

December 9, 2016

Sent via email

To: Ontario Municipalities

#### Re: Richmond Hill Resolution - A Bank for Everyone – Support Postal Banking

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on November 28, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

- a) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to review the Banking Act to allow postal banking at Canada Post;
- b) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to amend the Canada Post Act of 1981 to allow postal banking at Canada Post;
- c) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking as a service, with a mandate for financial inclusion either as a stand-alone bank or in cooperation with other financial organizations which may include the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC);
- d) That the Town of Richmond Hill call on the federal government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking, with a mandate for financial inclusion;
- e) That Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- f) And further, that Council direct staff to forward this resolution to:
  - 1. Leona Alleslev, Member of Parliament, Richmond Hill, Ontario 12820 Yonge Street, Suite 202, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4E 4H1, Canada;
  - 2. Majid Jowhari, Member of Parliament (Richmond Hill) 9140 Leslie Street, Unit 407 Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 0A9, Canada;
  - 3. Clark Somerville, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3;
  - 4. Other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available;

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- 5. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1, 11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5;
- 7. Mike Palecek, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3.

In accordance with Council's directive, please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed member motion.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk, at 905-771-8800.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen M.A. Huycke Director of Council Support Services/Town Clerk

#### Attachment

cc: Leona Alleslev, Member of Parliament - Richmond Hill Majid Jowhari, Member of Parliament- Richmond Hill Clark Somerville, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Mike Palecek, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers



# MEMBER MOTION

### Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole $\Box$ Council X
Meeting Date:	November 28, 2016
Subject/Title:	A bank for everyone – Support postal banking
Submitted by:	Councillor Muench

Whereas the Federal Government's Canada Post Review will conclude, in the spring of 2017, with the government announcing decisions on the future of Canada Post, including whether or not to create a new service and revenue stream through postal banking;

Whereas there is an urgent need for this service because thousands of rural towns and villages do not have a bank;

Whereas nearly two million Canadians desperately need alternatives to high interest charging payday lenders including our residents in Richmond Hill;

Whereas postal banking helps keep post offices viable and financial services accessible in many parts of the world;

Whereas postal banking has the support of over 600 municipalities and close to two-thirds of Canadians (Stratcom poll, 2013);

Whereas residents and businesses of Richmond Hill rely on mail service and see postal banking as an opportunity to improve the financial position of Canada Post while allowing the organization to continue its important service to Canadians including Richmond Hill without subsidy;

Whereas small business in Richmond Hill and throughout Canada require more and different forms of banking services to assist in venture capital growth as well as other financial needs currently not being serviced;

Whereas the Federal Government has prioritized, communicated, promoted, encouraged and challenged Canadians to be innovative, postal banking will allow customers of Canada Post to have access to banking services that will enhance productivity and quality of life for all stakeholders;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

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  - iv) Other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available;
  - v) The Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
  - Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1, 11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5;
  - vii) Mike Palecek, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3.

#### Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by:



# Township of Addington Highlands



November 28, 2016

The Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria 15 Township Hall Road Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Resolution regarding the Provincial Policy Statement & County of Renfrew Official Plan

Please be advised that at their November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Addington Highlands resolved to support your resolution requesting that the Province seriously consider amending the Provincial Policy Statement and direction to municipalities to create Official Plans and Zoning By-laws which "shall be consistent with" the Provincial Policy Statement due to the negative impact on the lives and livelihoods or rural Ontarians.

I trust that you will find this letter of support satisfactory.

Yours truly,

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Christine Reed Clerk-Treasurer

cc The Honourable Kathleen Wynne - email: premier@ontario.ca
Honourable Bill Mauro – Minister of Municipal Affairs – <u>bmauro.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org</u>
Randy Hillier, MPP Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington – <u>randy.hillier@pc.ola.org</u>

#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: Crystal Fischer <hcminfocfischer@gmail.com> Monday, January 9, 2017 10:06 AM hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com FW: Intended for Councillors and Mayor - Heritage Apples of Renfrew County

Fyi...

From: Sher Leetooze [<u>mailto:sher.leetooze@gmail.com</u>] Sent: January 2, 2017 12:18 PM To: <u>hcminfocfischer@gmail.com</u> Subject: Intended for Councillors and Mayor - Heritage Apples of Renfrew County

**Councillors and Mayors:** 

I am writing to all of you because you each have a different knowledge base, residential base and acquaintances, and you know all the important people in your township/ward - all of which just might help me to reach my goal....

I am researching and writing a book about "Identifying Heritage Apples Across Ontario, A book for foragers and apple lovers."

I am now working on the last of my resources, the people in charge of and in the know about the townships across this province-you guys! The fair boards have no records of who won prizes for their apples in the years prior to WW2. Apparently, the lists of prize winners was thrown out as soon as the money was paid out. There goes part of our agricultural heritage, right in the round file!!! The Ministry of Agriculture says they have no records of who was growing apples and what varieties in the pre-war years. The Ontario Archives has the reports of the township/county ag. reps, but these have not been microfilmed and are not for interlibrary loan. The various experimental stations across the province say records of who took seedlings or scions for experimental growing were not kept. I am concentrating on the pre-war years because this is when most of the abandon apple orchards that we find today originated. Some trees, like Russets or Tolman Sweets are much older, and could be nearly 100 years old (they live a long, long time!)

I have been going through all the newspapers online trying to find mention of the fair results from each area, but there are so few newspapers digitized that I can do only a very small portion of the province this way.

The whole idea of this book is to identify heirloom apples, township by township, county by county from one end of the province to the other. Each part of the province has its own eco-system and the growing conditions of these areas each demand that a different variety of apple(s) be grown to suit those conditions. I know what apples were grown across the province, mostly from early reports from the Fruit Growers Association and from early prize lists from the Provincial Fair/CNE from their records (no prize winners, however). But, I need to know what variety was grown in each township, and these could vary from township to township depending on many factors - adjacent to water (temporate effects), elevation, soil type, others.... and from county to county, even though they are right next door to one another.

I am hoping that each of you will know someone who knows about the heritage apples in your township/ward - "Oh, yes, old Mr. so-n-so used to grow XXXX variety" That's the stuff I need!

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I have photos of all the old varieties, I have data about all the old varieties, now I need to know where each was grown, so that foragers and other interested people who find an abandon apple (some people call them wild apples, but that's a whole different matter - also looked at in the book), can look it up in the book, and say, "I've got a Wolf River here in my hand" or whatever it turns out to be.

Since I started this research about 1 year ago, I have found so many people who go out in the fall to collect "wild" apples. At my booth at the Oshawa Spring Home and Garden Show this past year I was inundated with people trying to ask questions about the old apple tree they know. One lady brought me an apple from her tree to identify (which I was able to do, by the way). She nearly hugged the stuffin' out of me! So I know there is a deep interest in this right across the province, and I need your help to make the data in my book as relevant as possible.

I would like to go to press with my book the first of March or a week or so earlier if possible, so a reply from you asap would be greatly appreciated. Councillors right across Ontario are getting this same e-mail, so I hope you can all assist me - you are my last bastion of knowledge! And I do so look forward to your replies!

Sincerely,

Sher Leetooze,

Bowmanville, Ontario

p.s. - I have been writing about local and Canadian history for 22 years. Please see my website for a list of the books I've written: <u>http://lm-jassociates.webs.com</u>

#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Sent:	Johanna Echlin <j.echlin@sympatico.ca> Sunday, January 8, 2017 8:36 PM</j.echlin@sympatico.ca>
To:	Mayor David Reid; Walter Stack, Reeve; Mayor Joan Lougheed; Glenn Doncaster, Reeve; Mayor John Reinwald; Anne Giardini, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Bob Sweet; Tom Mohns, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Don Eady; Peter Emon, Reeve; Mayor Michael Donohue; Robert
	Dick, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Jim Gibson; Mayor Jim Gibson; Melinda Reith, Mun.Clerk; Mayor Robert Kingsbury; Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Steve Bennett; Debbie Robinson, Reeve; Mayor Tom Peckett; Brian Armsden, Deputy Mayor; Lindsey A. Parks, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Hal Johnson; Terry Millar, Reeve; Mayor Michael LeMay; Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Jim Watson; Mayor Guy Desjardins; Helen Collier, D.G.;
	Mayor Jeanne Charlebois; Mayor Robert Kirby; Linda Rozon, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Fernand Dicaire; Marc Daigneault, CAO
Cc:	Michele Kaulbach; Joann McCann
Subject:	CNL at Chalk River & Radioactive Waste Disposal
Attachments:	CNL Chalk River 5 January 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00468.htm; RadioactiveWaste4January2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00471.htm

#### To: Mayors (and other officials), Ottawa River, Ontario

In July 2016, our association, Old Fort William Cottagers' Association in the Municipality of Sheenboro in Pontiac County, formed a sub-committee regarding the proposals and activities of CNL (Canadian Nuclear Laboratories) at Chalk River, Ontario. We have focused on CNL's proposal for a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) for the permanent disposal of low and intermediate-level radioactive waste at Chalk River. In May 2016 the formal process for the environmental assessment was launched.

We are contacting you because the project for the NSDF could have serious implications for all of your constituents. CNL at Chalk River is on the banks of the Ottawa River and is only 10 km upriver from the Municipality of Sheenboro and not far from your community. We believe that the health and well-being of citizens living along the river and depending on the river risk being compromised by this project at Chalk River.

We strongly urge you to consult the attached document which will give you considerable background information. We have spent months researching and consulting with experts in its preparation. It points out the concerns of many scientists about the proposal. The links provided offer an opportunity for further reading.

Please ensure that the citizens in your community are fully aware of this project. Consider joining with our association and the Municipality of Sheenboro in opposing radioactive waste being brought to Chalk River from other locations for disposal. Make your opinions known to your MP, MPP and local media. Time is crucial as important decisions will be made this year. Public input in the environmental assessment process is essential.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,





January 9, 2017

The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education Queen's Park 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mowat Block 900 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 1L2 **VIA MAIL & EMAIL** 

Dear Minister Hunter:

#### Re: Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process

Please be advised that at the meeting held on December 20, 2016, the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee adopted the following resolution in response to a Deputation from Ms. Norah Brien (see attached):

RESOLUTION #553/16: Isbester & Schenk

WHEREAS the current Accommodation Review Process is not reflective of the reality of rural school and community life;

AND WHEREAS school closures impact single-school small rural communities in all educational, social and economic aspects to a far greater degree than those impacts in multi-school urban communities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Greater Napanee requests the Minister of Education initiate an immediate moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process until such time as a review of the above mentioned impacts on small rural communities can be studied, completed and the results and recommendations be considered; AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, MPP Randy Hillier, Minister of Infrastructure, Limestone District School Board, Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, Community School Alliance, County of Lennox & Addington and all municipalities in Ontario.

As a result of a recorded vote, the resolution was declared......CARRIED.

Council appreciates your immediate attention to this request.

Correspondence to The Honourable Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education – January 9, 2017 Re: Long Term Accommodation Plan - Limestone District School Board

Yours truly,

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Susan M. Beckel, BBA, Dipl. M.M., Clerk

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CC:

- The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Email: premier@ontario.ca
- Randy Hillier, MPP Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington, Email: randy.hillierco@pc.ola.org
- The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, Email: <u>bchiarelli.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org</u>
- Paula Murray, Chair Limestone District School Board, Email: <u>murrayp@limestone.on.ca</u>
- John Brisbois, Chair Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, Email: <u>brisbois@alcdsb.on.ca</u>
- Doug Reycraft, Chair Community Schools Alliance, Email: reycraft@sympatico.ca
- Warden Lowry and Members of County of Lennox & Addington Council, Email: <u>lkeech@lennox-addington.on.ca</u>
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board, Email: Iruder@amo.on.ca
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- Norah Brien, Email: <u>norahbrien@gmail.com</u>



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#### **County of Peterborough**

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November 8, 2016

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

The Honourable Eric Hoskins Minister of Health and Long-Term Care 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block 80 Grosvenor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Re: Long-Term Health Care Funding

Dear Premier Wynne and Minister Hoskins:

Under the **Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007**, every upper or single tier municipality is mandated to maintain at least one municipal home. The City and County of Peterborough fulfill this responsibility, jointly owning a 256 bed municipal long term care home that was established in 1960.

Long term care costs are escalating while provincial funding is increasingly insufficient to meet the true costs of long term care provision. Fairhaven is at a point where it is challenged to continue operations at the same level of quality care and legislative compliance without increased funding support.

In addition, as a result of the aging of the Baby Boom generation, we have the greatest increase in our senior population that has ever been seen before and over a relatively short period of time. This is contributing to increased demand for other health care services in the public health sector and land ambulance/paramedic services. The costs for these services are also rising at alarming rates along with concern to maintain quality for our residents.

This matter was discussed at City of Peterborough and County Council meetings with the following resolution passed:

Whereas there is a direct service delivery and financial relationship between the Province of Ontario and municipalities for many health care related services such as Land Ambulance/Paramedic services, Long Term Care and public health,

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And whereas the municipalities' portion of these costs are borne through property taxation,

And whereas there have been significant annual increases in costs to municipalities resulting from increased service demand and/or from inappropriate provincial funding models that do not adequately address service delivery demands or the need for system enhancements to meet the service demand and maintain the many legislated and/or regulated standards,

Now, therefore be it resolved;

THAT the City and County of Peterborough Joint Services Steering Committee recommend to the Councils of the City and County of Peterborough, the following;

- 1. H That a letter be sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister of Health and Long Term Care Eric Hoskins requesting additional Health Care funding to offset the ongoing and rising health care services costs that are being borne by municipalities on the property tax base.
- 2. H That the Province not download any additional or future costs for land ambulance/paramedic services, long term care, or public health, and that budget allocations be communicated from the province to service providers at least one year in advance.
- 3. H That, subject to endorsement by the City and County Council, a copy of the letter be sent to AMO and to Jeff Leal MPP and Laurie Scott MPP.
- 4. H That AMO distribute this letter to all municipalities in Ontario.

We look forward to your response and continuing to work in partnership with the Province to ensure all aspects of health care services are delivered at the highest level for all residents.

Regards,

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Allan Seabrooke Chief Administrative Officer City of Peterborough

Gary King

Chief Administrative Officer County of Peterborough

cc: The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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500 George Street North, Peterborough Ontario, K9H 3R9

November 23, 2016

The Honourable Eric Hoskins Minister of Health and Long Term Care 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block 80 Grosvenor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2C4

Re: Long-Term Care Homes

Dear Minister Hoskins:

The City of Peterborough fulfills our responsibility, under the **Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007**, by jointly owning and operating, in conjunction with the County of Peterborough, a 256 bed municipal long-term care home that was established in 1960.

Long-term care costs are escalating while provincial funding is increasingly insufficient to meet the true costs of long-term care provision. Fairhaven is challenged to continue operations at the same level of quality care and legislative compliance without increased funding support.

The City contends that health care is a provincial responsibility and as such our request is that the province make changes to the **Long-Term Care Homes Act**, funding formulas, and funding levels to ensure that long-term care facilities can be financially sustainable without continued reliance on municipal support. Annual per diem increases have stagnated to an average of 50% of what they were between 2001 and 2011. Case Mix Index (CMI) funding levels have dropped significantly due to provincial funding caps and changes to how CMI is calculated. Raw food costs and electricity costs, for example, have both experienced double digit inflationary increases that far outstrip annual per diem increases.

In short, the municipal property tax base was never intended, nor is it sustainable, for the property taxes to fund increasingly more dollars for our long-term care home.

The City recognizes that long-term care is a complex matter and with an aging population the demands placed on all levels of government are significant. The challenges facing the Province are indeed substantial. We believe, however, that the Province must re-examine health care initiatives holistically and ensure that all strategies, funding formulas and legislation achieve the ultimate goal of caring for our elderly population.

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We look forward to your response and continuing to work in partnership with the Province to ensure long-term care is delivered at the highest level for all residents.

Regards,

Allan Seabrooke, B.Sc., M.Sc., AMCT Chief Administrative Officer

c: Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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# Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough Ontario, K9H 3R9

### **Resolution of Council**

Council at its meeting of November 14, 2016, passed the following resolution as part of Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 7, 2016:

#### Chief Administrative Officer Report CAO16-011 Long-Term Care Overview

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CAO16-011, November 7, 2016, of the Chief Administrative Officer, as follows:

- a) That Report CAO16-011 be received for information purposes.
- b) That Council recommends to Fairhaven's Committee of Management that they consider engaging an external party to conduct an operational/financial review at the home to be presented to the City and County as part of Fairhaven's 2018 budget submission.
- c) That Council authorize staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care pressing for necessary changes to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, funding formulas, and funding levels and that this letter be sent to AMO seeking the support of other municipalities.

Certified to be a true copy of the resolution of Report CAO16-011

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2016

John Kennedy, City Clerk

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# Peterborough

500 George Street North, Peterborough Ontario, K9H 3R9

### **Resolution of Council**

Council at its meeting of October 24, 2016, passed the following resolution as part of Report No. 15, of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 17, 2016:

#### Chief Administrative Officer Report CAO16-013 Additional Health Care Funding Request

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CAO16-013, dated October 17, 2016, of the Chief Administrative Officer, as follows:

- a) "That the letter and Council resolution, attached as Appendix A, expressing the concern for lack of provincial funding associated with health care, public health and paramedic services be approved."
- b) That budget allocations be communicated from the province to service providers at least one year in advance,
- c) That the letter be sent to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and copied to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and
- d) That AMO distribute this letter to all municipalities in Ontario.

Certified to be a true copy of the resolution of Report CAO16-013

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2016

John Kennedy, City Clerk City of Peterborough



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January 20, 2017

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A2

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier 111 Wellesley Street West, Room 281 Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Wynne:

#### **Re:** Pharmacare

At its meeting held the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

"Whereas Evidence has been provided to the Federal Government's Standing Committee on Health regarding the potential benefits of the development of a National Pharmacare Program;

And Whereas the Citizens' Reference Panel on Pharmacare in Canada has recently recommended "immediate action to address flaws in the current patchwork of public and private drug coverage";

And Whereas the article from the Canadian Medical Association Journal, http://www.cmaj.ca/content/187/7/491 Estimated cost of universal public coverage of prescription drugs in Canada, indicates there would be a net benefit to developing a National Pharmacare Program;

And Whereas a National Pharmacare Program would provide savings to municipalities while at the same time providing medication to residents who currently have no medical benefits program; Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Wynne January 20, 2017 Page 2

> Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that Peterborough County calls on the Federal government to move forward with the development of a National Pharmacare Program;

Be It Also Resolved that Peterborough County calls on the Provincial government to work with the Federal government to accomplish the development of a National Pharmacare Program; and

Be It Also Resolved that the Warden and CAO of Peterborough County ask the EOWC to make it a priority to encourage the senior levels of government to move forward with the development of a National Pharmacare Program;

Further, Be It Resolved that this motion be circulated to Peterborough Public Health and through AMO to other municipalities for support and to our MPs and MPPs for their information and support."

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Yours truly

Lýnn Fawn Deputy Clerk/Office Supervisor Telephone Ext. 397 Fax: 705-876-1730 Email: <u>Ifawn@county.peterborough.on.ca</u>

Encl. Canadian Medical Association Journal

c: The Honourable J. Philpott, Minister of Health The Honourable E. Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care M. Monsef, MP, Peterborough-Kawartha K. Rudd, MP, Northumberland-Peterborough South J. Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock J. Leal, MPP, Peterborough L. Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock G. King, CAO County of Peterborough R. Quaiff, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Association of Municipalities Ontario Dr. Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health, Peterborough Public Health

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# Township of Admaston/Bromley

477 Stone Road Renfrew ON K7V 3Z5



January 20th, 2017

The Honourable Marie-France Lalonde Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Re: Consultation on the Police Services Act

Thank you for the opportunity to provide continuing input on the upcoming Police Services Act governance changes. The Township of Admaston-Bromley and their Police Service Board have two concerns for consideration by the Ministry: the reporting requirements for "Base Service" by the OPP, and the future composition of Police Service Boards across Ontario.

#### Reporting

The O.P.P. Municipal Policing Bureau is currently working on expanding reporting to be more transparent. Currently a provincial template displays 'Calls for Service' in a billing summary report generated by the Records Management System. This is an advanced tool which has each Call for Service billing category broken down, year-to-date statistics, previous years' statistics for comparison, and billing time standards for every type of offence. This is an excellent, descriptive report transparently explaining the Calls for Service 40% of the billing model.

The reporting on the remaining 60% Base Service is where the concern lies. The O.P.P. Strategic Plan's mission statement is to deliver proactive and innovative policing. This Base Level is for provincial/specialized responsibilities such as Traffic Safety, Investigations, Intelligence, Specialized Response Teams, Auxiliary Policing, Community Safety, Unincorporated Territory and Aboriginal Policing. It is understood that this is a shared cost for all municipalities within a detachment area who benefit from these services. Costs are described in the 2017 estimated O.P.P. Annual Billing Statement as:

The Base Services costs represent municipal costs related to proactive policing services such as routine patrols, crime prevention, RIDE programs, training, administration etc.

The concern is how to determine if a municipality is receiving their proportion of proactive policing services. An example would be proactive patrolling; past crime data trends indicate where to direct resources so patrols are focussed on areas where prevention of crime is likely. This is an efficient and cost effective use of resources. However focussed patrol locations are determined by historical crime

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rates, whereas Base Service costs are determined by population. They are independent of each other and so municipalities with a low crime rates may not receive a representative proportion of focussed patrols despite paying for it in Base Service.

We encourage the Ministry to ensure transparent reporting of the resources of the 60% Base Services. Establishing reporting on this Base Service 60% will allow municipalities to determine if they are getting their fair share of Base Service. (e.g. patrols, prevention, RIDE programs etc.) Currently there is no requirement to report on these items in either the contract or the Police Service Act.

#### **Board Representation**

Many small municipalities enter into an agreement with the Solicitor General for the provision of police services, provided by the O.P.P., and a detachment is assigned to them. The municipality does not control with whom it will share a detachment. If Police Service Boards were formed based on detachments the smaller municipalities would lose a direct voice to their police service. Thus a small municipality would lose its ability to determine community safety planning for local objectives, priorities and policies when a joint police service board contains larger municipalities.

After hearing both former Minister Naqvi in May 2016 speaking at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Association Police Services Boards, and in December 2016 hearing the Zone 2 Police Services Advisor David Tilley, also representing the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, speaking about the number and composition of Police Service Boards being changed we would like to endorse a model that does not make them regional/detachment based.

Thank you again for considering the positive input from both urban and rural, large and small municipalities across Ontario. The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has an opportunity to make significant changes towards accountability regarding "Base Service" reporting and the composition of Police Service Boards in the legislative changes to the Police Services Act.

J. Dyer

Jamieson Dyer, Chair Admaston-Bromley Police Services Board

c.c. Mr. David Tilley, Police Services Advisor, Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Mr. King Yee, Director – Zone 2 Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), Mr. Neil Fennell Chair, OAPSB Zone 2, Mr. Marc Bedard Superintendent and commander of the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau, Rural Mayor's Forum of Eastern Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Mr. John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nippising-Pembroke, All lower-tier municipalities within Renfrew County policed by the OPP.

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# KOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEL



477 Stone Road Renfrew, ON K7V 3Z5

January 24, 2017

The Honourable Marie-France Lalonde Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

#### **RE: Request for the expanding of the OPP reporting requirements**

The Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley discussed this matter at their regular Council Meeting held Thursday, January 19, 2017 and passed the following resolution:

#### **Resolution No. 24/01/17**

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded Robert Dick

Whereas the Police Services Act states at Part 1 Section 4(1), "That every municipality shall provide adequate and effective police services in accordance with its needs";

And Whereas the Act further mandates at Part 1 Section 4(2) that among other core services adequate and effective services must include crime prevention and public order maintenance;

And Whereas municipalities that enter into an agreement with the Solicitor General for the provision of police services, provided by the O.P.P, depend on reports provided by the O.P.P. to determine the community's safety planning, local objectives, priorities and policies in order to comply with this requirement;

And Whereas municipalities are afforded no input to the information contained in these reports as this is determined solely by the O.P.P.;

And Whereas the Ministry, without notice or additional consultation, is considering a regional police service board model instead of the current local municipal board model as part of the Police Services Act review;

And Whereas a regionalized police services board model will fundamentally degrade and dilute the foundational primacy of civilian oversight in ensuring transparency, accountability and input municipalities have in providing adequate and effective police services;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Admaston/Bromley endorse the letter from Jamieson Dyer, Chair of the Police Services Board to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services requesting that the Province:

Expand the OPP reporting requirements to be more comprehensive and transparent, including not just calls for service but base services such as proactive and preventive policing activities; and

Maintain the current municipal police services board model

And Further that a copy be sent to the Municipal Policing Bureau, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards, Rural Mayors Forum of Eastern Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Mr. John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke and Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities served by the OPP.

"Carried"

We would appreciate your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Annette Gilchrist

Annette Gilchrist, CMO, Dipl.M.M., Clerk-Treasurer

c.c. Mr. David Tilley, Police Services Advisor – Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

Mr. King Yee, Director-Zone 2 Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) Mr. Neil Fennell, Chair OAPSB Zone 2

Mr. Marc Bedard Superintendent and Commander, O.P.P. Municipal Policing Bureau Rural Mayors Forum of Eastern Ontario

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Mr John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke

Lower-tier County of Renfrew municipalities policed by the OPP

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#### **TOWNSHIP OF**



Moved by: Councillor Larone Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

Resolution No.: 2017-50 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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AND WHEREAS the Act further mandates at Part 1 Section 4(2) that among other core services adequate and effective services must include crime prevention and public order maintenance;

AND WHEREAS municipalities that enter into an agreement with the Solicitor General for the provision of police services, provided by the OPP, depend on reports provided by the OPP to determine the community's safety planning, local objectives, priorities and policies in order to comply with this requirement;

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AND WHEREAS the Ministry, without notice or additional consultation, is considering a regional police service board model instead of the current local municipal board model as part of the Police Services Act Review;

AND WHEREAS a regionalized police services board model will fundamentally degrade and dilute the foundational primacy of civilian oversight in ensuring transparency, accountability and input municipalities have in providing adequate and effective police services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Horton support and endorse the letter from Township of Admaston/Bromley's Jamieson Dyer, Chair of the Police Services Board to the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services requesting that the province: Expand the OPP reporting requirements to be more comprehensive and transparent, including not just calls for service but base services such as proactive and preventive policing activities; and Maintain the current municipal services board model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Municipal Policing Bureau, Ontario Association of Police Service Boards, Rural Mayors Forum of Eastern Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Mr. John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke and Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities served by the OPP.

Syzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

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TELEPHONE 807-868-2020 FAX No. 1-807-868-2787

December 14, 2016

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

Dear Honourable Premier:

Please find enclosed a true certified copy of resolution No. 12928 requesting that the Provincial Government recognizes Municipal Fire Service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward.

Your favourable consideration and support of this resolution would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Gail Jaremy

CAO/Clerk Township of Hornepayne GEJ/sd

c.c.: Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure MPP Algoma-Manitoulin, Michael Mantha Association of Municipalities of Ontario Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Rural Ontario Municipality Association Township of McKellar All Ontario Municipalities via email

Encl.

The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne 68 Front Street, PO Box 370 Hornepayne, Ontario P0M 1Z0	20 MINSHID CONSCIONT
COUNCIL RESOLUTION	HORNEPAYNE
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SECONDED BY: IProtoco C	DATE: DEC 0 7 2016

WHEREAS the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility; and,

WHEREAS there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full-Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments; and,

WHEREAS the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities' managed capital assets; and,

WHEREAS the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure; and

WHEREAS there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government's Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

**RECORDED VOTE:** 

Councillor Cheryl Fort Councillor Willy Liebigt Councillor Drago Stefanic Councillor Paul Stewart

Carried Defeated Deferred

signature of presiding officer

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	lesolution: 1902	84	By-La	N:



www.northfrontenac.ca

January 6, 2017

North Addington Education Centre 14196 Highway 41 Cloyne, ON K0H 1K0

Attention: Angela Salmond, Principal

Dear Ms. Salmond:

#### Re: Student Councillor on Council for the Summer of 2017

At a Meeting of the Council of the Township of North Frontenac on December 16, 2016, Council approved the implementation of a Student Councillor program for the summer of 2017.

Having a youth representative on Council gives elected officials the benefit of hearing a youth perspective and encourages young residents to become involved in the decision making process that affects their community. By creating a role for youth to play in municipal government, they become more active members of the community and can potentially contribute to the overall improvement of the Township. By allowing younger residents to be invested in the plans that will shape their community, new ideas can be introduced to address local issues and concerns (i.e. youth employment, recreational activities). An engaged and informed youth population is more likely to volunteer, vote and work within the community.

I have attached the program overview and requirements which can be provided to students if they are interested in pursuing this opportunity. Students are required to provide a 250 word submission to me explaining why they wish to participate in the Student Councillor Program by March 30, 2017.

We hope that this program will interest you and students of North Addington Education Centre. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-479-2231 or by email at <u>clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

Tara Mieske

Tara Mieske Clerk/Planning Manager TM/kn Enclosure



6648 Road 506, Plevna, Ontario, K0H 2M0 Tel: (613) 479-2231 or 1-800-234-3953, Fax: (613) 479-2352 www.northfrontenac.ca

#### **Student Councillor Program Overview and Requirements**

#### Purpose

To establish a policy for the appointment and participation of a non-voting Student Councillor Program in recognition of the need for youth participation in Municipal politics.

#### **Policy Statement**

Council has developed this policy for the purpose of allowing a student perspective to be considered in municipal decisions and to provide leadership development as well as a valuable learning experience for students regarding local government and its impact on their everyday lives; an appreciation of the democratic process; and to foster young people in responsible citizenship and stewardship of their local community.

To be eligible for appointment as a Student Councillor, individuals shall meet the following conditions:

- Be a local full-time secondary school student, and
- Provide an endorsement from the School Principal to support their candidacy (if applicable).

#### Term/Appointment

The term of office shall be from June 30 to September 1, 2017.

#### Attendance

- Student Councillor(s) are expected to attend the regular Council meetings to be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Council may call Special meetings during the term and attendance for these meetings is optional for the Student Councillor.

#### Responsibilities

- Student Councillor(s) shall conform to the Procedural By-law and Code of Ethics as required of Council members.
- Participate in discussions on current business of Council.
- Provide comments and/or recommendations as requested.
- Communicate and represent student matters and interest to Council.

#### Conditions

- Student Councillor(s) will be required to undertake orientation training by the Clerk.
- Student Councillor(s) shall be required to take an Oath of Office at the time of their appointment.

#### Student Councillor(s) Will Not Be Permitted to:

- Move or second any Motion;
- Participate in any matter dealing with employee relations or legal matters;
- Serve as Chair;
- Participate in any Closed/In-Camera discussions or meetings of Council or its Committees.

#### Selection

- Applicants for Student Councillor will be required to submit a 250 word submission to the Clerk explaining why they wish to participate in the Student Councillor Program by March 30, 2017 by email at <u>clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca</u> or mail or hand delivered to 6648 Road 506, Plevna, Ontario, K0H 2M0.
- Council will consider the submissions at a Regular meeting of Council, in Closed Session, on May 19, 2017.

#### Remuneration

• Student Councillor(s) will earn \$50 per meeting attended.

#### Contact

Tara Mieske Clerk/Planning Manager Township of North Frontenac 6648 Road 506, Plevna, ON, K0H 2M0 1-800-234-3953 or 613-479-2231 Ext. 225 clerkplanning@northfrontenac.ca

#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Sent:	Bromberg, Justin <jbromberg@prescott-russell.on.ca> Friday, December 16, 2016 12:48 PM</jbromberg@prescott-russell.on.ca>
	hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com; 'Jim Hutton (JHutton@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)'; Rosalyn
То:	
	Gruntz
Cc:	Latreille, Andrée
Subject:	Support for Resolution regarding Renfrew County Official Plan and PPS
Attachments:	Certified copy - Renfrew County OP.pdf

Please be advised that Council of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell (UCPR), at its meeting of November 23, 2016, approved a resolution to support the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria regarding its resolution on the County of Renfrew Official Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement. I am pleased to enclose a certified true copy of our Resolution number 2016/220 for your records.

Best regards, on behalf of:

Shank

Guy Desjardins, Warden, 2016 United Counties of Prescott and Russell



Proposé / Moved By: Fernand Dicaire

Date: 23 novembre 2016 / November 23, 2016

Numéro 2016/220

Appuyé / Seconded by : Robert Kirby

**RE** : Plan officiel du Comté de Renfrew Official Plan of the County of Renfrew

Que le Conseil appuie la résolution des Cantons unis de Head, Clara & Maria concernant le plan officiel du comté de Renfrew et la Déclaration de principes provinciale et que notre appui soit acheminé à la municipalité en question.

Adoptée

That Council support the resolution from the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria regarding the County of Renfrew Official Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement, and that our support be forwarded to the aforementioned municipalities.

Carried

#### **COPIE CERTIFIÉE CONFORME/ CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

Je, Andrée Latreille, greffière de la Corporation des Comtés unis de Prescott et Russell, atteste que la présente est une copie certifiée de la résolution adoptée par le Conseil le 23<sup>e</sup> jour du mois de novembre 2016. / I, Andrée Latreille, Clerk of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by County Council on the 23rd day of November, 2016.

Datielee

Andrée Latreille, Greffière / Clerk



Ministry of Municipal Affairs 777 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Ministère des affaires municipales 777 rue Bay, Toronto (Ontario) M5G 2E5

### 2017 ANNUAL REPAYMENT LIMIT (UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 403 / 02)

MMAH CODE:	69612	FIR CLEAN FLAG:	Accepted Clean
MUNID:	47098		
MUNICIPALITY:	Head, Clara and Maria Tp		
UPPER TIER:	Renfrew Co		
REPAYMENT LIMIT	•		\$ 174,463

The repayment limit has been calculated based on data contained in the 2015 Financial Information Return, as submitted to the Ministry. This limit represents the maximum amount which the municipality had available as of December 31, 2015 to commit to payments relating to debt and financial obligation. Prior to the authorization by Council of a long term debt or financial obligation, this limit must be adjusted by the Treasurer in the prescribed manner. The limit is effective January 01, 2017

#### FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY,

The additional long-term borrowing which a municipality could undertake over a 5-year, a 10-year, a 15-year and a 20-year period is shown.

If the municipalities could borrow at 5% or 7% annually, the annual repayment limits shown above would allow it to undertake additional long-term borrowing as follows:

	5% Interest Rate	
(a)	20 years @ 5% p.a.	\$ 2,174,195
(a)	15 years @ 5% p.a.	\$ 1,810,866
(a)	10 years @ 5% p.a.	\$ 1,347,157
(a)	5 years @ 5% p.a.	\$ 755,333
	7% Interest Rate	
(a)	20 years @ 7% p.a.	\$ 1,848,264
(a)	15 years @ 7% p.a.	\$ 1,848,264
(a)	10 years @ 7% p.a.	\$ 1,225,355
		\$ 715,333

### DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL DEBT REPAYMENT LIMIT

(UNDER ONTARIO REGULATION 403/02)

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\* SLC denotes Schedule, Line Column.

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#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Sent: To:	Johanna Echlin <j.echlin@sympatico.ca> Monday, February 6, 2017 7:51 PM Mayor David Reid; Walter Stack, Reeve; Mayor Joan Lougheed; Glenn Doncaster, Reeve;</j.echlin@sympatico.ca>
	Mayor John Reinwald; Anne Giardini, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Bob Sweet; Tom Mohns, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Don Eady; Peter Emon, Reeve; Mayor Michael Donohue; Robert Dick, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Jim Gibson; Melinda Reith, Mun.Clerk; Mayor Robert Kingsbury; Robert A. Johnston, Deputy Mayor; Mayor Steve Bennett; Debbie Robinson,
	Reeve; Mayor Tom Peckett; Brian Armsden, Deputy Mayor; Lindsey A. Parks, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Hal Johnson; Terry Millar, Reeve; Mayor Michael LeMay; Terry Lapierre,
	CAO/Clerk; Mayor Jim Watson; Mayor Guy Desjardins; Helen Collier, D.G.; Mayor Jeanne Charlebois; Mayor Robert Kirby; Linda Rozon, CAO/Clerk; Mayor Fernand Dicaire; Marc Daigneault, CAO
Cc:	Michele Kaulbach
Subject:	CNL at Chalk River & Radioactive Waste Disposal
Attachments:	CNL Chalk River 5 January 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00028.htm; CNL Chalk River 5 January 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00031.htm; RadioactiveWaste4January2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00034.htm

### To: Mayors (and other officials), Ottawa River, Ontario

# We are following up on an email we sent to you on January 8th (find a copy of that email below) regarding CNL's proposal for a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at Chalk River, Ontario.

Our association is extremely troubled that Canada would even contemplate placing, right next to a major Canadian river, a NSDF with a capacity of one million cubic metres for the disposal of radioactive waste, including intermediate-level radioactive waste and radioactive mixed wastes (which could contain arsenic, PCBs, and mercury).

Perhaps the news of this proposal was particularly shocking to us as our community is within the emergency nine kilometre zone, but all communities along the Ottawa will be at risk.

Time is of the essence. It is anticipated that CNL's draft Environmental Impact Statement will be issued in March. Following this there will be a 60-day public comment period. This opportunity for public involvement in the licensing process is key and a reason for our writing to you again today. The OFWCA fully intends to write to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) during this official period. We will advise them of our concerns and our opposition.

In July 2016 the Old Fort William Cottagers' Association passed the following resolution:

OFWCA strongly objects to Chalk River (CNL) receiving and accepting radioactive waste and any other waste from another site outside the Chalk River facility. Disposal of radioactive waste and any other waste must be limited to Chalk River's current levels of generated radioactive waste.

The Municipality of Sheenboro and the Municipality of Clarendon have now also passed resolutions opposing radioactive waste being brought to Chalk River for disposal from anywhere outside this site.

We urge all Mayors along the river to take this issue to their Councils. Your community will need an informed opinion to make a judgement. We again strongly encourage you to read our CNL at Chalk River Background Document (which we attach below). An independent, non-biased assessment is vital. Groups like the Riverkeeper, Nuclear Waste Watch, Northwatch and the Canadian Environmental Law Association have received funding from the CNSC and continue to investigate this proposal on behalf of all of us on the river.

We hope you will pass resolutions of your own. We want your support. Mayors along the river in Quebec will also receive this letter. If all our communities stand together we will have a powerful impact. Please do advise us (at the email addresses under our names) of any resolution or decisions that your Councils make. We would include this information, with your permission, in the OFWCA letter to the CNSC during the comment period.

Thank you. We hope to hear from you.

Yours truly,

Michele Kaulbach mkaulbach@sympatico.ca

Johanna Echlin j.echlin@sympatico.ca

Old Fort William Cottagers' Association Fort William, Municipality of Sheenboro, Quebec

CNL at Chalk River Background Information Document:



**Office of the President** 

#### For distribution to Council

December 15, 2016

Dear Municipal Colleague:

I'm excited to share AMO's 2017-18 Strategic Objectives. It's an ambitious plan that will help us to promote municipal interests over the next 16 months, heading into the 2018 provincial election. This year the province introduced 12 pieces of legislation that affected us, along with many regulations. We expect 2017 to be even busier. There's been an incredible amount of provincial and federal consultation. Some of our members have remarked that if it weren't for AMO, they could not be 'in the know,' let alone have assurance that municipal views were being presented to government in a timely way.

Our work keeps municipal interests front and centre at Queens Park, by offering solutions, and by working hard to try to get the responses we need. We've had success in preventing some harmful policies from finding their way into legislation. We've also been successful in advancing particular needs – the most recent is seeing every municipal government receive formula based funding from the Can-On Phase 1 Clear Water and Waste Water Fund. This did not happen anywhere else in the country.

AMO has 43 Board members from municipal governments across the province and our work benefits from the wide input. The Directors you elect every two years come from communities of all sizes, from very small rural and northern to urban centres and upper tiers. Those Directors, along with the chairs of NOMA, FONOM, ROMA, OSUM, MARCO, LUMCO, and the two Wardens Group help pull the municipal community together, creating valuable linkages and depth.

Our shared success counts on your financial support and your voice. I hope that we can count on you for both. I also want to share information about two other AMO corporations that serve Ontario's municipal community.

First, Local Authority Services, or LAS, provides leading edge services that save you money and create opportunity. For example, it offers an LED streetlight program that cuts electricity consumption. The program has been used by many, reducing their energy consumption by 40 to 70%. It was recently recognized by the World Bank and it won the 2016 Lightsavers Canada Award. LAS followed up that success with a recreational facility LED lighting program. It pays to invest in LED.

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It also pays to invest in LAS's One Investment Program, which provides Ontario municipalities with stronger investment returns by combining municipal resources. Together, we are bigger, and stronger. The same approach creates a better high-interest savings account for Ontario's municipalities – and it offers you better pricing through pooled and hedged electricity, natural gas and fuel procurement programs. These are just a few of the LAS programs that stretch precious taxpayer dollars further for municipalities small and large. Check them out at <a href="http://www.las.on.ca/About/What-is-LAS">http://www.las.on.ca/About/What-is-LAS</a>.

If you are an OMERS employer, the Municipal Employers Pension Centre of Ontario, or MEPCO, unites 410 of the 1,000 or so employers within that pension plan. MEPCO was created in 2006 because individual municipal governments would have virtually no say in Plan design even though a small change in contribution rates can have a big impact on municipal budgets. Your ongoing support for MEPCO creates a much stronger position for us all. It enables us to tap pension and actuarial experts who help us as employer representative to advance ideas that make the Plan more sustainable and effective. In a joint employee/employer pension governance system, Plan design and benefit decisions are critical to municipal governments' bottom line, given other financial pressures in the delivery of municipal services. MEPCO's 2016 record and 2017 activities are also attached. It shows how your contribution to MEPCO is bringing municipal employer interests to the table.

The invoices for both AMO and MEPCO have been forwarded under separate cover to your finance department. I hope you agree that the work of AMO and MEPCO is valuable and that we can count on your membership in 2017. I also hope that you will learn about and take advantage of the LAS programs.

When we go to Queen's Park or to Parliament Hill, being able to say that we represent all municipal governments in Ontario is very important. Speaking with that common voice improves their listening! On behalf of the AMO Board, thank you for your support. Season's Greetings!

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Dollin AMO President

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# **2017 Strategic Objectives**

# **#1** Policy and Program Design Advocacy Work

**Why?** To achieve better outcomes that help municipal governments in their direct roles and responsibilities and other matters that shape and support strong communities.

**How?** AMO's actions include developing positions, working to influence governments' agendas and drafting of Bills and funding programs, reviewing Bills and promoting amendments as needed.

#### **Priority Areas:**

- Municipal Fiscal Future through AMO's "What's Next Ontario"
- Aggregates Act
- CAN-ON Phase Two Infrastructure Funds
- Changing Workforce Review
- Climate Change
- Conservation Act
- Construction Lien Act
- Debt/Investment/Prudent Regulation
- Double Hatter/Bill 109 Monitoring
- Expanding Medical Responses (OPPFA fire med proposal)

- FPPA Reveiw/Fire Safety Table
- Housing Strategy
- Land Ambulance Dispatch Modernization
- Long Term Care/Seniors
- · Marijuana Law and Implementation
- Municipal Act and Conflict of Interest
- OMB Reform
- Police Services Act/Modernization
- Public Health Panel
- Waste Free Ontario Act
- Water Taking

# **#2** Building Value for Members

**Why?** Helping members deal with the outcomes of policy and program changes so they are 'on top of things', incorporating change as efficiently as possible.

**How?** AMO will develop and provide different tools, knowledge and skills that are meaningful and supportive of municipal governments' responsibilities in a changing world.

#### **Priority Areas:**

- Open Data
- Digital Government
- Codes of Conduct for Elected Official and Staff
- NEW Training: Managing Conflicts, Codes of Conduct & More...from *Municipal Act/Conflict of Interest Act*
- e-Learning and In-Class Councillor Training Updates
- NEW Symposium: Changing Labour Force
- Human Services Symposium II
- Asset Management Symposium
- Energy Champions

# **#3** Reinforce Relations with Members and Others:

Why? An informed membership will strengthen overall advocacy, locally and regionally.

How? AMO will increase its 'field' presence and expand its membership involvement in activities.

#### **Priority Areas:**

- Bring new volunteers to AMO task forces
- Increase use of technology as an outreach and input tool
- Capacity building program for Asset Management
- Review membership communications approach

# **#4** Strengthen the Corporation Itself

Why? The best practice measure for not-for-profit financial health is a diversified membership revenue streams.How? Develop long-term strategic partnerships between AMO and the municipal business community.

#### **Priority Area:**

Develop a Business Partnership Plan and execute strategic complementary relationships



# 2016 Key Activity

Input to Ontario Ministry of Finance on the proposed Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP) initiative that led to exemption of the OMERS Plan from the ORPP;

Input to the OMERS Board on municipal employer perspectives and cost impacts on the inclusion of municipal non-full time employees in the OMERS Plan;

Monitored the Federal CPP enhancement initiative and promoted municipal employer considerations in integrating CPP changes with the OMERS Plan;

Continued regular MEPCO Board dialogue with the OMERS OAC Board Chair and OMERS President and CEO;

Provided advice to AMO OMERS representatives on changes to OMERS Plan assumptions, the performance of the OMERS Investment Strategy and the MEPCO focus on investment risk management;

Updated the MEPCO OMERS Primary Plan Pension Platform, which provides guidance to the MEPCO Board, and to AMO OMERS representatives on OMERS Plan design and operation;

Delivered MEPCO education session at the 2016 AMO Conference on the OMERS impacts of the proposed ORPP and CPP enhancement;

Provided regular updates to MEPCO members on OMERS and public sector pension legislative/regulatory developments.

# 2017 Priorities

Monitoring/assessing the performance of the OMERS Investment Strategy, changes to plan assumptions, implementation of the OMERS Funding Management Strategy, OMERS Plan design changes and the cumulative impacts of these matters on risk management and the ability to return to full funding of the OMERS Plan;

Advice to the OMERS SC Board on OMERS Plan cost and labour relations impacts of CPP integration with the OMERS Plan;

Monitor the development of legislation to create a new Ontario Financial Services Regulatory Authority and impacts on the OMERS Plan;

Assess the Federal Infrastructure Bank proposal and pension plan impacts;

Evaluation of MEPCO communications tools and development of the 2017 Communications Plan;

Continue regular MEPCO Board dialogue with the OMERS OAC Board Chair and OMERS President and CEO;

Develop a 2017 MEPCO education session;

Continue support for resolving MEPCO member concerns with OMERS as they arise;

Monitor OMERS governance and representation;

Provide regular updates to MEPCO members on OMERS and public sector pension legislative/regulatory developments.





MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

December 12, 2016

Subject:	2017 Budget and Municipal Levy
From:	Dan Mathieson, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors
То:	Heads of Council, All Ontario Municipalities

On behalf of MPAC's Board of Directors, I would like to advise you that the Board has approved the corporation's 2017 budget including a province wide municipal levy increase of 2.65%.

After four years with an agenda focused primarily on finding efficiencies while increasing organizational effectiveness through our 2013-2016 strategic plan, the Board has determined that the organization needs to make additional investment in its core business to ensure we continue to serve our stakeholders going forward.

In looking forward to next year, the requirement for MPAC to support and respond to the Assessment Review Board's (ARB) commitment to improve the appeals process played a critical role in the Board's review of the 2017 budget. Next year, the ARB will be implementing a strategy to eliminate backlogs and complete appeals within the assessment cycle which will have a direct impact on MPAC's staffing and resources. It is anticipated that MPAC will be required to respond to the scheduling of approximately 1,250 appeals per month. We believe the work being undertaken by the ARB will continue to support stability and predictability in Ontario's property assessment and taxation system.

A stable and predictable assessment base is similarly important to the Board and the changes such as disclosure, pre-roll discussions and the extensive outreach activities implemented for the 2016 Assessment Update are a reflection of our commitment. Taking this approach forward and building on it for the 2020 Assessment Update requires the establishment of a larger reserve fund for the 2020 Assessment Update. This requirement has also been reflected in the 2017 budget.

In 2017, MPAC will introduce formal Service Level Agreements (SLA) with municipalities across the province. The 2017 budget reflects the need to right size the number of senior valuation staff in the field to meet the demands of our workload, continue with programs to ensure the quality and consistency of data in our systems and continue to build our pool of accredited valuation experts and professionals.

Office of the Chair c/o Municipal Property Assessment Corporation 1340 Pickering Parkway, Suite 101, Pickering, Ontario L1V 0C4 T: 519.271.0250 ext 236 F: 905.831.0040 www.mpac.ca Heads of Council, All Ontario Municipalities 2017 Budget and Municipal Levy December 12, 2016 Page 2 of 2

As context, prior to 2013, the annual levy increase ranged from as low as three per cent to as high as six per cent. Over the last four years, MPAC dramatically enhanced its products and services and achieved \$20 million in savings while maintaining a commitment to an annual levy increase of only 0.95%. The levy increase has taken into account further operational savings and incremental revenues generated through MPAC's business development activities totaling over \$2 million for 2017. The move to a municipal levy increase of 2.65% ensures that going forward MPAC will continue to serve our municipal and government stakeholders as well as the property taxpayers of Ontario through service excellence and product leadership.

The levy amount for each municipality is determined by the levy formula contained within the MPAC Act and will be finalized following the delivery of the 2016 Assessment Roll later this year. Municipalities can expect to receive additional details in the coming weeks with final statements sent in January 2017.

Questions about MPAC's 2017 budget and municipal levy should be directed to Antoni Wisniowski, President and Chief Administrative Officer or Carla Y. Nell, Vice-President, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations.

Yours truly,

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Dan Mathieson

**Copy** Chief Administrative Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Clerks & Treasurers MPAC Board of Directors

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Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

I'm writing to provide you with some background information on why the Pickering nuclear power station is an important part of Ontario's plans for clean, reliable and affordable electricity.

In January 2016, the Ontario Government approved plans for OPG to pursue the continued operations of the Pickering Station to 2024. All six units would operate until 2022; two would shut down, and then four units would operate to 2024. The plan requires approval from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Our technical work shows that the Pickering Station can be safely operated to 2024. Running Pickering as opposed to gas-powered generation will save the province's electricity consumers \$600 million, avoid eight million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions and protect 4,500 jobs across Durham Region.

This decision is important for Ontario; continued operations will ensure a reliable, clean source of base load electricity during the Darlington and Bruce station refurbishments (2018 – 2024).

To find out more about OPG's plans for continued operations of the Pickering station <u>please</u> find enclosed two fact sheets with further details.

If you need any more information or would like a briefing, please contact Carrie-Anne Atkins, Manager of Corporate Relations and Communications at <u>Carrie-Anne.Atkins@opg.com</u> or (905) 839.1151 ext 7919.

Sincerely,

Kevin Powers, Director, Corporate Relations & Communications Enclosures (2)

# **Pickering Nuclear** The Facts You Need to Know.



## SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE

- **Myth:** Pickering Nuclear performs poorly and should be replaced.
- Fact: In 2015, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. (CNSC) Regulatory Oversight Report confirmed the highest safety performance rating ever received by Pickering Nuclear to date; achieved best performance ever in reliability and human performance with a forced loss rate of 2.89 per cent.

### PICKERING NUCLEAR LICENCE RENEWAL

- **Myth:** OPG is planning to operate the Pickering station to 2028, not 2024, and that's why it is applying for a 10-year licence.
- **Fact:** OPG only plans to operate the Pickering station to 2024, as directed by the provincial Government. The station needs a nuclear licence for the period between 2024 and 2028 in order to shut down the reactors and place them into safe storage. This is a requirement of the CNSC.

**Pickering Facts:** 

PICKERING NUCLEAR SUPPLIES ENOUGH POWER FOR



# **Capacity:**

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## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

- **Myth:** The Pickering Nuclear Generating Station is located in a very populated area, making it impossible to evacuate safely in the unlikely event of an accident.
- Fact: No member of the public has ever been harmed as a result of nuclear operations in Canada. In the very unlikely event of a nuclear accident, it would take approximately 72 hours before a release. Independent studies estimate it would take approximately eight hours to evacuate the primary zone around the Pickering.

## **COST AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

- Myth: Nuclear power is too expensive.
- Fact: Running Pickering to 2024 will save \$600 million compared with other forms of generation. The average cost of power from natural gas and other renewable energy sources is approximately 11 cents per kWh. The price of power from OPG's nuclear plants is currently capped at 7 cents per kWh.

Generation Sources	Grams of CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalent per kWh	
Hydro run of the river	6	
Nuclear	8	
Wind	14	
Hydropower reservoir	· 17	
Solar photovoltaic	64	
Natural gas	620	
Oil	878	
Coal	879	

**Myth:** It would be cheaper to import power from Quebec.



**Fact:** In 2014, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) Interties Report estimated the cost of large scale power purchased from Québec to replace nuclear generation, including transmission, would be 9 to 15 cents per kWh – a significant increase when compared to 7 cent per kWh from OPG nuclear. Additionally, the power from Quebec does not currently exist and would have to be licenced and constructed; a 20-year process.

## **BASELOAD CAPACITY**

- **Myth:** We are exporting power now so the electricity from Pickering Nuclear is no longer needed.
- **Fact:** Between 2020 and 2024, nearly 15 per cent of Ontario's power will be offline as the Bruce and Darlington stations undergo refurbishment. Operating Pickering during this period will backfill the supply gap with affordable, reliable, greenhouse gas-free power.
- Myth: Decommissioning Pickering Nuclear in 2018 would create more jobs.
- **Fact:** Extending commercial operations at Pickering Nuclear is associated with 4,500 direct and indirect jobs across the Durham Region. The cost of decommissioning the Pickering station and other nuclear plants in Ontario is fully funded by amounts already set aside.





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January 20, 2017

Dear Member Worksite:

In view of the size of your worksite (less than 20 employees), we are unable to provide site specific information. Attached please find the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter thematic issues chart representative of all member sites. The reporting period is from October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Across all member worksites, Valley EFAP supported **26** new clients, and facilitated **290** sessions during the fourth quarter. **2** crisis clients received services within 24 hours. Also noteworthy, we have extended our services to include telephone and e-counselling as requested.

Our websites, <u>www.valleyefap.com</u> and <u>www.keepanopenmind.ca</u>, remain a great source of information - program services, links to both community resources and web based screening tools, and topic itemized resource library. Our lending library continues to be one of Valley EFAP's defining assets, and we strongly promote usage. In the fourth quarter of 2016, **4** books, videos and/or DVD's have been borrowed by our worksite members.

Please keep in mind that results of usage have a direct correlation to the amount of education and awareness in the workplace. That includes an active EFAP Committee, awareness sessions (i.e. lunch and learn, workshops), distribution of the bi-monthly *On Your Mind* newsletter and *Quick Query* tip sheet and visibility in the worksite.

I look forward, in partnership with your organization, to making Valley EFAP a better service for you.

Yours Truly,

Lisa Bowman Executive Director/Counsellor Valley EFAP

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#### January 30, 2017

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His Worship Jim Gibson Mayor Head, Clara and Maria c/o hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com

Dear Mayor Gibson:

On behalf of the Ontario government, I am pleased to announce the launch of the renewed community-focused Rural Economic Development (RED) program. Applications are now being accepted for the program and the current intake will conclude on March 31, 2017.

As we have heard from our municipal partners, the RED program helps remove barriers to economic development for communities in rural Ontario. This program is designed to help rural communities become better positioned to attract investment, retain and create jobs, and sustain a highly skilled workforce.

The renewed RED program is part of a range of initiatives that address infrastructure, health care, education and other issues of importance to rural Ontario residents. The Ontario government supports rural communities by delivering on its commitment to create jobs, make economic growth more inclusive and ensure Ontario's growing economy delivers real benefits in the lives of workers and families.

Applications are welcome from rural communities, Indigenous communities and organizations, regions and not-for-profit organizations. While partnerships are not required, we are encouraging collaborative approaches to create more competitive and diverse rural and regional economies across the province.

For more information visit <u>ontario.ca/REDprogram</u> or contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre (1-877-424-1300).

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I look forward to working with you to help strengthen Ontario's rural economy, create jobs and make everyday life easier for rural Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Jeff Leal Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs



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February 1, 2017

Dear Head of Council,

Following my speech to the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the Ontario PC Caucus' unequivocal support for natural gas expansion in Ontario.

While I was encouraged by the Liberal Government's announcement of natural gas expansion at the ROMA conference, I remain concerned that they have no real intention on following through with this announcement.

The Liberal Government first announced \$230 million in investments for natural gas expansion in 2014, and we still haven't seen a single cent of that money spent. Meanwhile, the government's announcement at this week's conference amounts to a cut of \$130 million from the original promised investment.

What's more, I question the government's commitment to the future of natural gas in Ontario. Last May, The Globe and Mail reported on a leaked copy of the *Climate Change Action Plan* that was debated within cabinet. The document detailed a plan to phase out the use of natural gas for home heating in a little more than a decade.

While the Liberal Government immediately denied that they had any plan to phase out natural gas once the document was made public, comments made by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Glen Murray suggest otherwise. On May 12, 2016, Glen Murray was quoted as saying in the Legislature "home heating in the future is going to have to come from sources other than natural gas."

The time for action and investment in natural gas infrastructure is now. Ontario has already missed out on business investment opportunities because of a lack of natural gas infrastructure.

An Ontario PC government would make investing in natural gas infrastructure an immediate priority. We would not let rural municipalities continue to be burdened by increasingly expensive electricity prices when more affordable and reliable options are available.



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If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to the office of the Ontario PC Caucus' Municipal Affairs and Housing critic Ernie Hardeman at <a href="mailto:ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org">ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Brown Leader of the Official Opposition MPP – Simcoe North

c. MPP Ernie Hardeman, Ontario PC Caucus' Critic for Municipal Affairs & Housing

Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association l'Association canadienne des maîtres de poste et adjoints

January 23, 2017

Reeve Jim Gibson United Townships of Head Clara & Maria 15 Township Hall Rd Stonecliffe ON K0J 2K0



Dear Reeve Jim Gibson,

The Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) is the voice of rural post office employees since 1902. It is the second-largest bargaining unit under the Canada Post umbrella; representing members who work in post offices in towns, reserves and villages throughout rural Canada. We are in touch with over 6 million rural customers on a regular basis. Most often we are the only federal presence and the hub of the community.

CPAA members, 95% of them women, operate 3,260 post offices across Canada; 566 of these offices are in your province.

We write to you today to share our concerns over the Federal Government Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates' (OGGO) report regarding Canada Post, released on December 13, 2016. If you have not seen it yet, you can access the report at the following web address:

#### http://bit.ly/OGGO\_EN

Amongst the many recommendations made by the Committee, most of which we support, we note the absence of a recommendation on postal banking. In your province alone 44% of the communities do not have a financial institution, yet they have a corporate post office. Often your constituents have to travel long distances to receive banking services. If your citizens have to travel out of town for banking services, it is almost certain that they will also patronize other businesses in that town or city, thereby losing earning opportunities from your own town's businesses.

We at CPAA strongly feel that the resurrection of the postal bank, which was closed in 1969 when large banks were expanding in rural Canada, is a perfect fit for Canada Post. More importantly for the businesses and the citizens of your community, it is a means to ensure access to financial services. You may remember that prior to the OGGO's report, the Government had set up a Task Force to examine the challenges of Canada Post and to provide options for the future of the Corporation. The Task Force report<sup>1</sup>, which preceded the OGGO's report, mentioned that 39% of Canadian businesses would use a postal bank. It also mentioned that 38% of Canadian citizens would use a postal bank.

<sup>1</sup> http://bit.ly/tpsgc

According to the 2011 Census, Canada's rural population consisted of 6,329,414 citizens. What bank could not succeed with 38% of that number of customers?

If like us at CPAA, you feel that a postal bank would benefit your community, we ask you to write to Minister Judy Foote to voice your views and concerns. We recommend that you also copy your letter or email it to Ms. Karine Trudel, the New Democrat MP who sat on the OGGO Committee, as she was a strong supporter of the postal bank. Their postage-free addresses and email addresses are as follows:

The Honourable Judy Foote Minister of Public Services and Procurement House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6 or judy.foote@parl.gc.ca

Ms. Karine Trudel (MP) House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6 or karine.trudel@parl.gc.ca

Canada Post is uniquely positioned to offer financial services to rural Canada. When Canada Post can make money, and offer more services to Canadians who need them, we have a perfect opportunity. Let's not lose it!

Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue with a local CPAA representative, we invite you to reach out to our Ontario CPAA President as follows:

President Connie A. Kelloway Box 2121 Angus ON L0M 1B0 (705) 424-1107 connie4cpaa@sympatico.ca

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Brenda McAuley, CPAA National President 281 Queen Mary St. Ottawa ON K1K 1X1

#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

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December 9, 2016

## Members' Legislative Update

The Ontario Legislature rose today and will resume on February 21, 2017. A number of bills of interest to municipal governments were debated in this session, and are outlined below.

#### Bill 7, Promoting Affordable Housing Act - Carried Third Reading

Bill 7 aims to ensure that Ontarians have better access to affordable and adequate housing by amending the *Planning Act*, the *Development Charges Act*, the *Housing Services Act* and the *Residential Tenancies Act*, and repealing the *Elderly Persons' Housing Aid Act*. The changes have a number of impacts for municipal governments, including:

- the ability for greater flexibility to administer social housing,
- the ability to choose to implement an inclusionary zoning bylaw to require new developments to contain a certain amount of affordable housing,
- the requirement of the removal of fees for the development of secondary suites, and
- the requirement of municipal governments without property standards bylaws to assume responsibility for inspecting and enforcing standards.

Overall, many of these changes are positive and would allow for the development of additional affordable housing. There are some areas of concern for municipal governments, particularly, the requirement of all municipal governments to enforce residential maintenance standards, which will have significant impact on small and rural municipal governments. <u>AMO's submission</u> includes the full list of concerns.

# <u>Bill 39, Aggregate Resources and Mining Modernization Act</u> – Referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy

Bill 39 has been introduced based on feedback on the discussion document "Blueprint for Change: A proposal to modernize and strengthen the *Aggregate Resources Act* policy framework". Since 2012, the Province has reviewed the *Aggregates Resources Act*, including a Standing Committee report tabled in 2013 and a response from the Ministry of Natural Resources in 2014.

The AMO Aggregates Task Force has participated and provided comments throughout this process. As a permissive piece of legislation, the details that will impact municipal governments will largely be found in the future regulations, not the Bill itself.

#### Bill 41, Patients First Act - Carried Third Reading

Bill 41 implements the Patients First Strategy to transform home, community and primary care, and to strengthen public health. It amends a number of Acts including the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. The government's stated intent is to enact legislation to support access to high quality, integrated care for patients in Ontario, no matter where they live.

AMO was pleased to see that the Bill does not transfer funding and accountability oversight of Public Health Units to Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs). It will create more formalized linkages between public health and LHINs for population health planning. This is a positive development; however, resourcing issues will need to be addressed to support this enhanced role. Also, the Bill does not address all areas of the health system in need of change from the municipal perspective including long-term care, land ambulance, hospital capital funding, and physician recruitment. AMO provided a <u>written submission</u> in November 2016 to the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

#### Bill 59, Putting Consumers First Act - Referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy

Bill 59 would, if passed, strengthen a number of consumer protections by introducing new rules around home inspections, door-to-door sales, and payday loan establishments. Bill 59 enacts the new *Home Inspection Act*, 2016 and amends the *Collection and Debt Settlement Services Act*, the *Consumer Protection Act*, 2002, and the *Payday Loans Act*, 2008.

The Bill would give municipal governments the authority to control where payday loan establishments are sited and the number of operations that are permitted, to protect low-income residents. Door-to-door sales of certain household energy products would be banned, and would be enforced by the Province. AMO has made a submission to the Standing Committee.

#### Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act - in Second Reading Debate

Bill 68, if passed, would amend the *Municipal Act*, the *City of Toronto Act*, and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, as well as several other Acts. AMO is preparing a detailed review of the proposed legislative amendments for the AMO Board's consideration in January 2017 as input into the Second Reading and Standing Committee process that will restart in February.

# Bill 70, Building Ontario Up for Everyone Act (Budget Measures), 2016 – Carried Third Reading

This Fall Economic Statement companion bill amended a number of Acts that have municipal impacts. The Acts amended included:

- Assessment Act changes to managed forest and pipeline rates and landfill assessment
- *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* amendments related to minor process improvements to interest arbitration. AMO's request to include an amendment to require arbitrators to consider municipal capacity to pay was not successful.
- *Municipal Act* amendments to make changes to create more latitude around dealing with vacancy rebates and removing barriers to ending "capping" of commercial classes which were welcome. However, it also included unwelcome amendments to freeze taxes paid by multi-residential units to 2016 amounts where the tax rate is over 2.0.

No proposed AMO amendments to Bill 70 were adopted through the legislative process.

#### Bill 151, Waste-Free Ontario Act - proclaimed on November 30, 2016

Bill 151 officially moves Ontario toward a full producer responsibility model for waste management in the Province, and signals the transition of existing diversion programs under the *Waste Diversion Act* to the new framework.

The new Act, once fully implemented, will make Producers fully responsible for the end-of-life management of their designated products and packaging. If transition proceeds as intended under the Act, the future shift is expected to bring savings to municipal governments-the Blue Box program in particular. The AMO Waste Task Force is working with the province and other stakeholders to ensure that this high-level enabling legislation benefits municipal governments who will remain responsible for the majority of the waste management system even after the transition is complete. For further information, see <u>AMO's policy update</u>.

# Bills expected in the Ontario Legislative Spring 2017 session include the following:

#### **Conservation** Authorities Act

It is anticipated that the next session of the legislature will include some changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The majority of changes will come forward as guidance or regulation Areas of legislative change will confirm the authority of municipal governments in appointing Conservation Authority Boards, affirming the general role of Conservation Authorities and confirming the regulatory role of Conservation Authorities.

#### **Ontario Municipal Board Act**

Amendments to the Ontario Municipal Board Act and Planning Act are expected. The key changes are expected to limit what is appealable, impact Board operations and expand on dispute

resolution procedures. These changes may also impact committees of adjustment, and local appeal bodies.

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January 27, 2017

## **Premier Announces Increase to Ontario Gas Tax Fund for Transit**

Increased provincial gas tax funding for transit projects is welcome news. Funding is expected to begin in 2019. Currently, 99 Ontario municipalities receive funding from this program. The remaining 345 have different infrastructure pressures, for example, they manage thousands of kilometres of roads and bridges that are important to keep the rest of Ontario moving. In total, Ontario's 444 municipal governments manage 140,000 kilometres of roads. That's enough to wrap around the earth almost four times.

"This funding announcement is positive news for municipal transit and it is complimentary to increases in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) announced last year," said Lynn Dollin, AMO President. "Municipal leaders will be looking for more information at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference next week".

OCIF funding is set to triple while the provincial gas tax will double over the period set out in the chart below. These increases, providing more than \$900 million per year for municipal transit, roads and bridges, water and wastewater services, help to improve the balance between the need and available funding.

	Transit (Millions) Gas Tax Funding	Infrastructure Fund (Millions) OCIF	
2017	\$334.5	\$145	
2018	\$321.0	\$230	
2019	\$401.3	\$300	
2020	\$481.5	TBD	
2021	\$642.0	TBD	

Rural municipalities face an infrastructure gap for roads and bridges of about \$468 per person. That's double the gap that exists in small and large urban municipalities with populations greater than 100,000. With lower incomes, older populations and limited property taxes, rural communities have fewer options to raise revenue to address this growing gap.

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#### Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From: Sent: To: Subject: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca> Thursday, February 2, 2017 4:20 PM hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com AMO Policy Update - AMO Report to Member Municipalities - Highlights of the January 2017 Board Meeting

February 2, 2017

## AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the January 2017 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the January 27, 2017 meeting include:

#### **Infrastructure Incrementality**

Almost 80 councils have passed the AMO requested resolutions on federal incrementality requirements. This strong municipal support assisted AMO in a recent meeting between Minister Sohi, Deputy Minister Tremblay, the AMO President, and the heads of AMO caucuses to discuss alternative approaches to the federal requirements. Minister Sohi committed to continue to work with AMO to try to find a solution to this issue that works for all. AMO will update members on future developments.

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#### **Policing Grants**

The Board received a briefing on the provincial repurposing of key existing policing grants into a single transitional grant. This could leave property taxpayers on the hook for \$400 million in payroll costs in 2018 without dedicated provincial support for those front line officers. In AMO's view, the Ministry's proposal of a transitional, short-term grant with different funding criteria at this time is ill considered. The first priority must be to wind up old grants in a way that ensures no residual or legacy fiscal burdens for police services or municipal government. The second priority should be to design future grants and direct Ministry spending in ways that support good civilian governance and policing modernization.

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# Summary of Key Provincial Proposals on Bill 68 – Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016

A synopsis of the key changes that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs has proposed in Bill 68 that primarily affect the *Municipal Act*, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the *City of Toronto Act*, and the *Municipal Elections Act* was provided to the Board. An AMO Technical Working Group, including municipal lawyers, will review the Bill and a final report with proposed amendments will be ready for the Board's consideration at the March meeting.

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#### LAS Update

The 2017 LAS Strategic Objectives were presented to the AMO Board. The strategic objectives focus on growing existing programs and services offered by LAS as well as the launch of two new services focused on fleet and asset management. LAS will also be renewing its strategic plan in 2017. Information on the programs offered by LAS can be found at <u>www.las.on.ca</u>.

AMO Contact: Judy Dezell, Director AMO Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships and LAS, jdezell@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 306.

# Response on 'Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario Building the Circular Economy' and Setting the Annual Blue Box Steward Obligation

The AMO response to the MOECC "Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario Building the Circular Economy" Environmental Bill of Rights Posting was reviewed. Direction was given to continue work with our municipal waste partners. The Board was provided with information on the 2017 Steward Obligation and the proposed approach for the Blue Box program in light of the recent change in oversight of the existing waste diversion programs from Waste Diversion Ontario to the new Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority.

AMO Contact: Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, dgordon@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 371.

#### Provincial Consultation on New Climate Change Organization

A provincial consultation response on a new climate change organization to support the implementation of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan was approved. The Board asked that the response include a suggestion that a municipal representative be considered for the organization's Board of Directors, an expanded scope of focus for the organization to also consider district energy, energy storage and microgrids, and that the organization offer a Local Improvement Charges program for building retrofits, including bulk purchasing of the retrofit technology via LAS. **AMO Contact:** Jessica Schmidt, Policy Advisor, jschmidt@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 367.

#### **Overview of Energy in Ontario**

An AMO-produced Energy Overview informational resource for AMO members was received. It was developed with input from members of the Energy Task Force and LAS staff. The overview covers roles and responsibilities of various actors in the field, key issues and municipal advocacy, and a timeline of events. This overview will be posted on the AMO website soon. AMO Contact: Jessica Schmidt, Policy Advisor, jschmidt@amo,on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 367.

#### **Response to Ontario's Basic Income Pilot Consultation**

The Board approved a response to the provincial consultations on a Basic Income pilot, based on proposed comments from AMO staff, working jointly with Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA). The submission will not endorse or reject the use of a Basic Income, but rather indicate that the government should evaluate the benefits and limitations of a Basic Income model in the context of broader social assistance reform. The Board asked that a number of recommendations regarding eligibility, site selection, design and benefits, educational elements, outcomes, and evaluation be included.

AMO Contact: Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, mjacek@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 329.

## Provincial Consultation on a Child Care and Early Years Regulatory Framework

A response to the provincial government's <u>consultation</u> concerning the development of a Renewed Policy Framework for Child Care and the Early Years, including the expansion of 100,000 new childcare spaces over the next five years, was approved. AMO's response will emphasize the need for sufficient provincial funding for childcare and the early years to support the expansion of the 100,000 new spaces and to ensure a dispersion of the new spaces across all geographic areas of the province including urban, rural, and northern Ontario.

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#### **Overview of Housing in Ontario**

The Board received an AMO-produced Housing Overview document for members as an informational resource. It includes an overview of provincial and federal policies and programs relating to housing, municipal legislative requirements, a timeline of events relating to housing policy, housing definitions, and key issues relating to the municipal interest in housing. It will be posted to AMO's website shortly.

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#### **Program Updates**

A video, <u>Tracking Our Progress: Reporting on the Federal Gas Tax Outcomes</u>, was presented at the Board that highlights the importance of sharing our successes from federal Gas Tax investments. A new outcome reporting tool will be launched on January 31.

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