safe communities are subsidizing larger urban centres;and



RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

CARRIED: _____

DEFEATED: _____

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

DIVISION LIST

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AGAINST

Councillor Daleman

Councillor Dixon

Councillor Johnson

Councillor Malott

Mayor Robinson

WHEREAS the overall OPP review process was flawed whereby the many resolutions, delegations and depositions by various communities were not listened to; the various committees that were established were weighted in favour of larger communities and the results appear to have been predetermined; and

WHEREAS the Police Services Act does not allow municipalities to be serviced by a police force that does not have a contiguous border and where many rural municipalities do not border a community with a police force, this restricts our opportunity to have a competitive police service other than the OPP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of McDougall reiterate its objection to the new OPP billing model and call on the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kathleen Wynne to change the billing formula to 40% base costs and 60% per call costs; and

FURTHER MORE that the Council of the Municipality of McDougall call on the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kathleen Wynne to amend the Police Services Act to allow a non-contiguous police force to service other communities; and

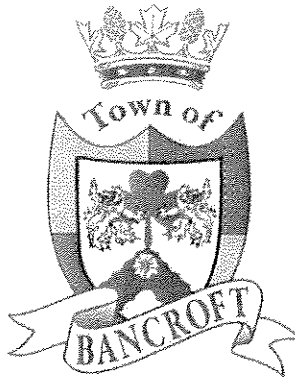
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in the District of Parry Sound, all small rural municipalities in Ontario, the PC and NDP all parties and the Ombudsman's office.



MAYOR

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TOWN OF BANCROFT
A Place For All Seasons



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October 22, 2014

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
M7A 1A1

Re: Resolution # 238-2014

Dear Premier,

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft please find enclosed a certified true copy of Resolution #238-2014 in regards to policing costs associated with unorganized townships.

The Council of the Town of Bancroft endorses the resolution passed by the Municipality of Killarney and respectfully requests that the Province implement a billing method for policing costs for properties in unorganized townships so that they may contribute their fair share.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me by phone at (613)-332-3331 ext. 208 or by e-mail at hlambe@bancroft.ca.

Yours Sincerely,

Hazel Lambe,
CAO/Clerk

HL/rt

Encls. (1)

cc: The Honourable Yasir Naqi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Pat Vanini, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities Ontario
Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward - Hastings



Regular Council
October 14 2014

Certified A True Copy

Dated: Oct 16/14

Commissioner

Daniel McCoy, Acting Deputy Clerk

A Commissioner for
the Town of Bancroft

Resolution #238-2014

Motion Details
Moved by
Seconded by

WHEREAS the Town of Bancroft is in receipt of the new OPP Billing Model which will see invoices split between base costs and calls for service on an approximate 60/40 split;

AND WHEREAS all municipalities will pay the same base cost per property, which is estimated at \$203.00 per property;

AND WHEREAS the new model received Cabinet approval on August 13, 2014 and will commence on January 1, 2015, to be phased in over five years;

AND WHEREAS the Province is currently responsible for policing costs associated with unorganized townships;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Killarney passed a resolution requesting the Province implement a billing method for those properties located in unorganized townships;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft does hereby endorse the resolution passed by the Municipality of Killarney and request the Province implement a billing method for those properties in unorganized townships so those properties contribute to their fair share of policing costs;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Ministry of Finance, AMO, Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward-Hastings and all municipalities serviced by the OPP.

RECORDED VOTE		YES	NO
CARRIED:	✓		
TABLED:			
DEFEATED:			
RECORDED VOTE (SEE LEFT):			
	Mayor Bernice Jenkins		
	Deputy Mayor Wayne Wiggins		
	Councillor Paul Jenkins		
	Councillor John Kirby		
	Councillor Don Keppin		
	Councillor Charles Mullett		
	Councillor Peter Whitehead		

BERNICE JENKINS, MAYOR	HAZEL LAMBE, CLERK



Corporation of the Township of Greater Madawaska

Council Resolution Form

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

Places to Grow

Whereas the City of Ottawa has recently passed a resolution requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing initiate a 'Places to Grow' Exercise for Eastern Ontario;

And whereas there is concern regarding the growth policies surrounding the City of Ottawa not compatible with the growth policies of the surrounding rural municipalities;

And whereas a 'Places to Grow' initiative would oversee the development of a regional plan to determine how growth would proceed in the future;

And whereas if 'Places to Grow' was implemented it may be used to determine which towns/rural areas would be permitted to develop, which would be forced to remain small, where green space and major roads would be located and so forth;

And whereas the 'Places to Grow' process tends to be driven by the large urban centres for their benefit, more rural areas such as the Township of Greater Madawaska and the County of Renfrew are at risk of being constrained;

Carried: _____ Defeated: _____ Withdrawn: _____

Declaration of Interest: _____ Recorded Vote: _____

Abstain	Yea	Voting	Nay
		P. Emon	
		K. Lehnhardt	
		B. Hunt	
		B. Kierczak	
		G. McKay	

Mayor: _____

Date: 28 OCT 2014

Motion #: 245-14



Corporation of the Township of Greater Madawaska

Council Resolution Form

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

And Whereas the Township of Greater Madawaska, the County of Renfrew and all of Eastern Ontario have very unique planning needs, which by their very nature are not compatible with urban needs, and cannot be made to fit easily into a regional model.

Therefore Be it Resolved the Council of Greater Madawaska opposes the City of Ottawa's resolution "Places to Grow" Exercise for Eastern Ontario;

And furthermore is extremely concerned that the City of Ottawa would continue to dominate and limit future growth within not only the Township of Greater Madawaska but also Renfrew County

And furthermore, Council instructs staff to forward this resolution to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), County of Renfrew, Municipalities of Renfrew County, Ottawa Councillor Stephen Blais, Mayor Jim Watson and John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Carried: _____ Defeated: _____ Withdrawn: _____

Declaration of Interest: _____ Recorded Vote: _____

Abstain	Yea	Voting	Nay
		P. Emon	
		K. Lehnhardt	
		B. Hunt	
		B. Kierczak	
		G. McKay	

Mayor: _____

Date: _____

Motion #: _____



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Oakville ON L6M 3L1
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VIA EMAIL

November 19, 2014

Mike Wallace, MP, Burlington
The Honourable Lisa Raitt, MP Halton
Terence Young, MP, Oakville
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Eleanor McMahon, MPP, Burlington
Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP, Halton
Kevin Flynn, MPP, Oakville
Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Brad Woodside
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Jayson Myers

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: "Buy American" Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

WHEREAS cities and communities across Canada support free and fair trade between Canada and the United States;

AND WHEREAS bilateral trade between Canada and the United States amounts to over \$600 billion per year in economic activity, significantly contributing to Canada's long-term economic competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS many of the most important supply chains and industry linkages that fuel our respective economies are inexorably linked;

AND WHEREAS provisions, such as 'Buy American' requirements, which serve to inhibit this important economic partnership directly affects the economic prosperity of our country, our businesses and our communities;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills and Halton Region showed leadership in 2009 by passing resolutions calling on the Federal, Provincial and municipal governments of Canada to push back against unfair U.S. legislation;

AND WHEREAS organizations like Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters estimate that thousands of manufacturing jobs are continuously at risk from continued Buy American provisions being proposed across the United States;

AND WHEREAS Halton companies were directly impacted as jobs were lost due to the Buy American provisions being inserted into projects receiving federal and municipal funding;

The Regional Municipality of Halton

AND WHEREAS Canadian cities and communities are committed to open and fair trade with American governments and businesses;

AND WHEREAS recent agreements between Canada and the United States have recognized the critical economic linkages between our two countries, fostering secure, predictable trade and investment environments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all municipalities be requested to express support for free, fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and support the principle that any restrictive 'Buy American' provisions in U.S. legislation are contrary to that spirit of free trade;

AND THAT the Region of Halton call on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to support and work with the Government of Canada, the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and other stakeholders in their efforts to urge the United States Congress and state governments to abstain from the use of 'Buy American' provisions;

AND THAT FCM be requested to write to the U.S. National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors urging them to also support the spirit of this resolution and the spirit of free trade, so that businesses and industries on both sides of the border can compete for contracts in the fairest and most efficient manner;

AND THAT the Regional Chair write to the Prime Minister, the leader of the Opposition and the leader of the Liberal Party advising them of Regional Council's position and enclosing a copy of Regional Council's resolution in this regard;

AND THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Regional Council's resolution to all Ontario municipalities requesting that they endorse and support Halton's position and to Halton MP's, MPP's, FCM and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters for their information.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services.

Sincerely,



Kathy Kielt
Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of
Council & Committee Services

c. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services

Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

From: "AMO Communications" <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Date: November-17-14 4:55 PM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: Policy Update - What Happened Today

November 17, 2014

AMO Members' Update - What Happened Today**2014 Fall Economic Statement Highlights**

Below are highlights from the Minister of Finance's fall economic statement.

The 2013-14 provincial deficit is \$10.5 billion. The Province's total revenue projection for 2014-15 is \$509 million **lower** than the 2014 Budget forecast. The 2014-15 total expense outlook is \$208 million lower than projected in the 2014 Budget. We will continue to monitor the provincial fiscal projections on behalf of AMO members as reduced revenues may result in additional program reductions or other actions as the Province works to balance its budget by 2017-18.

Also of note for the municipal sector:

Provincial Land Tax

Today's statement reaffirms the government's commitment to bring forward proposals for implementation in 2015. Provincial land tax is the tax paid in the unincorporated areas of northern Ontario that are outside municipal boundaries.

Power Dam Special Payment

The planned reduction to the Power Dam Special Payment Program for 2015 will be deferred. Municipal representatives have been in discussion with provincial officials on this issue. Affected municipal governments and AMO have called on the provincial government to cancel the proposed \$4.4 million cut to these payments. Failing that, options are being explored to reintroduce the municipal taxation of power dam properties.

The 2015 deferral removes an immediate financial risk to over 100 municipalities for the short term. Continued advocacy for 2016 and beyond is required to minimize the municipal fiscal impact of this proposal. AMO has secured a commitment to look at cumulative impacts that provincial decisions such as this bring to the sector.

Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 323.

Infrastructure - OCIF announcement

The government today announced \$50 million in formula allocations for eligible municipalities under 100,000 population, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula-based Component Allocations, providing three years of stable support for municipalities. Announcements for the other \$50 million in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) project applications and the Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund are anticipated in the coming months. OCIF will be reviewed in the future with a view to moving toward full formula allocation.

19/11/2014

The Ontario government pledged \$29 billion over ten years in its 2014 Budget for transit, highways, and other infrastructure projects - \$15 billion in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), and \$14 billion outside will support priorities such as GO Transit and Regional Express Rail, as well as highway expansion. Many projects were announced during the Ontario election. BCF infrastructure funding under the National Component is also available for application. AMO is awaiting the announcement of the BCF Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component in Ontario. Members will be advised immediately when this Fund is announced.

Contact: Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, creid@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 334.

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Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

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Subject: RE: Power Dams - Meeting Invitation

Diane:

Thanks very much for the email.

I am certainly available at this time for this very important call.

I would however, like to make a couple of observations:

1. Mr. Doheny made it quite clear during the last call that the option of taxation was not going to be considered at this time but might be in the future. While I am ecstatic that we will now be talking about this sensible solution I wonder what is now to become of the contents of our last discussion. Does this now mean the clawback option is off the table.
2. The MOF has refused to provide information with respect to the taxation amounts paid by various dams to the Province. All FOI requests have been refused. I wonder if we could also chat about receiving these numbers? AT least one municipality has received the numbers from the local company with the results very telling yet not surprising.
3. Most communities are starting their 2015 budgets and some comment needs to be made on what will happen in 2015.

Thanks

Chris

From: Ross, Diane (MOF) [mailto:Diane.Ross@ontario.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 2:09 PM
To: Ross, Diane (MOF)
Subject: Power Dams - Meeting Invitation

Good day. I am writing to follow up on the power dam discussions and to invite you to participate in a teleconference on November 12, 2014.

As indicated during our last meeting on September 16, the re-introduction of property taxation for hydro-electric generating stations is one of the options to be considered as part of our working group discussions.

We would like to schedule a meeting on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 2:30-4:00 p.m.** to have an introductory discussion about the taxation of power dams. This will be an opportunity to identify the range of issues related to taxation and to start the discussion of potential approaches to addressing the issues. A proposed agenda for the meeting is attached.

The teleconference / webinar format seemed to work best for people for the last meeting, and we would like to propose the same format for the November 12th meeting. (I will follow up in a separate e-mail to provide the teleconference dial-in number and the webex link.)

Please confirm your availability with me by return e-mail.

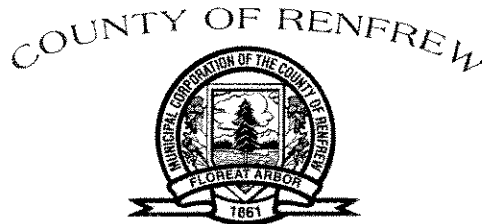
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Power dam GRC comparison with municipal transfers

Year	Property Tax	Water rental	Total	Municipal grant	Difference
2006	\$ 97,457.88	\$ 271,593.44	\$ 369,051.32	\$ 301,152.00	\$ 67,899.32
2007	\$ 113,036.79	\$ 322,899.75	\$ 435,936.54	\$ 320,094.00	\$ 115,842.54
2008	\$ 112,351.84	\$ 321,631.60	\$ 433,983.44	\$ 319,064.00	\$ 114,919.44
2009	\$ 143,382.62	\$ 386,720.77	\$ 530,103.39	\$ 326,263.00	\$ 203,840.39
2010	\$ 66,695.47	\$ 225,245.99	\$ 291,941.46	\$ 327,416.00	\$ (35,474.54)
2011	\$ 86,749.54	\$ 267,582.36	\$ 354,331.90	\$ 335,479.00	\$ 18,852.90
2012	\$ 88,188.87	\$ 270,620.96	\$ 358,809.83	\$ 345,845.00	\$ 12,964.83
2013	\$ 145,024.66	\$ 390,607.61	\$ 535,632.27	\$ 345,845.00	\$ 189,787.27
2014*	\$ 98,595.00	\$ 271,857.00	\$ 370,452.00	\$ 345,845.00	\$ 24,607.00
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October 29, 2014

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
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Dear Honourable Wynne:

RE: POWER DAM SPECIAL PAYMENT PROGRAM

As part of the 2014 Ontario Budget delivered earlier this year, it was announced the Power Dam Special Payment Program would be phased-down to \$14.3 million by 2017. It was also mentioned within the budget document the Province will work with municipalities on ways to implement the phase-down in a manner that is fair and manageable.

Encouraged by your comments made at the AMO Annual Conference in London, Ontario to task the Ministry of Finance to revisit the option of again taxing these Power Dams, staff from the County of Renfrew and the Township of Greater Madawaska participated in a pre-arranged conference call with the Ministry on September 16, 2014.

Unfortunately, it would seem that your direction has not been properly communicated to staff from the Ministry of Finance. During the conference call with Mr. Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance and other departmental staff, they offered two phase-down approaches to the proposed cuts. One option proposed was to alleviate the damage to the most seriously affected municipalities by taking more from the less affected and asked the municipal representatives on the call if this was fair and manageable. How fair and manageable is it to pit municipality against municipality resulting in "winners" and "losers"? The other option proposed was to proportionately reduce every Power Dam Special Payment Program recipient by the same percentage for the years 2015 through to 2017. Again I ask, is this fair and manageable for host municipalities of power dams to lose funding for municipal services such as fire, ambulance and road infrastructure to these locations? I draw the parallel to unpatented crown lands, the majority of which reside within the County of Renfrew, for which we receive no compensation and yet have to provide municipal services to them.

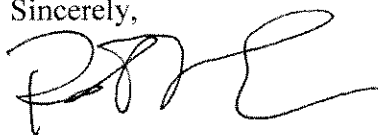
When AMO and municipal representatives on the teleconference call asked about the possibility of again taxing the power dams, Ministry of Finance staff indicated that this matter would not be discussed until some future point in time. When will that future point in time arrive? Municipalities are currently in the process of drafting their 2015 municipal budgets and have already concluded that they cannot take funding away from other municipal program expenditures to address this phase-down created by the Province of Ontario in any way that is fair or manageable.

One option available to the Province of Ontario that is revenue neutral for both the Province of Ontario and the municipal sector would be to phase-in the taxable assessment of power dams for municipal taxation purposes in the same proportion as the proposed phase-down of the Power Dam Special Payment Program.

Another option would be to postpone or completely cancel the decision to scale back the Power Dam Special Payment Program. Local governments need these funds to continue to provide efficient and cost effective services to all ratepayers.

Your positive response to these comments and the need for a permanent and predictable solution which does not increase the financial burden on the municipal sector would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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October 27, 2014

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Dear Premier,

As you will recall two months ago at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, municipalities spoke to you about the challenges that your changes to the Power Dam Special Payment Program would cause. They explained the impact that reducing the payments would have on their budgets and asked that power dams once again be subject to municipal taxes.

During your speech at AMO you told municipalities that this needed to be fixed. In fact during the bear pit at the conference you stated clearly that you had directed finance officials to make taxation part of the discussion.

However, Premier, municipalities tell me the opposite has occurred.

I was recently told by one of the municipalities who will be significantly impacted by the reduction that the Ministry of Finance is pushing ahead with a decrease, but refusing to discuss taxation of the power dams until a later date. Premier, if a solution is to be found it must be done before the reductions occur.

Premier, for many of the 111 municipalities who will face reductions this represents a significant loss of revenue. It is not fair or sensible to put them through this hardship and then try to find a solution at a later date.

I ask you to maintain the Power Dam Special Payment Program payment level until a new sustainable plan is in place and to direct Ministry of Finance officials to ensure that that they are having full and open discussions with municipalities, looking at every option as you committed.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford
PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing



Oct 21/14

Good Morning All:

It has been awhile since we provided an update to all those who have a vested interest in this matter. There have been some developments:

1. The AMO Conference gave great attention to this issue. It was suggested by some, including the Ministry of Finance that this was the number one issue at this year's conference – a job well done by all.
2. The Premier herself, made a commitment that she had requested the Ministry of Finance place the option of re-taxing the power dams back "on the table" for discussion. This was great news and shows that there is an understanding that removing the taxation of these facilities was a grievous error.
3. Coming out of the conference, the Ministry of Finance was organizing a meeting (conference call) to discuss the future of this issue. The assumption was that the commitment by the Premier would be

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discussed.

4. The conference call of the Ministry of Finance Committee or working group occurred on September 16, 2014. The following are the more salient points from that call:
 - a. Mr. Doheny of the Ministry of Finance indicated that the clawback initiative would still move ahead. Further, he also indicated that there would be no discussion on the possible re-taxation of the power dams on this call. He further stated that the re-taxation of the power dams is a complex issue due to reassessment matters and private versus public power dams. Re-taxation would be dealt with at a future time (we should all be reminded that the exemption of the subject power dams came with the stroke of a pen and without any consideration of the effect on municipalities).
 - b. Mr. Doheny continued to profess the great benefits the subject communities have garnered from the OMPF and the upload of social services by the Province. This brought several comments from the participants reminding Mr. Doheny that such conversation has no place when discussing the issue of power dam taxation or the compensating payment system.
 - c. Two options were presented by the Ministry of Finance. Option A would see the grant from each community reduced by an equal percentage (this is the manner in which most were assuming the reduction would occur). Option B would see the clawbacks occur on a weighted basis calculated using a Ministry developed formula. The short of this is that those who are less dependent on these payments would effectively see a larger proportion of their payments reduced while those communities who depend highly on the subject payments would see a smaller reduction in the payments. This sets up winners and losers.
 - d. All communities on the call disagreed with either option and in fact continued to indicate their disagreement with the entire clawback idea. All were of the opinion that the power dams should return to taxation status and at the very least the special payment program should be reinstated to the 2014 levels and adjusted for CPI going forward.
 - e. Matt Wilson of AMO proposed a unique idea that would be cost neutral to the Province. He suggested that the Province could phase-in the taxation of the power dams while phasing out the special payment program. This would cost the Province nothing, maintain the amounts payable to the communities and return the power dams to full assessment basis thereby making them again taxable.
 - f. The Ministry of Finance was interested in hearing from communities on the timing of the subject payments. Historically these payments are not timely and the timing varies from year to year. Many thought that a system of quarterly payments would be the most appropriate way to achieve this.
5. Since the September call there has been complete silence. Many are starting their 2015 budget process and if some indication on a correction of this bad policy is not made, local sacrifices will need to be made.
6. Most communities would have received their OCIF formula based calculation by now. You will note that the exempt power dam assessment has been included as part of the formula. This could negatively affect the amount of your payment – It did in Wawa. Wawa has discussed this matter with MMAH and they are looking into it.

7. Meanwhile the premise that the Provincial Budget was so hard pressed that it needed to clawback \$4.4 million from a multi-billion dollar budget seems to have been a bit of a fantasy. How can the Province justify the continued elimination of taxable property from municipal tax rolls (and the clawback of the compensatory program) when it turns around and gives \$74 million to the Pan Am games? This appears to be a contradictory action.
8. Many communities applied through the Freedom of Information process to obtain information on how much the Province was benefiting from payments it now receives from the power dams in the Province. **All requests have been denied by the Ministry.** One might ask what they have to hide?

To date we have supporting resolutions from about 50 communities and continued support from AMO, FONOM and NOMA. We are hopeful of an additional call with the Ministry of Finance on this issue.

Regards

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October 21, 2014

Honourable Premier:

Re: Power Dam Special Payment Program

The people of Ontario have given you the mandate to effect change and act for the benefit of all Ontarians. As you are already aware, Municipalities in Northern Ontario face different challenges than our neighbours to the south; challenges that continue regardless of election mandates. We need an approach that provides a better long term view, with a realistic approach to possible solutions.

I was given the opportunity to ask you about the claw back in the Power Dam Special Payment Program during the recent AMO Conference in London, Ontario. Your reply of tasking the Ministry of Finance to revisit the option of again taxing these dams was met with cautious optimism by the 111 affected municipalities across the Province. It is with municipalities that property taxation rightfully belongs.

Unfortunately, your message has not been relayed to the Ministry of Finance. During a pre-arranged conference call with the Ministry on September 16, 2014, staff offered a variation on the same (claw back) theme of proposed cuts. They are proposing to alleviate the damage to the most seriously affected communities by taking more from the less affected and calling this fair and manageable. We are 111 communities who feel that we have been robbed of taxation monies and are now being asked to rob each other. It is the age old game of throwing the money on the table, and pitting communities against each other. There has to be a better way to achieve this .000002% savings in your budget. Moreover, when questioned about the possibility of again taxing the power dams, Ministry staff indicated that this matter would not be discussed until some future date – how is this follow through on your commitment?



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September 30th, 2014

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Dear Premier,

I am writing to you requesting that you postpone your decision to scale back The Power Dam Special Payment Program which was announced as part of your 2014 budget earlier this year. With a postponement a methodical analysis to fully understand the negative effects of this decision can be completed.

Given the number of local governments that currently benefit from this program, this decision will disproportionately effect my riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and the people who live within it. According to local media outlets, your actions will deny Renfrew County and 13 local municipalities of over \$400,000 in the next three years. The Greater Madawaska Township will receive \$186,831 less over three years; by 2017 the Township of Head, Clara and Maria will be receiving almost \$25,000 less; Laurentian Hills stands to lose over \$10,000 when the new rates come into effect. The remaining municipalities in my riding will be indirectly hurt by your actions.

The County of Renfrew and its municipalities cannot afford these reductions. Crumbling infrastructure, an aging population, out of control hydro rates, escalating costs for emergency services, and higher insurance premiums has already strained local governments' budgets. Unlike the provincial government, the County and municipalities do not have the revenue tools to counteract this loss of funds. This bad news story also coincides with your claw back of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund—something which AMO has asked you not to do.

On countless occasions you have risen in the House to praise your administration for up-loading programs and costs from municipalities to the provincial government. In your rhetoric you have made this a priority of your government; however, with your actions you have undercut local governments in my riding by reducing the amounts received through The Power Dam Special Payment Program. On the one hand you have made it a

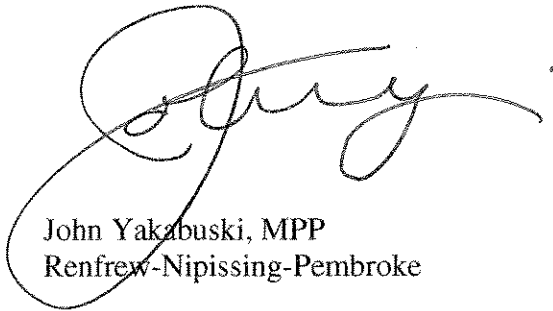


priority of your government to advocate for green energy at a huge cost to Ontario's ratepayers. On the other hand by reducing the amount given from this program you are creating a disincentive for local governments to support hydro-electrical generating stations. Hydro-electrical generation produces no "carbon footprint" and we have abundant water resources in this province.

In light of the growing opposition to what has been called yet another blow to municipalities, I am asking you to reconsider your current plans. The reductions to The Power Dam Special Payment Program creates uncertainty in my riding so I would therefore ask that you conduct a thorough analysis of how fair and stable funding can be provided to counties and townships across all Ontario.

I look forward to you granting this entirely reasonable request from myself and the members of local government from Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Sincerely,



John Yakabuski, MPP
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

Cc: Hon. Charles Sousa – Minister of Finance
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The Town of Arnprior
The Township of Bonnechere Valley
The Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Reglan
The Township of Greater Madawaska
The Township of Head, Claria and Maria
The Township of Horton
The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
The Town of Laurentian Hills
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The Township of McNab-Braeside
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Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

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October 15, 2014

Members' Policy Update- Elliot Lake Inquiry Recommendations Released

Today Commissioner Bélanger released his report on the fatal June 2012 Elliot Lake mall roof collapse. The Inquiry was divided into two parts. The first part was with respect to the structural integrity of the Algo Centre Mall leading up to the collapse and the second part was on the emergency management and response after the collapse. Both parts have potential significant financial and operational implications for municipal governments. AMO was involved in the separate policy roundtables for each part in the fall of 2013.

Bélanger's report is over 1400 pages and contains 71 recommendations. It will take some time to fully review and analyze all of the findings and recommendations. However, for your convenience, we have prepared a [short list of the key recommendations](#) of interest to the municipal sector for each part.

AMO will be working with the Ontario Building Officials Association and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs as well as other municipal staff to understand the recommendations and their potential municipal implications. We also expect to be working closely with the provincial government during their review and consideration of possible new policy, regulations and legislation arising from the Commissioners' report.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur [announced](#) that the Government of Ontario would be immediately acting on three recommendations:

- 1.16: An advisory panel should be established as soon as possible to determine the appropriate classes of buildings, grouped by risk and the consequences of failure, and to make recommendations no later than 12 months from the release of the report. The government also committed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consult with its stakeholders, including municipal partners, on how to move forward with the remaining recommendations that pertain to the Ministry.
- 1.33: Ministry of Labour inspectors should receive more comprehensive training on issues related to structural soundness, watertightness, and building safety.
- The government will also review the Incident Management System doctrine that guides first responders when multiple agencies are involved in the response, and outlines how command is structured. Municipalities and others, including the Office of the Fire Marshal, will be a part of this review.

The Province said today that they are initially accepting [18 of the recommendations](#), many of which fall into matters that are of provincial responsibility and may also have a municipal impact such as improved emergency management communications and coordination. As the Report from the Commission is vast in its scope, the government will undertake a comprehensive review of all the recommendations in consultation with stakeholders including municipalities, industry professional groups and other ministries.

The Commission's recommendation to make the emergency assistance process more efficient and collaborative is an area that municipal governments would be interested in exploring further. Any resources, information, training, record keeping and communications that would improve responses and facilitate intergovernmental cooperation at emergencies would be welcomed by the municipal sector. AMO appreciates the Commission's recognition that funding for emergency assistance

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processes will continue to be a concern to all orders of government. Federal funding also needs to be reinstated since provincial and municipal taxpayers should not shoulder the complete burden of the costs of emergency assistance processes.

AMO members' updates will be provided when further information is available.

It should be noted that there are continuing criminal and civil legal cases from the 2012 Elliot Lake mall tragedy.

The full Report of the Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry (Executive Summary, Part One and Part Two) is available [here](#).

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La version française suit le texte anglais. French text follows.

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Honourable David C. Onley Appointed as Special Advisor

Ontario has appointed The Honourable David C. Onley as a special advisor on accessibility to champion opportunities for people of all abilities in the public and private sectors.

As former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Onley worked tirelessly to increase awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face. As special advisor, he will work closely with Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, to continue breaking down barriers and promote the economic benefits of inclusion and employment of people with disabilities, and championing accessibility across the province.

Giving people of all abilities opportunities to participate fully in everyday life is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

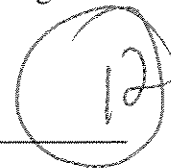
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October 21, 2014

Good Start to New Legislative Session: POA Tools Re-introduced Road Safety Bill

AMO is very pleased to see the road safety legislation introduced today. It combines two previous Bills (34 and 179) and adds a few additional matters. Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act will offer municipal governments and enforcement bodies new road safety tools.

Provincial Offences:

The legislation would deny license plates for unpaid fines for violations such as speeding tickets, careless driving and driving with no insurance. It would also make it easier for municipal governments to pursue out-of-province drivers for offences.

AMO President Gary McNamara said, "We have long pressed for these POA powers, which will help recoup millions of dollars for municipalities and most importantly, will ensure that individuals are held responsible for their actions and that justice is served. AMO is pleased to see this Bill introduced at the start of the new legislative session and we look forward to support from all three parties so that this important legislation can be enacted quickly."

Responsibility for the *Provincial Offences Act* administration, including courts and fine collection, was transferred to municipalities in 1997. This system is used to prosecute non-criminal charges such as traffic offences, trespassing charges and liquor licensing violations. Since the transfer, municipalities have had difficulty collecting many outstanding fines and lacked key enforcement and collection tools. AMO's long standing call for new tools to collect POA fines received the support of all parties.

Road Safety Improvements: Other changes include:

- Increased fines for impaired and drug impaired driving and distracted driving;
- Strengthening the medically unfit drivers program;
- Requiring drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a stopped tow truck;
- Removing the definition of low pressure tires for Off Road Vehicles to give municipalities flexibility in by-laws;
- Requiring drivers to stop at all crosswalks until pedestrians have completely crossed;
- Allowing municipalities to use new pedestrian crossing devices on low volume roads;
- Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station program to improve compliance;
- Improving school bus identification by restricting the colour yellow to school bus use;
- A number of provisions to improve cycling safety which include increased fines for "dooring" of cyclists by drivers; requiring passing vehicles to maintain one meter of distance from cyclists when practicable; allowing municipalities to install contra-flow bicycle lanes and cycle traffic signals; and increased penalties for cyclists that do not comply with lighting requirements.

Next Steps: AMO urges MPPs to pass the Bill quickly and will be seeking their support. We will also continue to work with the Province to complete the provincial-municipal action plan to implement the new tools for POA fine collection.

Link to [MTO announcement](#)

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Dear

Ms. Sonnenburg,

A Community Wish List: to open our hearts that no child, teen, adult or senior in our community will miss the joyous celebration of Christmas

Our North Renfrew community has come together for the past 22 years for the "Community Christmas Basket Program". Some members of our community are not fortunate enough to have all the means associated with Christmas. Financially disadvantaged families and individuals are provided with gift certificates for Christmas dinner and small gifts and toys for their children. Over the years this has developed into a fair, time effective and cost comprehensive program. Many family members have expressed their overwhelming gratitude for this special Christmas gift. Last year we served over 309 individuals (135 families which included 99 children and 210 adults/seniors).

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will again organize this event on behalf of our community. If you have any new ideas, special contributions, or questions, please contact the numbers below.

The success of the Christmas Basket Program for 2014 will once more flourish with the generosity of groups and individuals in our community. Financial contributions will be gratefully received on or before 2014 December 15.

Please contact the Fire Hall in Deep River if you have toys you wish to donate. We are unable to accept stuffed toys due to environmental sensitivities.

Cheques should be made payable to North Renfrew Family Services (Christmas Basket), Box 1334, Deep River, ON KOJ 1PO. Tax receipts are issued for all donations. Cash may be taken to the NRFS office in the Medical Building, 109 Banting Drive.

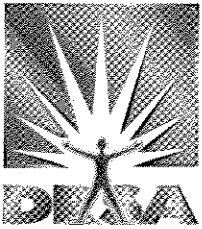
If you require further information, please contact me at 613-584-2897, or North Renfrew Family Services at 613-584-3358 (nrsf@drdh.org).

Yours sincerely,

Lucille Levinski

Lucille Levinski, Chair

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Dear Ms. Reith,

I am writing on behalf of the Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair (RCRSTF), a program of the Deep River Science Academy (charitable registration number 119229615RR0001), to request a donation to support the 2015 fair so we can continue to bring this wonderful opportunity to students across Renfrew County.

Each year we host the Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair where students present science and technology based projects. Those projects are judged and prizes are awarded for experimentation, innovation and study. Students with the most innovative, creative and well-presented projects are then selected by a judging panel of community members to represent Renfrew County at the Canada Wide Science Fair. We are grateful to have sponsors that reward scientific thought in our students, both at the Regional Fair and at the Canada Wide Science Fair. Thank you for the role you play in that support.

In addition to exhibiting the great science projects of the youth of Renfrew County, the fair also has interactive, educational exhibits for the students.

Renfrew County sent 4 student finalists to the 2014 Canada Wide Science Fair in Windsor, Ontario in May. At the fair, the students presented their projects and participated in workshops and activities with high-performing students from across Canada. This is an excellent opportunity for these students to further develop their scientific skills with some of the most talented students from across Canada, and for us to exhibit the great minds being developed here in Renfrew County. And it would not be possible without sponsorship from organizations and people such as you.

The 2015 fair will be held April 10th and 11th at the new Valour School in Petawawa, and is open to Grades 6 to 12 for projects and open to all to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

We would like to invite you to become a sponsor of the 2015 RCRSTF and have enclosed a funding schedule of sponsorship levels to assist you in your consideration.

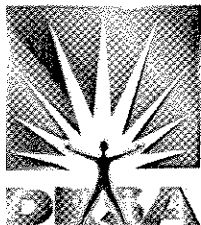
We welcome the opportunity to speak with you at any time. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information on the Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair and the ways in which you can help make it a success in 2015. Or view our website at <http://rcrsf.ca/>. You can also contact me directly at my email address (aidan.leach@rcrsf.ca) or call me at 613-602-3789.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aidan Leach".

Aidan Leach

Fundraising Coordinator, Renfrew County Science & Technology Fair Committee
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2015 SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

2015 Regional Fair Event.....April 10th and 11th, 2015 (Valour School, Petawawa)
Sponsorship notice of intent Date, via E-mail or phoneJanuary 30, 2015
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Trip to Canada Wide Science Fair (\$1,500)

Four sponsorships are available each year to send four local students to participate in the Canada Wide Science Fair. The awards ceremony for the Fair leads up to the announcement of the top projects. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, and are mentioned in the program and in the awards ceremony. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony. Sponsors may also have a display at the fair and bring promotional material.

Total Sponsorship: \$1,500

Sponsorships Available: 4

Grade Six Best Project (\$500)

As grade six projects are not eligible for the Canada Wide Science Fair, there is one sponsorship available each year for best Grade Six Project. The awards ceremony for the fair leads up to the announcement of the top projects. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, and are mentioned in the program. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony.

Total Sponsorship: \$500

Sponsorships Available: 1

Divisional Sponsor (\$800)

The Regional Fair has four divisions in which projects may be entered: Engineering & Computer Science, Health Sciences, Physical & Mathematical Science and Life Sciences. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, their logo is displayed on signage to mark various divisions and are mentioned in the program and in the awards ceremony. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony.

Total Sponsorship: \$800

Sponsorships Available: 4

Judge's Lunch (\$500)

Approximately 40-60 employees of local science-based industry donate their time to judge 75-100 projects on the Saturday of the Fair. Each project is judged three times. The four top projects of the Fair are judged additionally. In exchange for their volunteer time, the fair provides them with a lunch and snacks. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, and are mentioned in the program. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony.

Total Sponsorship: \$500

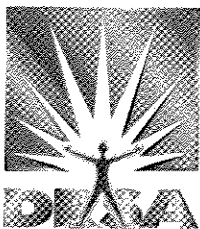
Sponsorships Available: 1

Student's Lunch (\$500)

Approximately 75-125 students take part in the Science Fair each year. As it occurs on a Saturday, and runs from 8:30am to 3:00pm, the fair provides the students with a lunch. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, and are mentioned in the program. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony.

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Science Fair Entertainment (\$700)

There are two judging sessions – one for Divisional award winners and one for Special awards. There is a one hour break in which judges record their scores and prepare for the final round of judging. In this time, the fair provides entertainment for the students in the form of a science show. Sponsors receive recognition on the day of the fair, and are mentioned in the program and in the awards ceremony. Media release contains the name of all sponsors – following the awards ceremony.

Total Sponsorship: \$700

Sponsorships Available: 1

Individual Donations (Any Amount)

The Fair actively seeks donations in any amount to contribute to the costs throughout the year in preparation for the day of the fair. All individual donations are mentioned in the program.

Expenses covered in annual costs include:

- Posters and teacher packages sent to all the schools in Renfrew County.
- Postage for mailing sponsorship request letters, website upkeep for required online registration service.
- Individual donations pay for two adults (required by the Canada Wide Science Fair) to accompany the Renfrew County team to the National Fair.
- The Fair presents trophies, plaques and certificates to those students who win at the Fair. This includes the costs of updating plaques and trophies as well as printing certificates.
- A hall rental fee is required to book the hall for the Friday before the Fair (set-up time) and the Saturday of the Fair.
- Individual donations also help the Fair to cover any additional costs that are not covered by sponsors.

Our Committee is comprised entirely of volunteers and is a mix of educational and industry professionals. We welcome all sponsors to consider being part of our Committee, which meets approximately four times a year for regular meetings, and participates in running the Fair each year.

Receipts Issued

Charitable receipts are issued for any qualifying donation over \$25. Please make cheque payable to the Deep River Science Academy, and indicate donation is for the Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair (RCRSTF)

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KidSport gets into the holiday spirit with third annual Give the Gift of Sport fundraiser
National not-for-profit has given 450,000 Canadian children the gift of sport to-date

Winnipeg – November 18, 2014 – KidSport™ today announced the launch of the third annual Give the Gift of Sport national fundraising campaign. The campaign runs through the holiday season, from November 18, 2014 to January 10, 2015, raising money to provide grants for under-resourced children that will help get Canadian children and youth off the sidelines and into the game So **ALL** Kids Can Play!

"Through Give The Gift of Sport, KidSport encourages Canadians from coast to coast to coast to give back to their local communities, and support families in need this holiday season," said Jamie Ferguson, Chair of KidSport. "At KidSport, we believe that sport participation makes a marked difference in the lives of children. Through the generosity of Canadians, we are able to help more children experience the positive benefits of sport, from physical fitness to self-confidence and teamwork."

Thanks to the kindness of Canadians across the country, children and youth will experience the benefits of sport participation when they discover a season of sport under the tree. Being active in sport improves a child's self-esteem, creates a sense of belonging and increases the likelihood of academic success. A donation of \$250 is enough to enrol a child in a full season of sport this year. Donations can be made to the national fund, or directly to local community chapters.

KidSport provides grants for over 100 different sports to remove the financial barriers that restrict children and youth from participating. With the help of corporate partners like CIBC, Hyundai Canada, Jays Care Foundation, and Sportsnet, our funding partner, Sport Canada and the generosity of donors, KidSport has supported over 450,000 kids play a season of sport.

To learn more about KidSport and Give the Gift of Sport, visit KidSport.com/GiftOfSport or join the conversation on Twitter [@KidSport](https://twitter.com/KidSport), and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KidSport).

About KidSport:

KidSport helps remove the financial barriers that prevent kids from playing sport, by providing assistance for registration fees and sport equipment to children aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process, the national not-for-profit organization provides grants to children from coast to coast enabling them to play a season of sport. Since its creation in 1993, over 450,000 kids across the country have been given the chance to play sport through KidSport grants and sport introduction programming, supported by 178 community chapters across the country.



September 25, 2014

The Honourable Ted McMeekin
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Minister McMeekin:

I am honoured to welcome you to your role as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. We have a strong Cabinet in place, and I am confident that together we will build Ontario up, create new opportunities and champion a secure future for people across our province. The people of Ontario have entrusted their government to be a force for good, and we will reward that trust by working every day in the best interests of every person in this province.

As we implement a balanced and comprehensive plan for Ontario, we will lead from the activist centre. We will place emphasis on partnerships with businesses, communities and people to help foster continued economic growth and make a positive impact on the lives of every Ontarian. This collaborative approach will shape all the work we do. It will ensure we engage people on the issues that matter the most to them, and that we implement meaningful solutions to our shared challenges.

Our government's most recent Speech from the Throne outlined a number of key priorities that will guide your work as minister. Growing the economy and helping to create good jobs are fundamental to building more opportunity and security, now and in the future. That critical priority is supported by strategic investments in the talent and skills of our people, from childhood to retirement. It is supported through the building of modern infrastructure, transit and a seamless transportation network. It is supported by a dynamic business climate that thrives on innovation, creativity and partnerships to foster greater prosperity. And it is reflected across all of our government, in every area, and will extensively inform our programs and policies.

As we move forward with our plan to grow the economy and create jobs, we will do so through the lens of fiscal prudence. Our 2014 Budget reinforces our commitment to balancing the budget by 2017-18; it is essential that every area adheres to the program-spending objectives established in it. We will choose to invest wisely in initiatives that strengthen Ontario's competitive advantage, create jobs and provide vital public services to our families. The President of the Treasury Board, collaborating with the Minister of Finance, will work closely with you and your fellow Cabinet members to ensure that our government meets its fiscal targets. The President of the Treasury Board will also lead the government's efforts on accountability, openness and modernization as we implement new accountability measures across government.

As the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, you will strengthen and support communities across the province. You will work to improve affordable housing and land use planning, protect the environment and agricultural lands, strengthen partnerships with municipal governments, and review provincial policies relating to disaster relief and building codes to ensure that Ontario's communities are safe, connected and able to thrive.

Your ministry's specific priorities include:

Moving Forward on Social and Affordable Housing

- Working to implement the renewed five-year agreement with the federal government on the Investment in Affordable Housing program. As part of this investment, you will improve the availability of suitable, affordable housing for seniors and collaborate with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to expand supportive housing opportunities for people with mental health and addictions issues.

- Continuing to work collaboratively with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, other provinces, territories and municipal partners to call on our federal partners to commit to long-term funding for social and affordable housing.
- Undertaking a review of the Long-term Affordable Housing Strategy by 2015-16 to support Realizing Our Potential, Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy. You will conduct this review, in collaboration with the Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Minister of Community and Social Services, MOHLTC and other relevant ministers. This work will include examining the methods available to measure housing needs and related metrics, and ensuring that the strategy reflects current research and best practices and our goal to end homelessness.

Improving Land Use Planning

- Undertaking initiatives, as the lead minister for Ontario's one-window land use planning system, that will balance the need to support economic growth, protect the environment and improve the province's social well-being.
- Supporting the development of sustainable, transit-friendly complete communities by amending the Planning Act and the Development Charges Act to improve land use planning and encourage smarter growth, with these amendments ensuring respect for local official plans and decision-making, generating more growth-related revenue for transit, requiring that citizen input is considered in the land use planning process and having the effect of reducing the number of applications to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- Leading a review of the scope and effectiveness of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Working with the Attorney General and key stakeholders, you will recommend possible reforms that would improve the OMB's role within the broader land use planning system.

Reviewing Provincial Growth and Greenbelt Plans

- Leading the co-ordinated review of the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plans, working closely with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Transportation and relevant stakeholders. Your goals are to improve alignment across provincial plans and transit investments, and to support planning and development decisions that will create more complete communities across the province, providing options for healthier living and shorter commute times for Ontarians.
- Working to protect prime agricultural lands. You will do so as part of the co-ordinated reviews of provincial land use plans, working with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and in consultation with farmers, municipalities, stakeholders and the public.
- Finalizing the indicators for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and for the Greenbelt Plans to assess the results of the plans' implementation and develop reports to monitor progress toward more complete communities and the achievement of the plans' goals.
- Partnering with municipalities to grow the Greenbelt. You will respond to municipal requests in a timely manner ensuring there is a clear, simple process in place to address requests for further expansion.

Reviewing Municipal Governance

- Undertaking a review of the Municipal Elections Act after the 2014 municipal elections. You will ensure that the act meets the needs of communities, and that it provides municipalities with the option of using ranked ballots in future elections, starting in 2018, as an alternative to first-past-the-post.

Strengthening Partnerships with Municipalities

- Continuing to apply a municipal lens to decisions made across government, ensuring the impact on municipalities is carefully considered.
- Continuing to facilitate the strong relationship between the province and municipalities, including the ongoing implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), as well as the Toronto-Ontario Cooperation and Consultation Agreement. You will consult with AMO and Toronto on matters of mutual interest.
- Working with municipalities outside of these formal agreements to ensure their perspectives are also heard.

Amending the Building Code

- Reviewing the Building Code to continue to ensure buildings are safe, accessible and cost-effective. You will focus on moving Ontario forward as the North American leader in climate-resistant and environmentally efficient construction.
- Amending the Building Code to allow six-storey, wood-frame buildings, which will encourage the construction of mid-rise, mixed-use buildings.
- Considering and implementing, where appropriate, recommendations from the Elliot Lake Public Inquiry, including changes to legislation, regulation, bylaws, policies and procedures that may prevent a similar event in the future.

Reviewing Disaster Response

- Undertaking a review of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program. Your goals are to ensure the program design and criteria reflect current needs in addressing extreme weather events and build upon lessons learned from recent experiences, such as the 2013 ice storm. You will do so in alignment with the comprehensive review of the province's emergency management system by the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Developing a Community Hubs Policy

- Working with the ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, Education, and others, to consult with stakeholders and develop clear government policy on community hubs. This policy will promote efficient use of public assets and build better ties among schools, municipalities and community organizations.

We have an ambitious agenda for the next four years. I know that, by working together in partnership, we can be successful. The above list of priority initiatives is not meant to be exhaustive, as there are many other responsibilities that you and your ministry will need to carry out. To that end, this mandate letter is to be used by your ministry to develop more detailed plans for implementation of the initiatives above, in addition to other initiatives not highlighted in this letter.

I ask that you continue to build on the strong relationships we have with the Ontario Public Service, the broader public sector, other levels of government, and the private, non-profit and voluntary sectors. We want to be the most open and transparent government in the country. We want to be a government that works for the people of this province — and with them. It is of the utmost importance that we lead responsibly, act with integrity, manage spending wisely and are accountable for every action we take.

I look forward to working together with you in building opportunity today, and securing the future for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Wynne
Premier

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Ranked ballot a priority for 2018 civic elections, Kathleen Wynne says

Premier Kathleen Wynne has ordered her municipal affairs minister to give Ontario cities the option of using ranked ballots in the 2018 civic election.



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By: Robert Benzie Queen's Park Bureau Chief, Published on Tue Sep 30 2014

Premier Kathleen Wynne has ordered her municipal affairs minister to give Ontario cities the option of using ranked ballots in the 2018 civic elections.

In her mandate letter to Ted McMeekin, Wynne spells out the importance of leading “from the activist centre” with democratic reforms.

“We will place emphasis on partnerships with businesses, communities and people to help foster continued economic growth and make a positive impact on the lives of every Ontarian,” the premier wrote.

“This collaborative approach will shape all the work we do. It will ensure we engage people on the issues that matter the most to them, and that we implement meaningful solutions to our shared challenges.”

Significantly, Wynne has instructed McMeekin to begin “a review of the Municipal Elections Act after the 2014 municipal elections” next month.

“You will ensure that the act meets the needs of communities, and that it provides municipalities with the option of using ranked ballots in future elections, starting in 2018, as an alternative to first-past-the-post,” she wrote.

Ranked-ballot system

In a ranked-ballot system, voters cast ballots for preferred candidates — 1 for their favourite, 2 for their second choice, 3 for their third and so on — instead of for just one candidate.

If no one receives 50 per cent of the No. 1 votes, an instant run-off is held so the last-place candidate drops off the ballot and their second choice votes are allocated to the surviving candidates.

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The process continues until a candidate wins a simple majority of 50 per cent plus one.

Proponents argue it is more democratic, curbs vote-splitting, and leads to less polarizing politics because candidates run less negative campaigns over fears of alienating potential second-choice supporters.

Dave Meslin, head of Ranked Ballot Initiative of Toronto, praised Wynne for keeping a campaign promise to revamp the system.

"Voters would have a lot more choice," said Meslin, noting if the ranked ballot system were in place in the current Toronto mayoral contest former "candidates like David Soknicki and Karen Stintz would likely still be in the race."

"There would be no talk of strategic voting. It's a real shame for people to be told before an election to be told not to vote for the person they want."

Meslin pointed out that all political parties already effectively select their leaders using a ranked ballot — Wynne needed support from backers of her rivals to win the 2013 Liberal leadership race.

"It's not as if run-off voting is a foreign concept in Canada. (Candidates) tend to be more cordial to each other because they want to build second-place support of their opponents' supporters," he said.

Opposed to the change

Those opposed to the change warn ranked ballots can be confusing for voters — even though under the current "first-past-the-post" system, candidate routinely win with far less than 50 per cent of the vote.

Prior to the June 12 provincial election, there were two private member's bills on the democratic reform winding their way through the legislature — one from Liberal Mitzie Hunter (Scarborough-Guildwood), who is now pensions minister, and the other proposed by New Democrat Jonah Schein (Davenport), who lost his seat.

Hunter's bill would have allowed Toronto council to adopt a ranked ballot system for choosing the mayor and city councillors and would have taken effect next year — in time for the 2018 municipal vote.

Schein's legislation would have to let the city adopt "an alternative voting system for the election of a member of city council, including the mayor."

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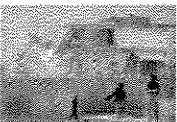
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Province to consider changes to conflict of interest law

Sharp criticism in the wake of cases involving Rob Ford and Hazel McCallion prompts Ontario to review the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

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The Mississauga Inquiry followed reports by the Star in 2009 on Hazel McCallion's involvement in her son's company's plans for a downtown hotel/convention centre.

By: San Grewal Urban Affairs Reporter, Published on Thu Nov 06 2014

Following elections dominated by scandals in cities such as Brampton, Toronto and London, the province's conflict of interest law could finally get its first significant update in almost 40 years.

The provincial government has confirmed that it is looking at changing the law.

Last year, a Divisional Court judge overturned a lower court ruling that would have turfed Toronto Mayor Rob Ford from office under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, after Ford took part in a vote on whether he should have to pay back \$3,150 in donations he improperly solicited for his football charity.

In 2013, a judge also dismissed conflict charges under the Act against Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion, after she voted on a decision that could have saved her son's development company as much as \$11 million in development charges.

In both cases, the law was heavily criticized: In Ford's case for being too black or white, because the only punishment under the MCIA for knowingly breaking the law is removal from office, regardless of how minor the conflict. And in McCallion's case, because the law demands that a private citizen must bear the burden of bringing a case before the courts, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It also came under strong scrutiny in 2011, when Justice Douglas Cunningham released his report on a judicial inquiry into McCallion's behind-the-scenes lobbying for a failed \$1.6-billion development by her son's company. He cleared her largely because of the narrow scope of the Act, but called for sweeping changes to laws that govern municipal politicians, including the MCIA. His recommendations were ignored at the time.

"The Ministry is reviewing the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and is considering Justice Cunningham's recommendations," said Mark Cripps, a spokesperson for the

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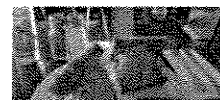
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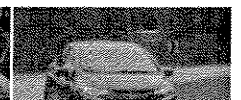
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The news will come as a welcome surprise to many who work in the field of municipal governance.

"There seems to be a huge gaping hole in the MCIA," lawyer John Mascarin, who specializes in municipal government conflicts, said Thursday, shortly before the ministry told the Star about its review of the Act. Mascarin said the Act is often presented in cases as a "complete code".

"Justice Cunningham found the complete opposite. It's not a complete code." Mascarin used McCallion's case as an example.

The existing Act, Cunningham pointed out, can let a politician off the hook even if she is in a clear conflict in her behaviour outside city hall, as long as she declares a conflict when council deals with the issue.

Cunningham found McCallion broke "common law principles" for her aggressive backroom lobbying on behalf of her son's company, but because he had to follow the letter of the Act, she was cleared because she declared a conflict when the development came before city council.

Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin called the lack of action till now sad. He said Cunningham's work was "collecting dust" instead of being acted on.

Marin is awaiting the passage of Bill 8, which would give him new powers to deal with complaints against municipal politicians.

The ministry's announcement comes after several cities across Ontario have been rocked by scandals involving elected officials.

"Now would be the perfect time (to adopt Cunningham's recommendations), especially having seen what's happened with a lot of these councils over the last four years," Mascarin said.

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Dear Mrs. Reith

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited is advising the Townships of Head, Clara and Maria of an important milestone for Canada's premier nuclear science and technology organization. When business opens on November 3, 2014 the experience, expertise and facilities you have long associated with Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) will now be offered through a new organization – Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), a wholly owned subsidiary of AECL.

In 2013, the Government of Canada engaged in a collaborative procurement process with industry, seeking to implement a Government-owned, Contractor-operated (GOCO) model for the management of AECL's Nuclear Laboratories division.

Under this new management model, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories will focus on three key objectives:

- Management of Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities accumulated during the more than 60 years of nuclear research and development at the Chalk River and Whiteshell Laboratories.
- Ensuring that Canada's world-class nuclear science and technology capabilities and knowledge continue to support the federal government in its nuclear roles and responsibilities — from health protection and public safety to security and environmental protection.
- Providing access to industry to address its need for in-depth nuclear science and technology expertise.

The stand up of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories is one step in the ongoing restructuring process, a process which is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

Canada is renowned worldwide for the provision of innovative nuclear science and technology; Canadian Nuclear Laboratories builds on that pedigree. More so, looking to the future, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories will be actively working to strengthen existing relationships and forge new ones with government, with industry, and with academia.

The Corporate Communications team and I will continue to provide you and your organization with information about the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the restructuring process going forward. You will continue to see us in the community at various tradeshow and stakeholder meetings throughout the Ottawa Valley. Our new website www.cnl.ca will be live on November 3.



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We will continue to publish our quarterly newsletter CONTACT, with the first CNL edition to be distributed in early November to over 50,000 homes in the Pontiac and Renfrew Counties. For more information on the ongoing restructuring process please visit: www.AECL.ca/Restructuring.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly. My new contact information - effective November 3 – is provided; please take a moment and update your files.



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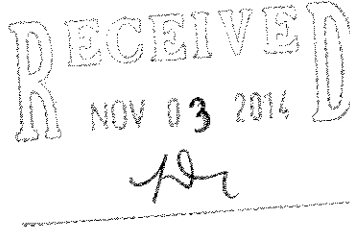
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Ms. Tammy-Lea Stewart, Reeve
Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
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Dear Reeve Stewart:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) 2014 Annual Financial Report, which was approved by the House of Commons and Senate on October 6, 2014.

The Annual Financial Report highlights how AECL has provided significant value to Canada and its citizens in the past year as a strategic part of Canada's national science and technology infrastructure and national innovation system.

Overall, AECL successfully delivered against its plan, on budget and on schedule, while meeting the expectations of our customers and stakeholders. Among the many accomplishments this fiscal year, 2013-2014 highlights include:

- AECL completed the \$450 million Phase 2 of the Nuclear Legacy Liabilities Program (NLLP) with a 93 per cent achievement rate of the committed milestones, 2 per cent under budget.
- AECL executed an \$82 million capital program to revitalize infrastructure at its Chalk River site. This work included the renovation and construction of AECL's new Hydrogen Isotope Technology Laboratory and approval to move forward with the construction of AECL's new high-performance research laboratory complex.
- AECL signed an agreement with BTG that leverages facilities within the NRU reactor to produce BTG's powerful liver cancer therapy, Therasphere®.
- AECL signed an agreement with an industrial partner to develop technologies for tritium-powered batteries that generate greater power outputs than are currently available.
- Isotopes produced by AECL enabled the delivery of approximately 4.5 million medical diagnostics and an estimated 14 million medical treatments for patients in Canada and around the world.
- AECL established a new Business Development Framework to drive business growth and to prepare for a smooth transition to its new management model.

Should you have any questions or require more detail on any aspects of the document, I invite you to contact me at (613) 584-3311, ext. 43417.

Regards,

Patrick Quinn
Director, Corporate Communications



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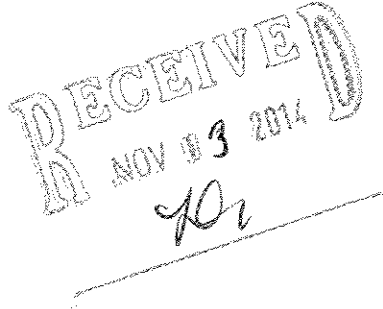
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In 2013, the Government of Canada began a procurement process, to implement a Government-owned, Contractor-operated (GOCO) model for the management of AECL's Nuclear Laboratories. The stand up of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories is an important step in the journey to complete this restructuring.

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories has three missions:

- Manage Canada's radioactive waste and decommissioning responsibilities accumulated during the more than 60 years of nuclear research and development.
- Ensure that Canada's world-class nuclear science and technology capabilities and knowledge continue to support the federal government in its nuclear roles and responsibilities — from health protection and public safety to security and environmental protection.
- Provide services to industry to address its need for in-depth nuclear science and technology expertise on commercial terms.

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Nuclear Laboratories will be actively working to strengthen existing relationships and forge new ones with government, with industry, and with academia.

The subsidiary is being created now to prepare for the final step in the process, scheduled for the summer/fall of 2015. At that time, the Government of Canada intends to award a multi-year contract to a private sector consortium – the GOCO contractor - that will operate the Nuclear Laboratories according to the terms of the contract. The Nuclear Laboratories' facilities, Intellectual Property and liabilities will remain AECL. With the award of this contract, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories will be transferred to its new private sector owner, the GOCO contractor.

During this transition period, I will serve as the President and CEO of both the parent Crown corporation, AECL, and its subsidiary, CNL.

More information on the ongoing restructuring process can be found at www.AECL.ca/Restructuring. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly. My new contact information - effective November 3 – is provided below; please take a moment and update your files.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



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Municipal Council Education Program

As an elected official you face a number of challenges. The demanding arena of municipal politics requires you to continuously expand your knowledge and skills to keep current.

The Municipal Council Education Program (MCEP) offers a selection of in-class and online professional development courses for new and returning Elected Officials in 2014/2015.

All in-class courses can also be offered as customized in-house sessions for individual councils and municipal staff. Please contact AMO Events for details at events@amo.on.ca or 416.971.9856.

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X Heads of Council

Who it's for:

This course is open to Heads of Council (Mayors, Reeves, Wardens).

Dates and Locations:

November 21, 2014: Kingston

November 22, 2014: Orillia

November 28, 2014: Temiskaming Shores

November 29, 2014: Sudbury

December 6, 2014: London

Course Details:

Sessions are full-day starting at 8 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Course Cost:

\$472.50 plus HST (\$533.93)

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be made in writing to events@amo.on.ca no later than 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the course. Cancellations will be refunded less an administration fee of \$75 plus HST (\$84.75)

What will you learn:

A broad portfolio of leadership skills is essential for any successful leader. This interactive full-day session is designed to hone your existing skills and to help you develop new ones. You will gain insight into some familiar material through the lens of your own expanded experience as the leader of Council, and also review, with your peers, recent developments in the sector as they relate to your role.

Course content includes:

- Leadership style assessment
- Understanding the job description
- Leadership in the municipal context
- Challenges of municipal leaders
- A strategic planning primer
- Taking control in a crisis
- Communication Skills
- Working with the public, other levels of government and staff.

X Councillor Training 101

Who it's for:

Councillor Training 101 is designed for councillors who are newly elected and for those who are more experienced but need to refresh their knowledge.

Dates and Locations:

January 23, 2015: London
January 28, 2015: Owen Sound
January 30, 2015: Orillia
February 4, 2015: Cornwall
February 6, 2015: Kingston
February 11, 2015: Dryden
February 13, 2015: Thunder Bay
February 18, 2015: Renfrew
February 20, 2015: Peterborough
March 3, 2015: Sault Ste. Marie
March 6, 2015: GTA
March 11, 2015: Timmins
March 13, 2015: North Bay
March 18, 2015: St. Catharines
March 20, 2015: Burlington
March 26, 2015: London

Course Cost:

\$420 plus HST (\$474.60)

Cancellation Policy:

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What will you learn:

This full-day in-class intensive course covers:

- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Your role as a Member of Council
 - Responsibilities of the Head of Council
 - The role of Municipal Staff
- Councillors as Individuals
 - Personal liability, including Municipal Conflict of Interest update
 - Accountability and Transparency Legislation Update
 - Criminal Code Provisions
- Closed Meeting reviews and Investigations update
- Senior Government Challenges for 2014 and Municipal Implications
- Municipal Finance: The Basics
 - Fiscal Challenges for the new council term
 - New financial reporting and Asset Management implications
- Qs and As

Course Details:

Councillor Training 101 sessions are held back-to-back with the Personal Responsibilities course in all locations.

Sessions are full-day starting at 8 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

X Personal Responsibilities

Who it's for:

Personal Responsibilities is open to all Municipal Elected Officials, regardless of experience.

Dates and Locations:

January 24, 2015: London
January 29, 2015: Owen Sound
January 31, 2015: Orillia
February 5, 2015: Cornwall
February 7, 2015: Kingston
February 12, 2015: Dryden
February 14, 2015: Thunder Bay
February 19, 2015: Renfrew
February 21, 2015: Peterborough
March 4, 2015: Sault Ste. Marie
March 7, 2015: GTA
March 12, 2015: Timmins
March 14, 2015: North Bay
March 19, 2015: St. Catharines
March 21, 2015: Burlington
March 27, 2015: London

Course Cost:

\$420 plus HST (\$474.60)

Cancellation Policy:

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What will you learn:

Citizens across Ontario are increasing their scrutiny of councils and individual members. Couple this with the shift in personal obligations under the Safe Drinking Water Act it is time to learn how to protect your reputation, your personal finances and your political legacy.

Course content includes:

- Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002
- Oath of Office
- Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- Codes of Conduct
- Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act (Violence and Harrassment in the Workplace), 2009
- Procedure By-Law Behaviour
- Legislative Protection for Members (Municipal Act sections 45, 279, 283, 448(1); MCIA section 14)
- The role of the Municipal Solicitor
- and more...

Course Details:

Personal Responsibilities sessions are held back-to-back with the Councillor Training 101 course in all locations.

Sessions are full-day starting at 8 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

X The Meetings Series

Who it's for:

All those who actively participate in meetings from members of council to municipal staff.

Dates and Locations:

April 17, 2015: Kingston

April 18, 2015: Peterborough

April 24, 2015: Thunder Bay

April 25, 2015: London

May 1, 2015: Temiskaming Shores

May 2, 2015: Orillia

Course Details:

Sessions are full-day starting at 8 a.m. and concluding at 4:30 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Course Cost:

\$420 plus HST (\$474.60)

Cancellation Policy:

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What will you learn:

Chairing and participating in meetings effectively places challenges and opportunities in front of you. How you conduct yourself and how you prepare for these meetings can determine how you actively engage as a participant. This course focusses on how to improve the planning of a meeting, how to chair a meeting and will also aim to increase your success in participating in meetings

Municipal meetings are unique. This course will look beyond generic tips and tricks and will look at your municipal needs to run effective open and closed meetings.

Course content includes:

- Principles of successful meetings
- Planning meetings
- Meeting agendas
- Roles and responsibilities
- Procedure By-Law
- Closed Meetings
- and more..

X MCEP Registration Form

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per registrant. Payment MUST accompany registration. Please fax registration form to 416.971.9372		
First Name	Last Name	
Title	Municipality	
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City	Province	Postal Code
Phone	Fax	E-mail

Session Title	Please indicate location preference	Cost	Final Cost
Heads of Council		\$472.50 + HST	\$533.93
Council Training 101		\$420 + HST	\$474.60
Personal Responsibilities		\$420 + HST	\$474.60
The Meetings Series		\$420 + HST	\$474.60
Total to be submitted:			

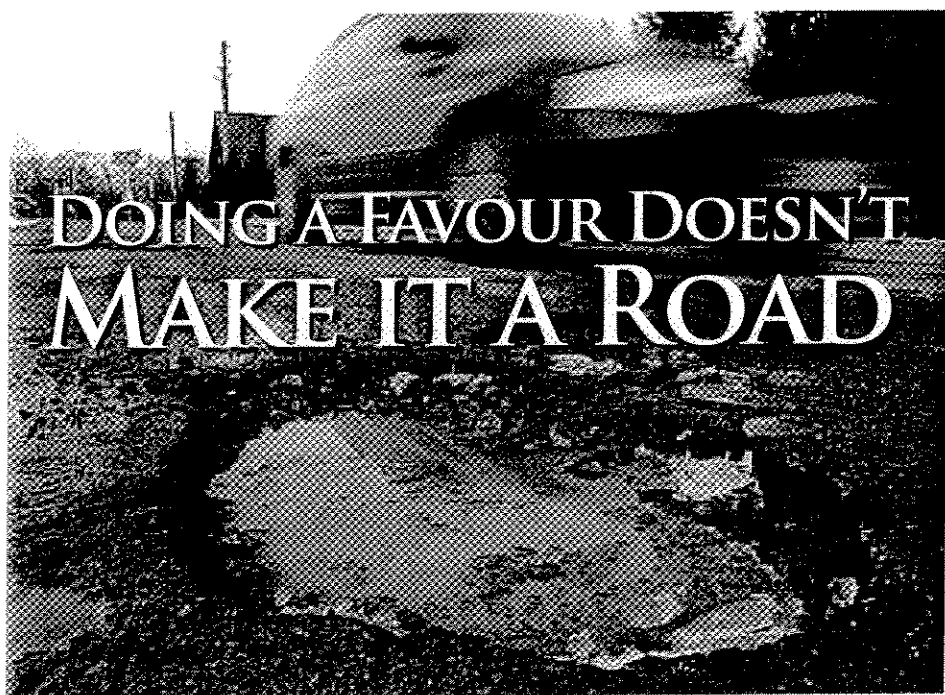
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By completing this registration form you are providing the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) with consent to send information on all activities related to current and future courses under the Municipal Council Education Program. If you wish to no longer receive information from AMO on this program please contact events@amo.on.ca to unsubscribe.

LEGAL MATTERS

POINTS OF INTEREST FOR MUNICIPAL LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS



NO DOCTRINE OF NON- CONFORMING LIGHTS

The Court of Appeal recently upheld an order issued by the City of Waterloo requiring a property owner to change their existing lighting to conform to the City's Property Standards by-law.

The Court of Appeal found that the by-law was not retrospective in effect. The by-law did not seek to penalize for past brightness violations but rather required that going forward, all properties comply with the new light standard. Although there was no evidence that the respondent had any vested right in the lighting as it existed before the standard was enacted, the court determined that even if it had, the by-law clearly demonstrated the intent to affect such rights.

The court also held that the order was not overly broad as it was possible to discern an objective standard by which compliance and enforcement could be measured. To make the standard clear, the word likely was read into the by-law and the respondent was ordered to redirect its external lighting so that it was "not likely to cause light to disturb adjacent inhabitants, trespass onto another property, or shine directly into a dwelling unit."

No one has a legal right to maintain a property in a state that becomes illegal under a property standards by-law. There is no non-conforming right to keep lights or other aspects of a property as they were once a new standard is enacted. ■

The Court of Appeal recently reiterated that the threshold for proving municipal assumption of responsibility for a road is quite high. The Court found that notwithstanding that the municipality was the registered owner of the road, and that it had been referred to as a "public highway" in deeds dating as far back as 1911, the applicant had failed to prove that the municipality had ever assumed responsibility for maintenance.

The Court noted that dedication and assumption requires an applicant to establish three things: that the road was dedicated by the owner for public use; that it became open to the public; and that the municipality demonstrated a clear and unequivocal intention to accept and assume responsibility for the road. If no assumption by-law exists, it can be inferred from regular improvements or maintenance work performed by the municipality, or carried out at its expense.

However, irregular maintenance or repairs that are trivial or infrequent are not sufficient to establish a public highway.

In this instance, although there was evidence that the municipality had maintained the road for use by a permanent resident for over 60 years, the trial judge found that the evidence of infrequent, unplanned and sporadic measures taken by the municipality during this time pointed to municipal courtesy extended to a long time resident rather than to an intention to assume.

This is a very important case for rural municipalities with an extensive network of private roads, unmaintained municipal roads, seasonally maintained roads and other less than straightforward situations. This case, from Ontario's highest court, is an affirmation of the notion that sporadic or occasional acts of maintenance in the past do not forever obligate a municipality to maintain private roads in the future. ■



BY-LAW UN-BEAR-ABLE, BUT VALID

The Court of Appeal upheld the principle that municipal by-laws are presumed to be valid and enacted in good faith (and implicitly confirmed that some by-laws are necessary to protect people from themselves). The Township of Seguin sought a permanent injunction against a resident who continued to defy a by-law against feeding bears. The Township's application was supported by evidence demonstrating that the resident was feeding area bears by hand.

In granting the injunction, the Court noted that municipalities are permitted to enact by-laws within the sphere of authority conferred by the Municipal Act, so long as it is done in good faith and not for an improper purpose.

The court rejected the argument that council acted in bad faith because it had done no study or investigation to support the need for the by-law. In the absence of bad faith the court will not review the wisdom of enacting the by-law.

Moreover, as municipalities are not courts, good faith does not require that evidence of actual harm be placed before a council prior to enacting a by-law. The court ruled that the by-law was motivated by a concern that "intentional human artificial feeding of bears causes an escalation in a threat to public health, safety and wellbeing" and as such the by-law was on its face within the Township's power to enact.

While there may be other circumstances where council needs more information before it to demonstrate that it was acting within its authority, in this case the court did not need to consider the wisdom of hand-feeding bears; that was self-evident. ■



TERMINATION OF BENEFITS NOT DISCRIMINATION

A recent case at the Human Rights Tribunal found that exemptions contained in the Human Rights Code (Code) permitting discriminatory treatment on the basis of age were appropriate. Mr. Karta was a firefighter who had been receiving long term disability. Upon reaching the age of 65, his benefits were terminated in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Section 25(2.1) of the Code permits discrimination on the basis of age provided it is in compliance with the Employments Standards Act (ESA). Although s. 44(1) of the ESA generally prohibits differential treatment by an employer on the basis of age, the regulations do in fact permit it in the context of long-term disability plans. The applicant argued that this exemption had the effect of forcing employees into retirement, which has been held to be discriminatory.

The Tribunal dismissed the application as having no reasonable prospect of success, finding that the termination of the applicant's benefits fell squarely within the exemption permitted by the ESA and therefore by the Code. The tribunal further noted that its role was to interpret the provisions of the Code and not to rewrite them. While this is a narrow exception, it is an important one for municipalities, as employers, to be aware of. ■