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**Subject:** RE: Hands free devices  
**Attachments:** MTO Hand Held Device Regs May 23 2017 Signed.pdf

All,

Below is an excerpt from the County Operations Committee Report of May 15, 2017 regarding this issue. Also attached is my letter to the MTO.

(e) Appendix V attached is a notice from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) advising of a review of Ontario Regulation 366/09 – Display Screens and Handheld Devices. The regulation currently provides an exemption to municipal public works employees to allow the use of hand held two-way radio systems, which operate as “push-to-talk” devices, while in the performance of their duties. The exemption is set to expire on January 1, 2018. As the use of two-way radios is a critical means of communications for public works functions, staff will be providing comments that the exemption should become permanent for all public agencies that use two-way radio systems. Comments are to be submitted by June 14, 2017.

Regards,

Steve

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Subject: Hands free devices

For your information.

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From: AORS admin

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:20 PM

To: Dennis O'Neil

Cc: John Maheu (AORS)

Subject: Hands free devices email

Dear AORS Board members and LA Secretaries,

The current exemption under Reg. 366/09 for the use of hand held devices/two way radios for municipalities is set to end on January 1st 2018.

The ministry is considering three options;

1. Extend the exemption for hand-held use of two-way radios for an additional 7 years.
2. Make the exemption permanent.
3. Allow the exemption to expire (making hand-held use of devices illegal and requiring all currently exempted drivers to use hands-free alternatives only)

Members can follow the link <http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=24092&language=en> to obtain further details on the Reg.

AORS believes that public works professionals and all municipal services currently holding licensed two way radio systems should carry the same permanent exemption that is currently extended to Fire, Police and ambulance services. We strongly believe this communication equipment is vital to the delivery of service during winter control operations and emergency events as well as in every day use to keep our roadways safe for the motoring public.

This item will be included in the agenda for the June 23rd 2017 Board of Directors meeting however with the deadline for comments of June 15th 2017, your president Kevin Boucock will be sending a letter on your behalf encouraging the Ministry to grant a permanent exemption from Reg 366/09 for all municipal operations. We are also aware that other organizations such as OGRA and MEOA are also commenting on this issue however AORS strongly encourages all members to make comment to the ministry prior to the June 15th deadline either through a letter from your public works department or if possible through a Council resolution.

Contact information is as follows:

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May 23, 2017

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Dear Sirs:

**RE: Display Screens and Handheld Devices – 5 Year Limited Exemption Review**  
**Ontario Regulation 366/09 - Proposal Number 17-MTO010**

The County of Renfrew is in receipt of the proposal to review the current exemption for the use of handheld devices by certain public function employees who currently depend on the use of push to talk devices for communications.

The use of two-way radio communications is critical to the safe operation of the various public functions carried out by municipalities throughout Ontario. Two-way radios are critical to the safety of municipal workers and are the only way in which employees are able to communicate in the many areas of Ontario where there is no cell phone coverage and in which other communication technologies are not readily available. As has been evidenced during the recent flooding and other natural disaster events, public works employees are a critical part of the emergency response teams and two-way radio communications are key to the timely provision of disaster response services.

The County of Renfrew is extremely concerned that any loss of the current exemption, which permits the use of handheld devices, will adversely affect our ability to deliver the services provided in a timely, efficient and safe manner. The loss of the current exemption, for public function employees, will also adversely affect the safety of those employees who rely on two-way radios for critical life safety communications. It is also to be noted that many municipalities continue to rely on older analogue radio systems which are not readily able to accept hands-free technologies without significant cost implications.

In view of the foregoing and given the critical nature of two-way radio communications to municipal public function employees, the County of Renfrew requests that the exemption for the use of hand-held two-way radios be made permanent for all public sector road users.

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**From:** Evelyn Vanstarkenburg <EVanstarkenburg@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>  
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**Cc:** Jason Davis; Craig Kelley; Anthony Hobbs  
**Subject:** Vimy Oaks Legacy Program

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and the important role that Canada played, The Vimy Foundation is presenting a unique opportunity for communities, associations, community groups and Legions to obtain very special oak trees:

On May 31, 2017 County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT County Council in commemoration of the 100th year of the Vimy Ridge Battle, as well as Canada's 150th Anniversary Celebrations, purchase up to 18 oak trees from the Vimy Oaks Legacy Program to be distributed among the interested municipalities and/or installed at the various County-owned facilities across the County of Renfrew; AND FURTHER THAT the funds to support the initiative, up to \$3,000, come from the County of Renfrew 2017 Provision for Unallocated Funds Budget.

Staff in reviewing the process for purchasing the Vimy Oak Trees for your municipality, were made aware from the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation that they will not approve applications for planting of trees in locations where the Natural Resources Canada has classified a location with a hardiness zone of 5 or greater.

As your municipality is in a hardiness zone less than 5, it does not meet the requirement for the Vimy Oaks and will not be receiving a tree. The County plans to plant a Vimy Oak tree, with recognition to your municipality, at 450 O'Brien Renfrew Ontario, if approved by the Vimy Oaks Legacy Corporation for this location.

The following links provide you with information on your municipality's hardiness zone:

Map: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/atlas/agpv?webmap=en=78529700717d4cab81c13e9f9404ef10&webmap-fr=c1b454842d3748b0bb0807d7817d34c2>

Table: <http://www.planthardiness.gc.ca/?m=22&lang=en&prov=Ontario&val=C>

If you have any questions, please contact me for further clarification.

With kind regards,

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June 28, 2017

Premier Kathleen Wynne  
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**Re: Continued Support for Sustainable Forestry In Algonquin Provincial Park**

Dear Premier Wynne:

The County of Renfrew was disappointed to learn of the recent campaign by Wilderness Committee, resulting in over 3,500 form-style petitions delivered to the Ontario government calling for an end to forestry in Algonquin Provincial Park, also referred to as "the Park". In light of the false allegations brought forward by the campaign, the County of Renfrew would like to take this opportunity to highlight the excellence in sustainable forest management of the Park, as well as the contributions forestry in the Park makes to our local communities.

We appreciate the fact that the sustainability of forestry in the Park does not need to be defended to your government, since it is well known that the forest management practices utilized in the Park are world-class and award winning. There is no doubt that sustainable forestry and maintaining ecological integrity can go hand in hand. Ontario has very stringent laws and regulations for the management of Crown forests, ensuring that all values are protected and that, ecological, social and economic objectives are provided for. There are many additional measures taken in the Park to ensure that forestry does not impact recreational users or unique values. To suggest, as Wilderness Committee has, that forestry is a "destructive industry" demonstrates a serious lack of understanding of the rigorous and science-based processes required in Ontario's forest management process.

Long-standing, family-owned businesses have been operating in the Park and surrounding area since the early 1800s. The forest industry has been doing an excellent job of protecting species at risk and other forest values, long before the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA) came into effect. It could be argued that the high concentration of species at risk, diverse habitat and natural beauty exists because of, not in spite of, the continued management and care of these forests. There are many examples of species at risk thriving in areas that have been harvested over the last 150 years. In contrast to Wilderness Committee's statement that "Every year, every month we allow logging to continue in Algonquin Provincial Park, we hand a loss of natural heritage to future generations," permitting forest management to occur in the Park has ensured that diverse habitats and natural heritage are maintained (habitat that would be lost in the absence of natural or emulated disturbance).

The wood volume from the Park represents 40% of Central Ontario's wood supply, and this volume cannot be made up from adjacent forest areas – all available wood is allocated. Removing any of the wood supply from the Park would have a detrimental impact on 7 communities and 10 wood processing facilities in Renfrew County alone. With continued attacks from organizations greatly removed from the communities who surround the Park (note that majority of the Wilderness Committee letters were from Ottawa and Toronto), we need to assure the 2,775 hard-working people directly employed in forestry activities in the Park, as well as the 8,000 others who are indirectly employed, that they will continue to be able to make a living in this beautiful area. The communities dependent on wood from the Park also provide goods and services to the nearly one million recreational visitors the Park receives annually.

A sustainably managed forest is a healthy forest. The results of annual third-party certification audits to Canada's National Forest Management Standard CSA-Z809, 5-year Independent Forest Audits, and stringent planning and auditing that happens every day according to Ontario's forest management planning system indicate that, without a doubt, the Park is sustainably managed to world-class standards. We ask for your government's continued support in the sustainable management of Algonquin Provincial Park's forests.

Respectfully submitted,



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- c. The Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry  
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Proposed Asset Management Planning Regulation

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## **ROMA Comments on Proposed Asset Management Planning Regulation**

The Province recently released a "proposed municipal asset management planning regulation" it can be found on the Environmental Registry EBR by searching registry number 013-0551 or 'asset' here:

<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/>

ROMA encourages all members to have a significant and detailed look at the proposed asset management plan (AMP) regulation framework. It outlines the most comprehensive update to asset management planning in Ontario. It comes at a time when many small, northern and rural municipalities are just beginning to gain traction on implementing the original AMP legislation.

Asset management planning is certainly an important initiative for municipalities. It helps decision makers and the public better understand infrastructure deficits, asset needs and fiscal challenges. It also helps generate the data and understanding required to help make an evidence-based argument to upper levels of government that they need to be doing more to support the local infrastructure. AMPs inform and bolster campaigns such as AMO's recently launched 'Local Share'.

That said, the approach and context to asset management planning matters.



As ROMA continuously champions this, “The Rural and Northern Lens” must be applied. At no time is your input more critical than when new regulations are proposed.

Some of the matters outlined in the regulation framework that may be of key interest to ROMA members include:

### **Developing/Renewing AMPs and ‘Strategic Asset Management Plan’**

#### **Policy Setting**

- Assets are defined as all those ‘directly owned’ or ‘consolidated on the financial statement of a municipality’, but do not include the assets of Joint Water Boards;
- Municipalities must develop and adopt a ‘Strategic Asset Management Plan’ policy by Jan 1, 2019;
- This policy will form the foundation of your municipality’s approach to asset management planning. Note the timing in relation to the election period;
- The policy requirements indicate a strong focus on climate change vulnerability;
- A three phase approach to building/renewing your AMP plan;
- Phase 1 and 2 include core assets (most assets aside from buildings and rolling stock) by 2020, and all assets by 2021. A significant addition will be the need to define and integrate service levels, inventory analysis, and costing to sustain service into AMPs. If your population is over 25,000 you will also need to incorporate costing to service growth; and
- Phase 3, due June 1, 2022, takes the AMP developed under Phase 1 and 2 and adds on more integrated elements, including: proposed service levels, lifecycle management, a financial strategy and addressing shortfalls, the latter two likely being significant in terms of scope and

implications. If your population is over 25,000 you will also need to include a financial strategy to service growth and risk analysis.

### **Updates, Approvals and Data Collection**

- A requirement to have AMPs signed by an engineer prior to presentation to Council;
- Updating AMPs every 5 years;
- Detailed progress reports on local implementation of the regulation requirements;
- Public posting and availability of documents;
- Detailed annual reporting/submission requirements to the Province.

After you have reviewed the proposed regulation framework in detail, ROMA asks that Councils and senior staff give due consideration to the necessary new resource requirements and/or internal re-allocations that will be required to comply with the regulation. ROMA predicts that this regulation may generate significant resource and/or fiscal strain, especially for municipalities without in-house expertise or those with an extensive asset base.

Following this review, it is recommended that municipal Councils take a detailed position on the regulation, including quantifying and outlining anticipated impacts and challenges. The Province has requested that all comments be submitted by **July 24, 2017**. A sample Council Motion is attached to this email and we would suggest that your Council consider this Motion and append it to any submission concerning the Asset Management Planning Regulation.

ROMA has also reviewed the proposed regulation framework in detail and has made a submission through the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure. Our submission is attached for your information. As always, ROMA remains a committed partner and will continue

to advocate on behalf of our membership, to ensure “The Rural and Northern Lens” is applied to Provincial decision making.

Ron Holman, Chair



**Click for SAMPLE MOTION**

Asset Management Planning Regulation  
Sample Motion

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WHEREAS municipalities are a responsible, mature order of government in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality/Town/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ promotes, supports and encourages strong and effective rural and norther rural governments;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality/Town/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ supports the responsible and fiscally accountable development of municipal Asset Management Plans;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure has developed a proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation has been posted on the Environmental Registry as 013-0551;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality/Town/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ has reviewed the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality/Town/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ has reviewed the submission on the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation submitted by the Rural Ontario Municipal Association;

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved that the Municipality/Town/Township of \_\_\_\_\_ agrees that the proposed Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation:

1. Is overly prescriptive;
2. Does not reflect the principle that municipalities are responsible, mature governments;

3. Incrementally increases engineering costs for municipalities at a time when the demand for engineering firms and expertise may exceed the availability;
4. Will create a resource and fiscal strain on our municipality and others, more specifically the small rural and northern rural communities that have limited staffing capacity, being the most vulnerable and sensitive to an increasingly burdensome regulatory environment;

AND FURTHER Be It Resolved that copies of this Motion be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, AMO and our local MPP (insert name).

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Local Municipalities in Renfrew County

**FROM:** W. James Hutton  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

**DATE:** July 11, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – Cell Gap Project

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) passed a resolution on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 to identify the cell gap project as its number one priority for 2017: "Supporting the improvement of cell networks to ensure mobile broadband services and increased public safety."

Attached is a background document including a Project Overview, benefits for Eastern Ontario and frequently asked questions along with a resolution for your support. The County of Renfrew supported a similar resolution at their June 28, 2017 meeting.

People increasingly access the internet – and connect to the world – through smartphones, tablets and other mobile broadband devices. They expect to access online content anywhere, anytime, and on any device. In order to participate in this universally connected world, rural Eastern Ontario needs a robust network of both fixed and mobile broadband. Today nearly one-sixth of rural Eastern Ontario is in a cellular "dead zone" - meaning there are homes, businesses and major roadways with no cell service at all. In 2014 the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus tasked the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) to investigate the requirements to address this cell gap.

In response, EORN is proposing a \$213 million public-private initiative that would build on its high-capacity, fibre-optic backbone network to help close the gap in cellular services. This will keep products and services that create prosperity moving across the region and keep Eastern Ontarians connected to the world – at home, at work and on the road.

In addition, EORN is proposing to combine the commercial infrastructure build with construction of a dedicated cell network for first responders, for a combined project value of \$299 million. Combining a Public Safety Network with the regional commercial cell gap project will save \$47 million compared to building this separately.

We ask that all municipalities in Renfrew County support the attached resolution.

Jim Hutton



## **Improving Mobile Broadband in Eastern Ontario Council Resolution of Support**

### **Project Overview**

For Eastern Ontario to work and grow, people need high-speed internet access at home, work or on the road. The current gap in cellular coverage and capacity is hindering economic growth, quality of life and public safety in the region.

Working with the governments of Canada and Ontario, along with private sector cellular companies, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is proposing a \$213 million project to improve cell coverage and mobile broadband services to grow the regional economy. The project also proposes to build a public safety broadband network for first responders. The total cost of both projects is \$299 million, saving nearly \$50 million through a combined build.

The proposal was delivered to the federal government on May 1 and will be officially submitted to the Minister of Rural Affairs Jeff Leal and Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli on May 29. Provincial support is the first step to achieving federal funding commitments.

When Eastern Ontario demonstrated strong municipal support for the first EORN broadband project, the federal and provincial governments responded with funding. Passing a Council Resolution of Support will again demonstrate that Eastern Ontario municipalities are unified in their call to improve cellular connectivity across our region.

### **Is this a priority for Eastern Ontario?**

- Yes. The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) deems this project the number one economic development priority for the region. People and businesses across Eastern Ontario increasingly rely on connecting to broadband services through their smart phones or tablets. Mobile broadband is an essential tool to grow local businesses and generate jobs.
- The EOWC also recognizes the critical need for a dependable and secure communications network for emergency services, usually called a public safety broadband network (PSBN).

### **What could the project do for Eastern Ontario?**

- We know that broadband connectivity – including cellular data connections – are critical to creating jobs, business growth and economic development.
- Economic analysis suggests that the project would create more than 3,000 full-time job equivalents over 10 years and more than \$420 million in private sector business revenues.
- It would also help improve online access to public services, improve public safety and help people stay connected socially.
- The CRTC has said that both fixed and mobile broadband should be a basic telecom service available to all Canadians. The EORN project would be a major step forward in making this a reality for people in Eastern Ontario.

**What is a public safety broadband network?**

- EORN's design could also support the proposed public safety broadband network. This would be a dedicated, secure network for first responders to communicate seamlessly and share information in real-time.
- Canada has set aside 20 MHz of 700 MHz spectrum for such a national network. EORN's design builds on its proposed cellular improvements to reduce the overall costs of the public safety network, saving nearly \$50 million.

**What is the scale of Eastern Ontario's cell gap?**

- About one quarter of rural Eastern Ontario, where there are homes, businesses, or major roadways, cannot access mobile data services.
- There are also many areas with poor service that can't handle current demand for data. With demand for data growing rapidly, that capacity gap that will grow to 65% by 2018.

**Why isn't Eastern Ontario better served?**

- Rural communities simply don't generate enough revenue for cell carriers to spend on expanded services across a large, sparsely populated area. The result is market failure.

**What would the project involve?**

- Building on its extensive fibre optic backbone network, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) has developed a plan to improve the reach and quality of cellular coverage across the region.
- This plan would involve creating new connectivity points to the fibre backhaul network, building new cell towers and installing new equipment on existing infrastructure.

**How did EORN develop the plan and costing?**

- The EORN proposal is based on a thorough analysis of current services from the two major telecomm providers, and projections about growing needs.
- The work included an engineering cell gap analysis, costing study, cell market analysis and economic impact study. We have taken into account the expansion of the 700 MHz spectrum, and tested our model against input from mobile providers through a Request for Information.

**What will it cost municipalities?**

- Work is underway to look at a variety of cost-sharing formulas, as was the case in the first EORN project
- In that project the EOWC members and six separated municipalities contributed a total of \$10 million.
- Current discussions revolve around a range of \$10.1 to \$14.2 million but a final decision will depend a number of variables including final project design and funding support from other levels of government.

**What kind of coverage would the project achieve?**

- EORN's project is being designed to cover 99% of the region where there are homes, businesses or major roads, and will increase capacity to handle growing mobile data demand.
- The project also takes into account that in rural areas, unlike urban centres, cellular data services may be the only internet access available. This means that an even more robust network is needed.

**About EORN**

EORN was created by the EOWC to expand high-speed internet access across the region through a public-private partnership. EORN improved broadband access to about 90% of rural Eastern Ontario, and more than 120,000 households are new broadband subscribers.

EORN has demonstrated success in managing projects of this scale and delivering value for dollar. The original \$170 million broadband project is now valued at \$260 million, when you include additional private sector in-kind contributions.

EORN continues to advocate with ISPs and work on innovative ways to improve connectivity. Mobile broadband may be a solution in some areas which have been difficult to serve with other technologies.





## Local Resolution

### IMPROVING CELL SERVICES & BUILDING A PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND NETWORK IN EASTERN ONTARIO

**WHEREAS** the revitalization of the economy of Eastern Ontario continues to be the primary objective of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);

**AND WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. in its *Economic Development Strategy for Eastern Ontario* has identified the necessity of improving mobile broadband and cellular networks as critical to propelling innovation and economic growth in all sectors of the regional economy including manufacturing, agriculture, and transportation services;

**AND WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) have undertaken a detailed and comprehensive engineering analysis of the gaps in cellular coverage and capacity across the region;

**AND WHEREAS** that analysis demonstrates the existence of significant gaps in both coverage and capacity that is impacting public safety, economic growth and the quality of life for residents

**AND WHEREAS** EORN, on behalf of the EOWC, has prepared a full business case to support improvement and expansion of cellular networks and mobile broadband services across Eastern Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** establishing a Public Safety Broadcast Network (PSBN) for First Responders is a national imperative;

**AND WHEREAS** EORN is proposing the development of a Public Safety Broadcast Network pilot project covering Eastern Ontario to support a national network;

**AND WHEREAS** the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus has proven itself capable of designing, building and delivering a major telecommunications project on behalf of the businesses and citizens of Eastern Ontario, Ontario and Canada:

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Corporation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby strongly supports submission of *The Eastern Ontario Regional Cellular Mobile Broadband Project* as the region's highest economic development priority;

**AND FURTHER THAT** \_\_\_\_\_ Council requests that both MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP John Yakabuski work closely with the EOWC and EORN on this essential infrastructure project.

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Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith:

**RE: Off-Road Vehicle By-law Revisions**

As a result of the pending opening of the Algonquin Trail through the County to use by members of the public, the County has received requests to modify the current Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) By-law. A copy of By-law 8-17 pertaining to the operation of ORV's on County roads is attached. In an effort to reduce duplication of efforts and the likelihood of further revisions in the near future, it would be appreciated if your municipality could review By-law 8-17 and advise of any requested revisions by September 1, 2017. It is proposed that this matter will be referred to the County's Operations Committee and County Council for consideration during the September sessions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Steven P. Boland, C.E.T., LEL  
Director of Public Works & Engineering  
[sboland@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:sboland@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

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Attch.

**COUNTY OF RENFREW**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 8-17**

**A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF  
OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON COUNTY OF RENFREW ROADS**

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WHEREAS Section 191.8, subsection (3), the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. 8, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws:

- (a) Permitting the operation of Off-Road Vehicles with three or more wheels on any Highway within the municipality that is under the jurisdiction of the municipality, or on any part or parts of such Highways;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew enacts as follows:

1. Definitions.

In this by-law,

“Highway” shall include a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway and driveway, any part of which is intended for use or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof.

“Off-Road Vehicle” shall mean an off-road vehicle within the meaning of the Off Road vehicles Act, O. Reg. 316/03, S.1., as amended.

2. Regulation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways.

An Off-Road Vehicle shall not be operated on Highways unless it meets and is operated in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 316/03 – Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways as amended by O. Reg. 135/15.

3. General

Operation of Off-Road Vehicles shall be permitted on all Highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew with the exceptions of those Highways or parts of such Highways listed on Schedule “A” attached to this By-Law.

4. Penalties

Any person who contravenes any section of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

5. Validity

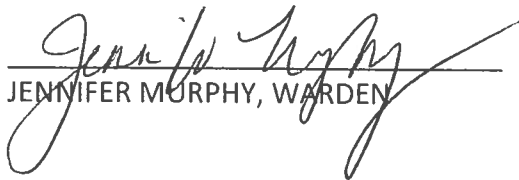
If any section, clause or provision of this By-Law is for any reason declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the By-Law as a whole or any part thereof other than that section, clause or provision so declared to be invalid and it is hereby declared to be the intention that all the remaining sections, clauses or provisions of the By-Law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, notwithstanding that one or more provisions thereof shall have been declared to be invalid.

6. That By-Law 76-15, being a By-Law to Regulate the Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on County of Renfrew Roads is hereby repealed.
7. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the date of its passing.

READ a first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

READ a second time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

READ a third time and finally passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

  
JENNIFER MURPHY, WARDEN

  
W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK

# SCHEDULE "A"

County Road/Name	From	To	Municipality
1 - Madawaska Blvd, Elgin St & River Rd	East limit of the Madawaska River Bridge	1.6 km North of the intersection with County Road 3 (Usborne Street North End)	Arnprior McNab/Braeside
2 - Daniel St & White Lake Rd	Madawaska Street	County Road 10 (Baskin Drive)	Arnprior
2 - White Lake Rd	Staye Court Drive/ Winners Circle	County Road 45 (Vanjumar Drive)	Arnprior
2 - White Lake Rd	300 m East of County Road 52	County Road 52	McNab/Braeside
16 - Victoria St	Laurentian Drive	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
25 - Laurentian Dr	Victoria Street	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
26 - Doran Rd	Petawawa Boulevard	Highway 17	Petawawa
35 - Boundary Rd E	Jean Avenue	Trafalgar Road	Laurentian Valley
37 - Murphy Rd	Petawawa Boulevard	Highway 17	Petawawa
51 - Pembroke St W & Petawawa Blvd	Pembroke City Limit	Paquette Road	Laurentian Valley Petawawa
52 - Raglan St	Highway 60	Pine Street	Renfrew
52 - Burnstown Rd	County Road 2	McLachlan Road	McNab/Braeside
55 - Paquette Rd	Highway 17	Petawawa Boulevard	Petawawa
72 - Ridge Rd	Highway 17	Deep River Road	Deep River
73 - Deep River Rd	Highway 17	Ridge Road	Deep River



**Via Email**

August 24, 2017

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

**Re: Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program**

Dear Premier Wynne,

At its meeting on August 9, 2017 the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte adopted the following motion pertaining to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program:

"Be it resolved

1. That the Ontario's Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Guide from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and presented by Councillor Jerney be received.
2. And Whereas Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte recognizes that The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP) provides compensation to eligible producers whose livestock and/or poultry have been injured or killed as a result of wildlife predation or whose bee colonies, beehives and/or beehive-related equipment has been damaged as a result of wildlife predation.
3. And Whereas livestock producers are passionate about caring for their animals, creating a sustainable environment for future generations and providing high-quality livestock to represent the industry.
4. And Whereas the Municipal Investigators are appointed by the Municipality to conduct a thorough investigation ensuring that all relevant evidence is documented.
5. Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Oro-Medonte respectfully requests that the Province:
  - a) expand the OWDCP to include evidence of partial carcass' to allow eligible producers to process legitimate claims; and



b) rely more heavily on the opinions of the Municipal Investigator, as they are experienced, familiar and knowledgeable with the Municipality's producers, as they continue to process genuine and valid applications.

6. And That correspondence be forwarded, under the Mayor's signature, to the Premier, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, the Beef Farmers of Ontario and Ontario municipalities requesting their support."

We respectfully request your consideration and support of Council's resolution of this matter and thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Mayor Harry Hughes  
/so

Cc: Hon. Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Jennifer MacTavish, General Manager, Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency  
Beef Farmers of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities  
Township of Oro-Medonte Council

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August 30, 2017

The Honourable Marc Garneau  
Department of Transportation Canada  
Via email: marc.garneau@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable William Francis Morneau  
Department of Finance Canada  
Via email: bill.morneau@canada.ca

**RE: VIA Rail High-Frequency Trail Proposal**

Dear Ministers,

At the August 30, 2017 session of Council of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS VIA Rail has submitted a High-Frequency Train proposal to the Government of Canada for the Windsor-Québec Corridor, the busiest in Canada;

WHEREAS this project aims to improve the quality, frequency and reliability of passenger rail services and will have a direct effect on the viability of VIA Rail by attracting more customers while stimulating economic growth;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project allows more options for connections with other modes of transportation such as light rail and local railways;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project provides access to the city centers of the railway network, which maximizes its relevance, efficiency and use;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project increases connections with smaller communities and increases intercity transit, and increases services on existing lines;

WHEREAS this project requires a significant financial contribution from the Government of Canada but also from private sector investments;

WHEREAS this project allows an increase in intercity passenger services, which will lead to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, thereby effectively supporting the Government of Canada's environmental objectives and directions following the signing of the Paris Protocol;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project is consistent with the Government of Canada's priorities for public transit infrastructure;

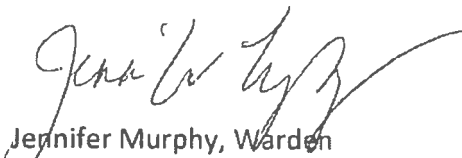


BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus:

1. Support VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train project;
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide financial support for VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train project;
3. Request the Government of Ontario to include VIA Rail's proposed High-Frequency Train project in the list of priority infrastructure projects for Ontario;
4. Call on the governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure that the High-Frequency Train projects of VIA Rail are carried out in a way that enables the user to have direct and fast access to railway stations and hubs in communities across rural Eastern Ontario.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Renfrew circulate a copy of this resolution to MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Murphy, Warden  
County of Renfrew  
[warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca)

- c. The Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation  
MP Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
MPP Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
County of Renfrew Lower-tier Municipalities

**Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria**

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**From:** Crystal Fischer <hcminfocfischer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017 9:52 AM  
**To:** hcmclerkmreith@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FW: Resolutions Opposing CNL's Engineered Containment Mound at Chalk River  
**Attachments:** OFWCA Resolution 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00007.html; New municipal resolutions - Jul & Aug 2017.pdf; Untitled attachment 00010.html

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**From:** Johanna Echlin [<mailto:j.echlin@sympatico.ca>]

**Sent:** September 4, 2017 8:26 PM

**To:** Mayor David Reid; Walter Stack, 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; 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

**Subject:** Resolutions Opposing CNL's Engineered Containment Mound at Chalk River

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

Hello,

On July 22nd Old Fort William Cottagers' Association adopted a new resolution strongly opposing CNL's proposal to dispose of one million cubic metres of radioactive waste in an above-ground mound one kilometre from the Ottawa River.

This resolution (attached) continues to strongly oppose any radioactive or mixed waste coming to Chalk River from any outside location and, in addition, opposes both the location and the engineered containment mound (ECM) proposed by CNL. It is unacceptable to dispose of radioactive waste so close to the Ottawa River and to put the river and five million people who depend on it at great risk. CNL must search for a suitable location at least 25 km from the river.

The proposed ECM is simply inadequate and completely disregards International Atomic Energy Agency standards. According to these standards, an above-ground mound is only suitable for **very** low-level waste. Even if CNL changed their proposal to not include intermediate-level waste, an ECM would still be inadequate to protect the Ottawa River from radioactive contamination, as low-level waste includes some very long-lived radioactive material. The lifetime of some of these materials is thousands and even hundreds of thousands of years. It is completely unacceptable to place these materials in a mound designed for a maximum of four hundred years. Radioactively contaminated water would inevitably leak into the river for millennia.

All of us at OFWCA want the legacy radioactive waste at Chalk River to be cared for in the best possible way. The fastest and cheapest plan is not acceptable. We must not allow the quality of our drinking water and this magnificent river to become contaminated because a private consortium is trying to fast track this plan.

There are 220 submissions to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and 99 % are opposed to the plan. According to the scientists reviewing this proposal the risk is enormous. They identify serious deficiencies in the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. One former AECL scientist (who worked for AECL for over twenty years) and who has reviewed the EIS, says the proposal is a travesty. The Town of Deep River itself has raised serious concerns.

If CNL designs a better plan in a better location, the River and the Valley can be protected and the future prosperity of the region will not be jeopardized. No one suggests closing down Chalk River and destroying jobs and lives. The best solutions will protect people, the Ottawa River and future generations. A state-of-the-art facility is more expensive in the short run, but it will stimulate the local economy and the number of jobs required would increase. The present plan may cost less initially but the harm that will be caused could be enormous. No one should fear saying no to a bad plan. A better plan must be the result.

We ask you to take this serious situation to your council members. Pass a strong resolution. Oppose this unwise and unsafe plan. Write to politicians. Ask them to support your motion, your interests, your community and to represent your municipality in their respective government bodies. Tell them that CNL must adhere to IAEA standards.

The following Quebec Municipalities have recently adopted resolutions in strong opposition to CNL's proposal (a PDF with copies of three different resolutions is included below for your reference):

Canton de Lochaber March 13, 2017

MRC de Deux-Montagnes (includes: les Municipalités de St-Placide-Oka, St-Joseph du Lac, Pointe-Calumet, Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, Deux-Montagnes and St-Eustache) July 5, 2017

Municipalité Saint-Tharcisius August 7, 2017

Municipalité d'Oka August 7, 2017

Municipalité de Val-Brillant August 10, 2017

MRC Les Moulins August 15, 2017

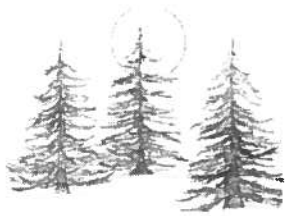
Very sincerely yours,

Johanna Echlin

Old Fort William Cottagers' Association

Sheenboro, Quebec

**OFWCA Resolution 2017**



# The Old Fort William Cottagers' Association

Established 1991

## OFWCA's CNL Resolution

**Adopted July 22, 2017**

**Opposing Canadian Nuclear Laboratories' proposal for above-ground mound for the disposal of radioactive waste at Chalk River**

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

OFWCA strongly objects to CNL shipping high-level fuel wastes from the Whiteshell Laboratories in Manitoba to Chalk River for storage.

OFWCA opposes the type of disposal facility proposed by CNL. The "Engineered Containment Mound" proposed by CNL does not meet international safety standards according to the International Atomic Energy Agency for low- and intermediate-level radioactive and toxic waste that CNL intends to emplace in the proposed disposal facility.

[http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1637\\_web.pdf](http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1637_web.pdf)

OFWCA strongly opposes the location for the disposal facility in CNL's proposal. The site is too close to the Ottawa River and the drinking water source for millions of Canadians, including the communities of Petawawa, Pembroke, Ottawa, Gatineau, Montreal and the St. Lawrence Seaway. It is also on porous and fractured rock. No new facility for disposal should be placed in close proximity to the Ottawa River.

Any new disposal facility at Chalk River must be at least 25 km away from the Ottawa River. There is federal land in Renfrew County adjacent to the Chalk River site that might be more suitable for a facility.

The 70-year legacy of radioactive and toxic wastes currently at Chalk River must be cared for responsibly in a state-of-the-art facility.

OFWCA calls for a proper assessment of the alternatives for disposal using the guidance provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

[http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1449\\_web.pdf](http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1449_web.pdf)

Retrievable Storage or "Rolling Stewardship" should be considered as an alternative to disposal. In this system the radioactive waste is contained, retrievable and monitored. Information and responsibility is transferred from one generation to the next.

[www.ccnr.org/Rolling\\_Stewardship.pdf](http://www.ccnr.org/Rolling_Stewardship.pdf)

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DATE: May 12, 2017

TO: Municipal Clerks

FROM: Liz Harding  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division

Jim Cassimatis  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Business Management Division

RE: Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) Amendments – Update on Ministry Plans

This is a follow up to the letter sent by Minister Chris Ballard to all heads of council in January 2017 regarding the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016.

The Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 amended sections of the RTA to end the province's role in enforcing residential rental maintenance standards starting July 1, 2018. The RTA requires municipalities that currently do not enforce local residential rental maintenance standards to start enforcing such standards on July 1, 2018. Details of the amendment were included in an information package sent to municipal Clerks on June 27, 2016 (enclosed).

The ministry is aware of concerns that some municipalities have raised with their ability to take on this enforcement function. The ministry is interested in gaining a better understanding of municipal education / training needs to help build local enforcement capacity. Over the Spring 2017, the ministry's Municipal Services Office staff will be holding overview sessions at various municipal meetings and events including CAO Forums. These events will provide an opportunity to hear directly from municipalities on supports they need. Ministry staff will also conduct targeted discussions or visits with some municipalities in their region.

Municipal engagement will help ensure the ministry collects enough information to develop relevant education / training, capacity-building plans and partnerships where necessary. The ministry will provide a further update in Fall 2017. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a discussion with ministry staff on the changes, please contact your Municipal Services Office (see attached contact list).

Sincerely,

Liz Harding  
Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Municipal Services Division

Jim Cassimatis  
Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Business Management Division

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Toll Free: 1-800-267-9438

Municipal Services Office - North (Sudbury)

General Inquiry: 705-564-0120

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Municipal Services Office - North (Thunder Bay)

General Inquiry: 807-475-1651

Toll Free: 1-800-465-5027

Western Municipal Services Office

General Inquiry: 519-873-4020

Toll Free: 1-800-265-4736

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**From:** AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
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**Subject:** AMO Members' Update - Changing Workplaces Final Report Released

May 23, 2017

## **Members' Update - Changing Workplaces Final Report Released**

Ontario Minister of Labour Kevin Flynn today released the Changing Workplaces Review final report this morning. This report recommends substantial legislative changes to the province's *Employment Standards Act* (ESA) and *Labour Relations Act* (LRA).

The Final Report - The Changing Workplaces Review - An Agenda for Workplace Rights - authored by Special Advisors C. Michael Mitchell and John C. Murray is massive at 419 pages and contains 173 recommendations that could have significant impacts on the workplaces throughout Ontario.

A key focus of this review is the treatment of employees who do not work full-time and may be considered to have precarious employment. This includes part-time, temporary, self-employment, and multiple job employment that has grown almost twice as fast as standard employment since 1997. While private sector services account for more than half of employment in Ontario, the remainder work in the broader public service, including municipal government who are significant employers throughout the province.

Highlights of the Report's recommendations that may be of interest to municipal employers includes:

- the *Employment Standards Act*, *Labour Relations Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* be combined and streamlined into a *Workplace Rights Act*
- part-time, casual, temporary, contract and seasonal employees be paid the same as comparable full-time employees
- personal emergency leave and bereavement leave apply for all employees, not only to those employed in workplaces of 50 or more employees, and further
  - bereavement leave be an independent leave for up to 3 unpaid days
  - personal emergency leaves are an independent annual entitlement of 7 days
- employers be required to pay for doctor's notes if request from an employee
- vacation entitlement be increased to 3 weeks per year after 5 years of employment with the same employer

- the current ESA exemption for interns and trainees be eliminated
- the secret ballot vote process for union certification to continue with new remedies for employer misconduct
- if a union has approximately 20% support of the potential bargaining unit then the organizing union can be provided with the personal contact information of the employees of the potential bargaining unit by the employer to enable organizing
- increased enforcement and educational activities by the Ministry of Labour.

We understand that the provincial government has reviewed the Final Report's numerous recommendations, and will be announcing their formal response within the next week.

In anticipation of the Changing Workplace Final Report, AMO has established a Task Force of members and HR experts who will assist in considering the Province's formal response (once released) to these recommendations and providing advice to the AMO Board. AMO will continue to keep you updated on this significant employers' issue.

The Changing Workplaces' recommendations adopted by the Ontario government will be discussed at our upcoming September 22<sup>nd</sup> Labour Relations symposium.

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**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Province Announces Emergency Services Changes Including Dispatch and Fire-Medic Pilots

June 5, 2017

## **Province Announces Emergency Services Changes Including Dispatch and Fire-Medic Pilots**

Today, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced proposed changes to emergency health services, including providing alternative options for medical treatment and paramedic services. We understand there will be a consultation process over the coming weeks with the intent to introduce legislative changes in the fall session.

Firstly, the Ministry is investing in a new medical dispatch system for land ambulance 911 calls expected to roll out across the province over a period of two years starting in March 2018. The purpose is to better prioritize calls based on patient need and re-directing low acuity patients from emergency rooms, where appropriate and safe to do so. This initiative is timely and welcome. AMO has long called for improvements to the dispatch system.

The government is also seeking to expand the scope of paramedics to provide alternate on-scene treatment and to refer patients to destinations other than hospitals as is currently required by law. Further information and analysis on the implications and benefits to patients, municipal governments, and District Social Service Administration Boards is needed.

The Minister also announced that once the Act is changed and a regulation is in place, that two pilot projects could test the use of firefighters certified as paramedics to respond to low-acuity calls. Given the legislative process, it is likely these pilots will not occur until 2018 at the earliest and there are willing municipal governments. There is still time for municipal input into this proposal.

While the two pilots are to be voluntary, determined by the municipal employer, then interest arbitrators must be forbidden in law from replicating this idea. As happened with 24-hour shift pilots, interest arbitration settlements made it a practice, even in municipalities that did not adopt the policy. The government must address the labour relations concerns of municipal employers prior to the pilot's introduction by amending the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, as it amends the *Ambulance Act*. If it is truly to be an elective option for municipal governments, then it cannot be imposed without the support of councils.

AMO and others in the paramedic service delivery have no evidence to show improved patient outcomes, yet municipal labour and risk management issues are significant. If the government

proceeds with these pilots, there must be a commitment to conducting a third-party proof of concept evaluation. AMO will continue to engage the Province about the pilot's implications and advocate on behalf of municipal governments.

For further information, please see the Ministry news release, [Ontario Enhancing Emergency Services across the Province](#).

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**Subject:** AMO Members Update

June 20, 2017

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

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Lynn Dollin's, AMO President, short video on the Board Meeting is here for your viewing [\[link\]](#).

Highlights of the June 16, 2017 meeting include:

### **Asset Management Regulation**

The Board directed the President to write to the Minister of Infrastructure (MOI) to voice AMO's major concerns regarding municipal capacity to meet the new planning requirements without additional on-going financial support. The regulation is likely to require almost all municipal governments to significantly re-do their current asset management plans to include: new current and future service level analysis and planning for the performance of their assets; greenhouse gas mitigation efforts, electricity costs, non-infrastructure solutions and; approval of plans by a licensed engineer prior to submission to council. Councils are encouraged to review the proposed regulation with their senior staff to assess their impact and **provide input to the Province by July 24**. Please notify MOI if you require more time to provide municipal comments.

**AMO Contact:** Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, [creid@amo.on.ca](mailto:creid@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 334.

### **Municipal 1/3 Tax Exemption**

The AMO Board was briefed on the results of a survey sent to municipal treasurers on municipal council remuneration and the use of the one third tax exemption. The survey indicated that the majority of municipal governments in Ontario are using the one third tax exemption, and that there would be new costs to switching to fully taxable municipal remuneration. The Board directed staff to work with other Provinces to pursue advocacy on the federal government's removal of the one third tax exemption for municipal elected officials.

**AMO Contact:** Pat Vanini, Executive Director, [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 316.

### **WSIB Work Related Chronic Stress Draft Policy**

WSIB is undertaking consultation on a draft policy to support implement provincial legislation (Bill 127 Budget Bill). It will have significant implications for all Ontario employers, including municipal governments, such as workers who routinely experience high levels of stress due to the nature of their job will not be excluded simply because all workers in their job experience stress. **Consultation ends July 7 [\[link\]](#).**

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### ***Bill 148, Fair Workplace, Better Jobs Act, 2017 (Second reading)***

This Bill would make substantial changes to the *Employment Standards Act* and *Labour Relations Act*. Scheduling, equal pay, personal emergency leave, union certification and successor rights are a few of the issues this Bill will change that impact municipal operations and budgets. The AMO Task Force will be providing advice on the nature and priority of proposed AMO amendments from a municipal employer perspective. The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will have hearings in July – further hearing information is [here](#).

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### ***Ambulance Act Changes***

The Province has recently announced proposed changes to emergency health services, including providing alternative options for medical treatment and paramedic services. There will be a public consultation process over the summer with the provincial intent to introduce legislative changes in the fall session. On the face of it, there may be welcome improvements to the EMS dispatch system and expanding the scope of paramedic practice so that patients can be better directed to appropriate medical treatment. Regretfully, the Province has also announced they will 100% fund two fire-med pilot projects. There is no evidence to show that there will be improved patient outcomes, and municipal labour and risk management issues are significant if these pilots proceed. AMO is demanding that the Province include legislation that prevents arbitrators from imposing fire-med programs on unwilling municipal governments.

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### ***Bill 139: Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 (First reading)***

Includes both OMB review and CA Act review. AMO will be making separate submissions on each.

### ***Land Planning Appeals Tribunal (OMB Review)***

The AMO Board supports this proposed direction for a renewed land use appeal process. Most significantly, this proposed legislation would replace the Ontario Municipal Board with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). The LPAT decisions would be scoped and no "de novo" hearings would be allowed. Instead, major land use planning matters could only be appealed on the grounds that they don't conform or aren't consistent with provincial/municipal plan and policies. As well, if passed this legislation would eliminate appeals of provincially approved

municipal official plans and major updates. It would establish the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre that would provide process and legal advice to individuals who wish to appeal. **Comments to an EBR posting end August 14, 2017.**

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### ***Conservation Authority Act Review***

Bill 139 contains a schedule that would amend the *Conservation Authorities Act*. AMO generally supports the changes. This includes requiring CA policies, procedures and budgeting to better harmonize with municipal processes. It establishes a clearer CA mandate and service relationship with municipal governments. The proposed regulatory power to stipulate qualifications of CA Board members is not supported. The need for provincial assistance to bolster CAs to meet the mandated services is recommended. **Comments to an EBR posting close June 30, 2017.**

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### **Excess Soil Draft Regulation**

AMO's submission will be based on recommendations from AMO's Excess Soil Working Group. The Board emphasized the concern for new unfunded municipal responsibilities for monitoring and compliance.

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### **Waste Management Update:**

Municipal Technical Working Group has been working collectively for the sector on the transition of diversion programs to the new *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*. Initial focus has been on transition of the Blue Box program. Blue Box 2017 Steward Obligation has been set at \$123.7M by Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority. This is \$7M or 5% less than what municipalities requested based on our verified net costs. Staff continue to discuss this issue with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

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### **LAS Update**

LAS Annual report was presented. The High Interest Savings Account (HISA) grew by 700% in 2016 while the LED Streetlights program cumulatively has helped over 150 municipalities realize \$10 million in energy savings. For more details the LAS Annual report can be found [here](#).

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### **Federal Gas Tax Update**

AMO is working closely with the sector to strengthen the project; asset management outcomes reporting leading up to a report due to Infrastructure Canada in early 2018 that will highlight the beneficial impacts and how funds are meeting national objectives.

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June 21, 2017

## **New Federal-Provincial Agreement on Child Care and Early Learning Results in More Funding for Ontario**

The Ontario government has reached a bi-lateral agreement with the federal government on a Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. This will result in more funding for a municipally managed child care and early years system that is responsive, high quality, accessible and integrated.

An investment of \$435 million is available under the agreement over a three year period. These funds will be targeted to assist increasing access, affordability and inclusivity to licensed high quality child care and early learning programs. Funding will be flowed primarily to municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) who have service system management responsibility for child care and early learning programs. This includes \$100 million to support regulated child care and \$40 million for the expansion of Ontario Early years Child and Family Centers. The remaining \$10 million will support access to high quality training and professional development opportunities for the early years and child care workforce.

This is good news for Ontario's children and families. It will help the municipal sector to better meet demand for child care and early learning programming. Of particular note, the agreement is providing funds that is enabling the Provincial government to allocate new funding to support the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centers. These centers will become a municipal responsibility in January 2018, 100% funded by the Province.

AMO looks forward to working with the Ministry of Education to identify municipal priorities for future phases beyond this initial three year agreement. It is important that the federal government sustain its engagement to support child care and early learning over the long-term.

More information on the agreement reached is found in the Ontario News [Release](#).

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**DATE:** June 27, 2016

**TO:** Municipal Clerks

**FROM:** Jim Cassimatis  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Business Management Division

**RE:** **Proposed amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA)**

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This is a follow up to the letter sent by the former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ted McMeekin, to all heads of council May 18, 2016, regarding the introduction of Bill 204, the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016. The Minister's letter detailed proposed Planning Act changes that support strategies to increase housing choices and the supply of affordable housing in Ontario communities through inclusionary zoning.

This omnibus Bill also includes proposed amendments to other legislation. Schedule 5 of Bill 204 proposes amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA). If passed, these changes would make local enforcement of residential rental maintenance standards more consistent across the province.

Most municipalities now enforce property standards by-laws that protect tenants in rental housing. Some municipalities, however, rely on provincial enforcement of rental maintenance standards under the RTA.

Bill 204 proposes to harmonize this system of local and provincial enforcement by ending provincial enforcement of residential rental maintenance standards. Enforcement responsibility would be transferred to remaining municipalities that do not have complete property standards by-laws. Specifically, the affected municipalities:

- i) do not have a property standards by-law, or
- ii) have a property standards by-law, which applies only to the exterior of rental buildings, or
- iii) have a property standards by-law, which applies only to some areas within the municipality.

It is currently proposed that these municipalities would assume enforcement responsibilities on July 1, 2018.

The tables in the attached package reflect information the ministry holds for each municipality regarding their property standards by-law. Please review this list to determine whether the information on your municipality is correct. If not, please contact your local Municipal Services Office to update your information. (See attached contact list.)

If your municipality does not currently enforce residential rental maintenance standards (i.e. your municipality is listed in Table 1 or 2 in the attached information package), your municipality would need to consider how it will deliver enforcement services by July 1, 2018.

Municipalities listed in Table 3 in the attached package would likely not be affected, based on property standards by-law information available to the ministry. However, these municipalities should verify that ministry information regarding their property standards by-law is correct.

The proposed amendments would provide affected municipalities with options on how they can approach enforcement. These options are explained in the attached information package.

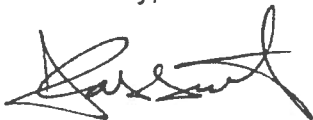
It is important to note the province has conducted a limited number of inspections in recent years. The tables in the enclosed information package break down the number of provincial inspections carried out over the past three years by municipality. The majority of municipalities have not had any inspections over the past three years.

Further details of the proposed legislative change and enforcement options for municipalities affected are attached. You can obtain a copy of Bill 204 – the Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 and monitor the status of the Bill through the legislative process on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website.

If the proposed amendments are enacted, the ministry will help municipalities prepare for implementation. We will partner with municipal stakeholder groups to develop training and capacity-building plans. These plans would draw upon existing best practices and shared services approaches used throughout the province.

For more information on the proposed amendments, you may contact your local Municipal Services Office. (See attached contact list.)

Sincerely,



Jim Cassimatis  
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments enclosed

- c: Pat Vanini, Executive Director – Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Monika Turner, Policy Center Director – Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Steph Palmateer, President - Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
- Italo Joe Luzi, President – Ontario Association of Property Standards Officers

# **INFORMATION PACKAGE**

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT, 2006: ENFORCEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

## 1. RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MAINTENANCE STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT IN ONTARIO

Enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards is currently shared between the province and municipalities. Most of the 414 lower and single-tier municipalities in Ontario enforce property standards by-laws that include residential rental maintenance standards.

Some municipalities do not have a property standards by-law, or have a "partial" by-law that does not address the interior of rental buildings, or has standards that do not apply in all areas of the municipality. The Ministry of Housing enforces residential rental maintenance standards in these municipalities.

The following chart summarizes the types of municipal property standards by-laws and resulting provincial/municipal enforcement roles for residential rental maintenance standards.

<b>Municipal property standard by-law coverage</b>	<b>Number of municipalities<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Provincial enforcement role for residential rental maintenance standards</b>	<b>Municipal enforcement role for residential rental maintenance standards</b>
Complete by-law <sup>2</sup>	269	None	Interior and exterior of residential rental units/complexes
Partial by-law coverage <sup>3</sup>	52	Interior of residential rental units/complexes (where municipal by-law applies only to the exterior of buildings)	Exterior of residential rental units/complexes
		Interior and exterior of residential rental units/complexes in geographic areas not covered by a municipal by-law (where municipality has a geographic-based property standards by-law)	Interior and exterior of residential rental units/complexes, in areas covered by municipal by-law
No by-law	93	Interior and exterior of residential rental unit/complexes	None
<b>Total lower and single tier municipalities</b>	<b>414</b>		

<sup>1</sup> The ministry maintains a database on municipal property standard by-law and makes updates as information becomes available. As by-laws are subject to change and municipalities continue to adopt by-laws, some data may be out of date.

<sup>2</sup> By-law covers interior and exterior of buildings and applies to all geographic areas in municipality.

<sup>3</sup> By-law does not cover the interior of buildings and/or does not apply to all geographic areas within a municipality.

## **2. RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT**

The primary reasons for this proposed change are to:

- Eliminate the current overlapping enforcement approach between provincial and municipal levels of government;
- Provide a consistent enforcement approach across all municipalities that is accessible and responsive to citizens;
- Recognize municipalities as the appropriate level of government to enforce building and property-related standards, aligning with responsibilities set out under the Building Code Act, 1992.

## **3. CURRENT PROVINCIAL ENFORCEMENT APPROACH**

The province's maintenance standards are included in Ontario Regulation 517/06 under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006. The Regulation contains provisions that are similar to many property standards by-laws.

A tenant in a municipality without a property standards by-law or with a partial property standards by-law can make a written complaint to the Ministry of Housing regarding maintenance deficiencies in their rental unit/complex. The Ministry uses a roster of part-time inspectors to carry out inspections. If necessary, an inspector may issue a work order if a property does not conform to the prescribed standards. A landlord who does not agree with a work order may request a review of the work order by the Landlord and Tenant Board. The Board may confirm, vary, or overturn the work order. It is an offence for a landlord to not comply with provisions contained in a work order.

The ministry bills municipalities a set fee of \$265 for each inspection or re-inspection. This fee has not changed since 1998.

### **Historical Provincial Work Volumes**

The volume of provincial inspections has significantly diminished over the years, as more municipalities have chosen to adopt property standards by-laws. Tables 1 and 2 (attached) provide information on inspection activity in affected municipalities over the past three years. Most municipalities have not had any provincial inspections in the past three years.

## **4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES ACT AND ASSOCIATED MUNICIPAL IMPACTS**

The proposed amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act would, if passed, provide a consistent and more efficient local approach to enforcement across Ontario municipalities. Municipalities with complete property standard by-laws would not be impacted by the legislative amendment. Municipalities with partial by-laws or without by-laws would have the following options:

**OPTION 1 – Adopt a Property Standards By-law:** Adopt a property standards by-law, under Section 15 of the Building Code Act, 1992 that would include residential rental maintenance standards (including interior building standards).

Adoption of a property standards by-law would typically entail enforcement responsibility over a broader range of building/property types (i.e. over and above residential rental). The Building

Code Act also provides broader enforcement powers and more flexibility for municipalities to define standards that fit local conditions.

### **Municipalities that Currently Enforce Partial Property Standard By-laws**

If the proposed amendments are enacted, municipalities with partial or geographic-based property standards by-laws would be required to enforce the province's maintenance standards in areas where the property standards by-law does not apply. Accordingly, municipalities that currently have partial property standard by-laws pursuant to the Building Code Act may wish to assess how they can amend their current by-laws to include interior rental maintenance standards. Municipalities with geographic property standard by-laws may wish to consider amending their by-laws to extend coverage to all areas within their municipalities.

**OPTION 2 – Enforce Residential Tenancies Act Standards:** Begin enforcing the province's maintenance standards, included in Ontario Regulation 517/06 under the Residential Tenancies Act. It is currently proposed that municipal enforcement would begin July 1, 2018.

Municipalities that implement Option 2 would be required to:

- Receive written complaints from tenants regarding compliance with the prescribed maintenance standards;
- Upon receiving a complaint, cause an inspector to make whatever inspection the municipality considers necessary
  - A municipality would be required to appoint one or more persons as "inspectors" for this purpose;
  - The inspector would be empowered to issue a "work order" to the landlord to remedy instances of non-compliance;
  - A landlord would be entitled to request a review of the work order by the Landlord and Tenant Board – the municipality could request to participate in any Board proceeding, but would not be required to do so;
- Investigate allegations of failure to comply with a work order; and
- Where circumstances warrant, prosecute landlords for non-compliance with a work order.

The Residential Tenancies Act approach:

- Would only apply to residential rental buildings (both interior and exterior, unless the exterior is already governed by a property standards by-law); and,
- Would only allow current tenants in rental units to file complaints with municipalities.

It is anticipated that municipalities would assess both options to determine the most appropriate local response.

## **5. NEXT STEPS**

The proposed legislation would provide municipalities with time to determine their preferred local enforcement approach. If the proposed amendments are enacted, the ministry will work with stakeholders to develop training and other best practice initiatives to assist affected municipalities prepare for this change.

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Eastern Municipal Services Office

General Inquiry: 613-545-2100

Toll Free: 1-800-267-9438

Municipal Services Office - North (Sudbury)

General Inquiry: 705-564-0120

Toll Free: 1-800-461-1193

Municipal Services Office - North (Thunder Bay)

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Western Municipal Services Office

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July 6, 2017

## Investing In Canada Infrastructure Plan – Phase 2 Negotiations

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure Canada, wrote today to all Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Infrastructure to provide details on the federal government's framework for infrastructure funding in Phase 2 of the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Plan. The documents released provide more details on the federal commitment for the next ten years to funding municipal and provincial infrastructure systems and signalled a strong desire for collaboration between all orders of government.

The letter is the first step in negotiation of Infrastructure Bilateral Agreements between the federal government and provinces and territories to allow Phase 2 infrastructure funding to flow in those jurisdictions. Negotiations are expected to be concluded by March 2018.

The letter and annex are publicly available on the Infrastructure Canada web site.

AMO will work with the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure to provide input on municipal priorities in the design of the Infrastructure Bilateral Agreement. The agreement is the first step in allocating funding and priorities in Ontario. The Province will also have to agree with the federal government on allocation methods, applications, and reporting requirements. AMO will keep members updated on significant developments in the negotiations. **Access to funding is anticipated in spring 2018.**

The Phase 2 funding covers a range of programs to support provincial and municipal infrastructure. For Ontario, allocations are:

- **Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF)** – supporting, expanding or improving public transit infrastructure, including active transportation – **\$8.34 billion**
- **Green Infrastructure Fund** – supporting greenhouse gas mitigation projects, adaptation, resilience, green infrastructure and disaster mitigation, and clean water and wastewater projects – **\$2.84 billion**
- **Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund** – supporting wide-ranging needs in small communities including local roads, renewable energy, and broadband – **\$250 million**
- **Community, Culture and Recreational Infrastructure** – supporting new, expanded or renewed cultural, amateur sport, community and recreational facilities – **\$407 million**.



The documents noted that the federal government will provide up to 40 per cent funding for municipal projects and that provinces would be expected to provide at least 33.3 per cent. The annex also provides greater details on the federal government's approach to incrementality requirements in Phase 2, which requires attestations that federal funding will not displace municipal or provincial funds for projects, with ability to move funding within categories. In addition, the funding can be applied to projects contained in a municipal or provincial long-term infrastructure plan.

In the Rural and Northern Infrastructure Fund, the annex notes that the federal government will consider eligibility for communities up to 100,000 residents, but that the threshold will be set through the negotiation with the Province. Projects eligible under other funding programs are also eligible under this fund, but the other funds must be exhausted in these categories before they can be accessed.

Finally, the federal government is taking an outcomes-based approach to all funds, meaning that rigid eligibility criteria will not be applied. Projects that meet a stated outcome such as economic growth, greenhouse gas reduction, or environmental quality improvements can be proposed for funding outside of an eligible category list. The additional flexibility included in this and other areas outlined should be helpful to both provinces/territories and municipal governments in implementing their infrastructure plan priorities.

## **Phase 1 Update**

In the letter, Minister Sohi also provided an update of Phase 1 project funding noting that:

- 636 public transit projects representing 64 per cent of Ontario's \$1.486 billion allocation under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF), and
- 915 water and wastewater projects representing 84 per cent of Ontario's \$569 million allocation in the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) have been approved.

The Minister also noted that recently submitted projects were being reviewed.

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July 10, 2017

## **Now Available: AMO Response to Ontario Asset Management Regulation Proposal**

AMO has [responded](#) to the provincial proposal to regulate municipal asset management plans. The document is available on AMO's web site [www.amo.on.ca](http://www.amo.on.ca). Currently the deadline for comment is July 24, 2017. Municipal governments may need additional time to respond to the regulation as many councils meet less frequently in the summer months. AMO has made this request, but municipal governments are encouraged to do so individually as well.

AMO continues to be concerned about the impact on municipal governments of a new regulatory regime for municipal asset management planning. Specifically, we are worried:

- that municipalities will have to re-start their plans almost from scratch to comply;
- municipal governments and staff do not have capacity to comply affordably;
- the cost of compliance and reporting will be a new burden;
- the timelines in the regulation are aggressive; and
- the regulation expands asset management planning beyond core competence.

In essence, the proposal is ambitious and costly. Although it may improve local decision-making if municipalities can comply.

However, it takes time to build a new culture in any organization, much less 444 municipalities of vastly different sizes and staff complements: to implement this proposal successfully, municipal governments across the province will need dedicated funding to do asset management planning.

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July 12, 2017

## ***Ambulance Act Legislative Consultation Including Fire-Medic Proposal***

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is now having an immediate and short Phase 1 consultation in order that they can introducing legislation in the upcoming Fall 2017 session to amend the *Ambulance Act*, [Emergency Health Services System Modernization: Briefing Paper on Legislative Amendments to the Ambulance Act](#). There are proposed substantial changes to emergency health services, including providing alternative paramedic options for medical treatment, medical oversight, and inter-facility transportation of critical patients. These changes will have operational and cost implications for municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) delivering ambulance services.

Municipal governments and DSSABs are strongly encouraged to respond to the government consultation. Responses may be submitted until **July 26, 2017**. For further information on how to submit a response and for the consultation documents, please see the linked MOHLTC paper above.

The government is seeking to expand the scope of paramedics to provide alternate on-scene treatment. If adopted, paramedics will have the ability and authority to refer patients to destinations other than hospitals, as is currently required by law. This proposal needs careful consideration. While it may benefit patients and avert low-acuity emergency room visits, it raises serious questions about standards, training, and liability for municipal governments and DSSABs that need to be resolved before proceeding.

The proposed changes will also open the door to the use of the fire-medical model. In a recent announcement in June, [Province Announces Emergency Services Changes](#), the Minister committed that once the Act is changed and a regulation is in place, that two pilot projects will test the use of firefighters certified as paramedics to respond to calls. Given the legislative process, it is likely these pilots will not occur until 2018 at the earliest and perhaps not at all – if there are no willing municipal governments that agree to host these pilots. There is still time for municipal input into this proposal.

If the two pilots are truly to be voluntary, AMO is demanding that the interest arbitrators must be prohibited in law from replicating them on unwilling municipal governments. As seen in the 24-

hour shift pilots, interest arbitrators replicated them – even for municipal governments that opposed implementation of 24-hour shifts. The government must address the labour relations concerns of municipal employers prior to these pilots' introduction by amending the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, as it amends the *Ambulance Act*.

There is still no evidence available that such pilots would improve patient outcomes, yet municipal labour and risk management issues are significant. If the government proceeds with these pilots, there must be a commitment to conducting a third-party proof of concept evaluation. AMO will continue to actively engage the Province about the pilots' implications and advocate on behalf of municipal governments.

AMO is working with the government through AMO's Health Task Force and other municipal sector targeted consultations on behalf of our membership. Although there has been an understandable focus on the fire-medical concept, there is a broad range of priority policy changes the government is planning to include in these legislative amendments that require thoughtful municipal consideration and responses. Although this phase of the MOHLTC consultation is short and is scoped largely to the actual legislative amendments, we are ensured that there will be opportunity for further consultations in the Fall and beyond for those wider program design elements, such as the fire-medical pilots.

AMO and its municipal partners will also continue to urge MOHLTC to make immediate improvements to the call triaging and dispatch system, as well as addressing the current non-urgent transfer requirements on an emergency service. Both matters are part of the MOHLTC Phase 2 plan to enhance emergency services in Ontario.

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Dear Head of Council:

I am writing you on behalf of the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding recent changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 under Bill 68 (Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017).

We heard from a number of municipalities that the requirement to collect 25 signatures endorsing a candidate's nomination, which comes into force on April 1, 2018, may present a challenge to candidates in certain municipalities.

At Standing Committee on Social Policy, the government brought forward an amendment to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 to provide an exemption to this requirement for candidates in municipalities with fewer than the prescribed number of electors. As a part of that process, we committed to consulting with municipalities to understand any challenges that they anticipate candidates within their municipality may face in meeting this requirement.

To help municipalities attract suitable candidates for their elections, we are looking for your council's feedback regarding the following two questions:

1. Would potential candidates in your municipality have any challenges in fulfilling the requirement to have their nomination endorsed by 25 electors?
2. The Minister of Municipal Affairs now has the authority to provide an exemption from the requirement for municipal council candidates to have their nomination endorsed by 25 electors in a municipality with less than the prescribed number of electors. What number of electors in a municipality is the appropriate threshold for the exemption to apply?

We look forward to hearing back from you by September 15, 2017. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs



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### New Integrity Commissioner Resource

In June of 2017 the Government of Ontario passed Bill 68, the *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act*. One of the requirements of Bill 68 is for all municipalities to provide their citizens access to an integrity commissioner. As part of our work to support municipalities as they implement this requirement, AMCTO is creating a directory of integrity commissioners and integrity commissioner decisions. This directory will be available as a resource to all municipalities in Ontario.

In order to facilitate the creation of this directory, we are asking municipalities with an existing integrity commissioner to send us the following:

1. Copies of any completed Integrity Commissioner decisions, and
2. The name of your current integrity commissioner

Copies of decisions or names of integrity commissioners can be sent to Eric Muller ([emuller@amcto.com](mailto:emuller@amcto.com))

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