

PRESCOTT
EST 1784
THE FORT TOWN

Regular Council

October 28, 2019

_____ - 2019

Item 11.2

Moved by:

[Signature]

Seconded by:

[Signature]

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that "the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality" and "the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction",

AND WHEREAS, "the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act",

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference, that "we can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable",

AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not the associated liability,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the The Municipality of Prescott requests that, the Province of Ontario work with the current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been working to support the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a

PRESCOTT

EST 1784

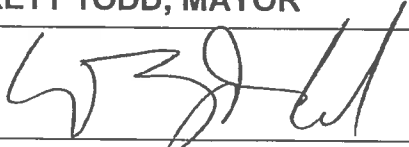
THE FORT TOWN

new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be sent to the Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for their consideration.

REQUESTED BY:			
RECORDED VOTE		YES	NO
	Councillor Leanne Burton		
	Councillor Teresa Jansman		
	Councillor Lee McConnell		
CARRIED:	Councillor Mike Ostrander		
TABLED:	Councillor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:	Mayor Brett Todd		
RECORDED VOTE:	Councillor Ray Young		

BRETT TODD, MAYOR	ACTING CLERK
	

October 21, 2019

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia ON, L0M 1T0

RE: Conservation Authority Levies

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 16, 2019, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C456-2019

Moved by: Coughlin
Seconded by: Cabral

Whereas the Township of Springwater supports the objects of balance on conservation, environmental stewardship, and sustainability to anchor its operations, planning, services, and strategic vision;

And Whereas the Township of Springwater understands the need for both the Province and its municipalities to deliver clear, costed, and sustainable programs and services for taxpayers;

And Whereas both tiers of government must assess all programs and services to eliminate duplication and balance costs on tests of affordability, health, safety, and environmental stewardship;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 of a need for conservation authorities to re-focus their operations related to core mandates as currently defined in the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its prescribed regulations;

And Whereas the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks signaled on August 16, 2019 that Conservation Authorities should not proceed with any increases to fees or levies;

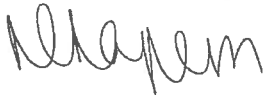
Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater supports any Provincial effort to require its municipal levy only apply to core mandated programs and services;

And That this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, the County of Simcoe, all Ontario municipalities, the NVCA and Ontario's other 35 Conservation Authorities, and Conservation Ontario, signaling the Township of Springwater's

support of the Province's review, consultations and development of an updated Conservation Authorities Act and the willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same.

Carried

Sincerely,



Renée Chaperon
Clerk
/cp

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
The County of Simcoe
Conservation Ontario
Ontario municipalities
Ontario Conservation Authorities



2297 Highway 12,
PO Box 130
Brechin, Ontario L0K 1B0
p.705-484-5374
f. 705-484-0441

November 7, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park 5th Floor
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Conservation Authority Exit Clause

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ramara passed the following motion at their regular meeting held October 28, 2019, unanimously by a recorded vote:

WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has consistently expressed its view that its watershed conservation authorities are duplicative, financially unaccountable, in conflict with citizens and private property rights;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA has encountered the regulatory obstacles to challenge the arbitrary, inefficient, non-transparent, and unsustainable municipal levy forced upon it annually by its watershed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA questions the efficacy and relevance of its watershed conservation authorities' programs and services and their performance in achieving the goals of conservation and environmental stewardship;

AND WHEREAS the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA finds the current Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations inconsistent and obsolete;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks the Honourable Jeff Yurek signaled the province's intent to reconsider and update the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA support the province's determination that the existing Conservation Authorities Act, 1990, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.27 and its proscribed regulations require review;

AND THAT the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks of its willingness to participate in all consultations and submissions to the same;

AND THAT further the TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA signal its express desire that an exit clause be provided in any new Conservation Authorities Act to permit municipalities that determine the objects of conservation and environmental stewardship can be provided by alternative governance, programs, and/or services to exist costly and unwarranted conservation authority(ies) jurisdiction(s);

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Jeff Yurek, Conservation Ontario, Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities, and all upper and lower-tier Ontario municipalities.

I trust the above is self-explanatory however if you require further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Connor, CMO
Legislative Services Manager/Clerk

JC/cw

c.c. Jill Dunlop, MPP
Conservation Ontario
Ontario Conservation Authorities
Ontario Municipalities



4

237897 Inglis Falls Road, R.R.#4, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N6
Telephone: 519.376.3076 Fax: 519.371.0437
www.greysauble.on.ca

November 1st, 2019

The Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

sent via email: jeff.yurek@pc.ola.org

RE: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors Resolution FA-19-116

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the October 23, 2019 meeting of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Motion No.: FA-19-116

Moved by: Scott Greig

Seconded By: Marion Koepke

Whereas the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors is comprised of elected representatives from the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, the Township of Chatsworth, the Township of Georgian Bluffs, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, the Town of Meaford, the City of Owen Sound, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, and the Town of the Blue Mountains; and,

Whereas the Board of Directors determines the policies, priorities, projects, fees and budget of the GSCA; and,

Whereas the GSCA provides important and valued programs and services to the residents of its member municipalities that include recreation, education, water quality monitoring, forestry services, biodiversity preservation, stewardship, as well as protecting life and property through a variety of measures;

Therefore, be it resolved that the publicly elected and municipally appointed GSCA Board of Directors supports the continuation of the programs and services of the GSCA, both mandatory and non-mandatory, and that no programs or services of GSCA be "wound down" at this time; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks give clear direction as to what programs and services are considered mandatory and non-mandatory and how those programs will be funded in the future; and,

That the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks utilize the Conservation Authorities Act regulations to ensure that all programs and projects of the Authority that are consistent with the Objects and Powers of an Authority be considered core programs.

1 of 2



Watershed Municipalities
Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands
Meaford, Owen Sound, South Bruce Peninsula, Blue Mountains

The Honourable Jeff Yurek, MECP

Re: Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board Support of Authority Programs

November 1st, 2019

That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Bill Walker, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Conservation Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Tim Lanthier
Interim General Manager
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

cc: Premier Doug Ford
MPP Bill Walker
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Conservation Ontario

Ministry of Natural
Resources and Forestry

Ministre des Richesses
naturelles et des Forêts

Strategic and Indigenous
Policy Branch

Direction des politiques relatives aux
stratégies et aux affaires autochtones

Policy Division

Division de la politique

300 Water Street
3rd Floor North
Peterborough ON K9J 3C7
Tel: 705-755-1727

300, rue Water
3^e étage Nord
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7
Tél.: 705-755-1727



October 29, 2019

Re: Environmental Registry notice (019-0732) by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposal to amend three statutes and make a new regulation

Greetings,

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is proposing legislative changes to seven statutes and to make a new regulation under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*. The legislative changes are part of the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019*. If passed, these changes are intended to support the government's commitment to reduce unnecessary red tape and regulatory burden and modernize government to be simpler, faster and more cost-effective, while ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and public health and safety are not compromised.

A proposal to amend the following three Acts and propose a new regulation is posted on the Environmental Registry.

1. *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*
2. *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*
3. *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* and new Minister's regulation under the Act

The proposed amendments and new regulation are described below:

- Proposed amendments to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*, would if passed:
 - Enable the issuance of a "permit" to allow a person to remove forest resources from a Crown forest for non-forestry purposes.
 - Modernize the requirements for annual work schedules by removing the requirement for MNR approval.
 - Enable the Minister to extend a Forest Management Plan.

- Proposed amendments to the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*, would if passed:
 - Allow future regulations to be made, where appropriate, to relieve existing activities from requirements that would apply to new activities.
 - Enable the use of a rules-in-regulation approach, or the mandatory issuance of approvals for more activities, subject to conditions and requirements that would be set out in regulation intended to streamline approvals for the specified activities.
 - Clarify the types of geological evaluation and testing activities captured by the definition of “well”.

- Proposed amendments to the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*, would if passed:
 - Create a new Minister’s regulation-making authority in the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act to allow the Minister to require some owners of electricity-producing dams to, where necessary, assess, monitor and report on methyl mercury related impacts to water and fish.
 - Amend an existing authority to incorporate guidelines by reference in the regulations.

Regulation Proposal

- If the proposed Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act legislative amendment is passed, the ministry proposes to develop a subsequent Minister’s regulation that if made, would require some dam owners of electricity-producing dams to, where necessary, assess, monitor and report on mercury levels in surface water and/or fish tissue. We are also seeking comments on this proposed regulation via this notice.

Owners of the twelve existing dams that currently have mercury assessment, monitoring and reporting requirements established through Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks issued Permits to Take Water, would, if the regulation is made, continue these requirements under the authority of the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act and reporting would be to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Each of these twelve Permits to Take Water were subject to consultation prior to their issuance.

New or significantly redeveloped electricity-producing dams may, if the regulation is made, require assessment, monitoring and reporting of mercury, where there is a new or expanded head pond area and/or where there are identified risks associated with human consumption of fish.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks is concurrently consulting on a proposal to amend the Ontario Water Resources Act Permit to Take Water requirements for electricity-producing facilities. For more information, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca> and enter 019-0545 in the search to view this Environmental Registry notice.

In addition, there are other administrative and housekeeping changes proposed for the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994* and the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*.

All proposed changes to MNRF statutes appear in the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019*, which can be found through the following link to the Bill on the Legislative Assembly, <https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-1/bill-132> .

MNRF recognizes that this proposal may be of interest to you. To view the Environmental Registry notice, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca> and enter 019-0732 in the search.

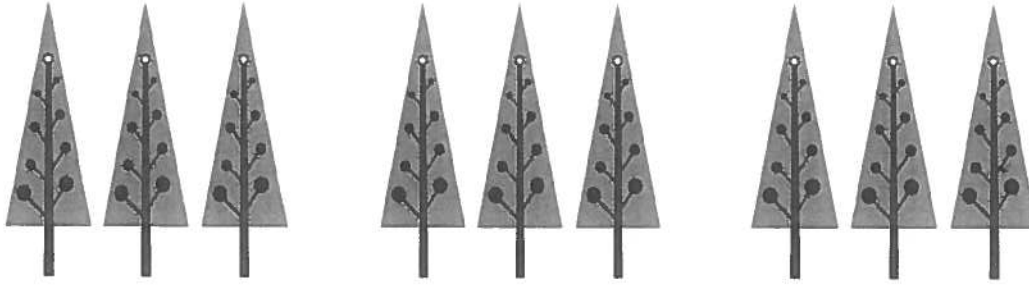
Proposed changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act* are also included in the proposed *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2019* and are the subject of a separate registry proposal posting. For more information, please visit Environmental Registry of Ontario and enter 019-0556 in the search. Please note the posting related to proposed changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act* will close on November 4, 2019.

We invite you to contact Tigist Abebe at 416-314-0961 or SIPB@ontario.ca with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tosh Gierak', written in a cursive style.

Tosh Gierak
A/Director
Strategic and Indigenous Policy Branch
Policy Division



6

2019 October 17

A Community Wish List:

To open our hearts so that no child, teen, adult or senior
in our community will miss the joyous celebration of Christmas.

Dear *Ms. Fischer*:

Our North Renfrew community, which reaches everyone between Deux Rivières and Chalk River, including Des Joachims, has come together for the past 25 years for the "**Community Christmas Basket Program**".

Some members of our community are **not fortunate enough** to have all of the means associated with Christmas. This program ensures that financially disadvantaged families and individuals are provided with gift certificates for Christmas dinner, small gifts and toys for their children. Over the years this has developed into a fair, time effective and cost comprehensive program. Many family members have expressed their **overwhelming gratitude** for this special Christmas gift. Last year **we served over 300 individuals** which includes adults, children and seniors, as family units and individually.

Deep River Sorority (formerly known as Beta Sigma Phi Sorority) will organize this event on behalf of our community as it has annually over many years. If you have any new ideas, special contributions, or questions, please reach out and call us at one of the numbers below.

The success of the Christmas Basket Program for 2019 will once again flourish with the generosity of groups and individuals in our community.

To ensure timely processing of all requests, financial contributions will be gratefully received on, or before 2019 December 2nd.

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

Please make cheques payable to North Renfrew Family Services (Christmas Basket), Box 1334, Deep River, ON KOJ 1P0. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Cash may be taken to the NRFS office in the Deep River and District Hospital Building, 109 Banting Drive, Suite 8.

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

Yours sincerely,
Lucille Levinski
Lucille Levinski, Chair

7

Crystal Fischer

From: Lyn Smith <lsmith@phoenixctr.com>
Sent: October 28, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Crystal Fischer
Subject: CPAN needs your municipality to help! - Festival of Trees - Request for support
Attachments: Festival of Trees brochure - 2019.pdf; 2019 Letter -- Past Supporters.pdf

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good Evening Crystal,

I hope all is well. Sorry for the delay in sending this request to you, it has been crazy busy here at CPAN (as always)! I find it hard to believe that it has been a year since we last held our annual fundraiser Festival of Trees! I am hoping that if you are not the person that this needs to go to that you can direct it to the appropriate person – thanks ☺

Last year with help from kind and caring individuals, businesses, and municipalities, we were able to raise over \$40,000 clear! We hope to add your municipality as a sponsor this year as all funds raised are used for children in need in all municipalities, and need is growing. As an organization that has no government funding we rely totally on grants, donations, and fundraisers like Festival of Trees to stay running and able to help local children in need. This will be our eighth Festival of Trees Snowflake Gala, we hope that you will be able to help make it a big success again!

I have attached the brochure as well as a letter of request, all major sponsors do receive complimentary tickets which can be used toward the purchase of a table. Many are using Festival of Trees to host get-togethers for family, friends, or staff as ticket prices are reasonable.

We have 3 auctions a live and silent auction, which happen during the event, as well as an online auction – great for businesses as it is already running and ends the day after the event.. take a look at:
<https://www.facebook.com/FestivalofTreesAuction>

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your day ☺

Lyn Smith, Executive Director
Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN)
Tel: 613 735 9579
Fax: 613 735 2378
www.renfrewcountycpan.ca

“Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like Slavery and Apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Sometimes it falls on a generation to be great. YOU can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.” – Nelson Mandela

Sponsor Information

Company Name (to be used to acknowledge sponsorship)

Contact Name

Signature

Mailing Address

City/Town

Postal Code

Tel. #

Fax

E-mail

Contact

Festival of Trees (CPAN)

c/o The Phoenix Centre for Children and Families

130 Pembroke Street West

Pembroke, ON

K8A 5M8

Tel: 613-735-9579

Fax: 613-735-2378

Email: ismith@phoenixctr.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

Major Event Sponsor

Major Event Sponsors are required for Festival Events to defray the costs and to ensure that the maximum level of revenue can be directed to help children living in poverty in Renfrew County.

- Snowflake Gala
- Christmas Tree Avenue
- Lighting
- Silent Auction Room
- Live Auction
- Online Auction
- Entertainment
- Platinum Sponsor
- Gold Sponsor
- Silver Sponsor
- Bronze Sponsor

Major Sponsors' business logos will appear on advertising, event program, social media, and professional signage at the Gala. Major sponsors will also receive 2 complimentary tickets.

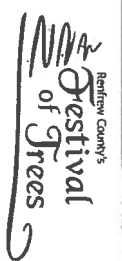
Sponsor a Tree - as easy as 1-2-3

1. Order your tree
2. Decorate your tree, or have us do that for an additional \$200
3. Donate it back to Festival of Trees for Live Auction

Become a CPAN Advocate
Sponsor a Wreath or a Mini Tree
Become a "Friend of CPAN"
Donate an Item for Auction

Gift certificates and monetary donations are also welcome. All donations over \$10 are eligible for a tax receipt upon request.

For more detailed information please call Lyn Smith at 613-735-9579 or Eileen Malotta at 613-735-0379.



Entertainment

- Reckless
- Zephyr

Catering by

Ulrich's

Major Door Prize Donated by

Goldstream Jewellers

Live Auction | Silent Auction | Online Auction

<https://www.facebook.com/childpovertyactionnetwork/>





Great News!

Our 7th Annual Snowflake Gala / Festival of Trees was a resounding success, thanks to our wonderful sponsors and community supporters. We invite you to join us for our 8th Annual Snowflake Gala on Saturday November 23rd, 2019.

View beautifully decorated trees and wreaths sponsored by generous local businesses, enjoy great food and entertainment, and bid on a variety of auction items in our live or silent auctions.

Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) is working hard to ensure that all children can fully participate in community life. Our local children deserve to have the feeling and the reality of belonging in Renfrew County, regardless of their financial background.

Why Festival of Trees?

Renfrew County has many children living in poverty. Overall, 15.3% are living in poverty, with figures as high as 39%! Children are valuable members of our community and deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential in life.

Festival of Trees is one way we can raise awareness to the negative impact that poverty has on people's lives right here in our own back yards. At the same time it is a means to provide sustainable funding that will allow CPAN to continue its work, helping our most vulnerable citizens - our children.

A Magical Evening

The Snowflake Gala will take place Saturday November 23, 2019 at the Petawawa Civic Centre.

- Doors Open 6pm
- Dinner 7pm-8pm
- Silent Auction 6pm-10pm
- Live Auction 8:30pm-9:15pm
- Music & Dancing 9:15pm-1am
- Online Auction Closes Nov. 24 at 8 pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Many volunteers are needed to put the magic into this event. If you would like to share your skills for a worthy cause, or would like more information about the volunteer opportunities available, contact:

Lyn Smith, CPAN Executive Director
(613) 735-9579
lsmith@phoenixctr.com
renfrewcountycpan.ca

For information please visit our website, or The Festival of Trees' Facebook Page

Ticket Prices

- Ticket \$60
 - Table of 6 \$330
 - Table of 12 \$600
- Buy Online at renfrewcountycpan.ca/festival-of-trees

Online Auction

- Starts October 1st
- Ends November 24th at 8pm
- <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalofTreesAuction/>

Count me in as a Major Sponsor

- ### Major Sponsor Level I
- Snowflake Gala \$5,000
 - Christmas Tree Avenue \$3,000
 - Lighting \$2,000
 - Silent Auction Room \$2,000
 - Live Auction \$1,500
 - Online Auction \$1,200
 - Entertainment \$1,200

Major Sponsor Level II

- Platinum Sponsor \$1,500
- Gold Sponsor \$1,000
- Silver Sponsor \$800
- Bronze Sponsor \$600

Major Sponsors will receive 2 complimentary tickets. Please include _____ extra tickets*

Count me in as a Sponsor

- Specialty Tree \$600
- 5'-6' Tree \$450
- Become a 'CPAN Advocate' \$400
- Christmas Wreath \$200
- Mini Tree \$250
- Become a 'Friend of CPAN' \$100
- Provide Auction Item

Item _____
Value _____

*Please include _____ tickets.

- Ticket \$60
- Table of 6 \$330
- Table of 12 \$600

7



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR BUSINESS and LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for supporting the work CPAN (Child Poverty Action Network) does on behalf of children within Renfrew County. By donating to CPAN's annual fundraiser, the *Festival of Trees*, your business is recognized locally as being both caring and community-minded.

The *Festival of Trees Snowflake Gala* raises awareness of local child poverty, supports local children and youth in need, and provides you with great advertising and promotional opportunities.

CPAN relies totally on grants, donations, and fundraisers. To obtain much-needed funding for its programs*, CPAN launched its first annual ***Festival of Trees Snowflake Gala*** in 2012. Last year, this signature fundraising event raised nearly \$40,480.00 – with every cent helping local children in need throughout Renfrew County!! (See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5H4YjFATgA&feature=youtu.be>)

Sponsors and business names are prominently identified in a variety of ways (posters, tickets, and during the gala itself). Major sponsors will be displayed in 'Champion Way'. You can participate by:

- Sponsoring the event, or portions thereof (Entertainment; Lighting; Christmas Tree Avenue; etc.);
- Sponsoring a tree, wreath, or mini-tree;
- Donating an item to one of our auctions (Live; Silent; or On-Line); and/or
- Buying tickets (Host your Christmas party at the event).

Beautifully-decorated trees and wreaths, sponsored by local businesses, are viewed by the public for a full two days prior to the gala.

Our ***Eighth Annual Festival of Trees Snowflake Gala*** will take place **November 23rd, 2019**, at the Petawawa Civic Centre. This unique and magical event promotes all supporting businesses, is inclusive of the whole county, and puts everyone in the Christmas spirit! All while **helping many local children in need**. Why not consider hosting your Christmas Party at the Snowflake Gala? Staff, clients, family and friends will have a great time, and there is no prep or cleanup to worry about. Tables of 6 or 12 are available at a discounted price.

Please help local children in need when planning this year's donation/advertising budget.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this year's Festival of Trees Snowflake Gala, and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Issued on behalf of the Festival of Trees Committee, and:

Lyn Smith, CPAN Executive Director
 Tel: 613-735-9579 Fax: 613-735-2378
 Email: lsmith@phoenixctr.com Web: www.renfrewcountycpan.ca

* Monies raised support five programs: *Tools for School* (provides backpacks, school supplies, and shoes); *Operation Snowsuit* (provides snowsuits, boots, hats and gloves); *Harmony for Renfrew County* (music and visual arts); *School Inclusion Program* (hot lunches, school trips, etc.); and the *Good EGG Program* (supports edible gardens in schools).

Important information. Please read Page 2.

7

GallantMEDIA will continue to offer the following, as a thank you for helping CPAN:

Bronze Sponsor: 5 Mini Boards (1/8 page advert) for 3 months + 5% discount on GallantMEDIA services *
Excluding printed materials*

Silver Sponsor: 10 Mini Boards (1/8 page advert) for 3 months + 10% discount on GallantMEDIA services *
Excluding printed materials*

Gold Sponsor: 15 Mini Boards (1/8 page advert) for 3 months + 15% discount on GallantMEDIA services *
Excluding printed materials*

Event Sponsor: 20 Mini Boards (1/8 page advert) for 3 months + 20% discount on GallantMEDIA services *
Excluding printed materials *

*GallantMEDIA will design advert (complimentary) and choose locations

3

Ministry of Energy,
Northern Development
and Mines

Ministère de l'Énergie,
du Développement du Nord
et des Mines

Office of the Minister

Bureau du ministre

77 Grenville Street, 10th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2C1
Tel.: 416-327-6758

77, rue Grenville, 10^e étage
Toronto ON M7A 2C1
Tél : 416 327-6758



October 31, 2019

Memorandum to: Ontario Municipalities
Subject: Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER)

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming introduction of the new Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) on November 1, 2019. The Ontario government has made several regulatory changes as part of the transition away from Global Adjustment (GA) Refinancing under the previous government's Fair Hydro Plan to the new, more transparent on-bill rebate. These changes include amendments to Ontario Regulation 363/16 made under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*.

The transition to the OER is a key part of the government's commitment to strengthen transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility in the electricity sector and respond to the recommendations of the Auditor General of Ontario.

The OER will replace the 8% rebate and the reduction previously provided through Regulated Price Plan (RPP) rates, as well as the GA reduction that was provided to consumers not participating in the RPP. As a result, the Electricity line on bills will rise, the OER will provide an increased percentage rebate, and the average residential bill will increase in line with inflation.

Consumers that were previously eligible for the 8% rebate will be eligible for the OER including low-volume consumers such as households and small businesses, as well as farms, certain long-term care homes, and certain larger multi-unit complexes that are primarily residential (i.e. where at least 50% of the units are "qualifying units" as defined), such as apartment buildings and condominiums (see section 1.1 (1) 5 of O. Reg. 363/16 as amended).

.../cont'd

Under the new rules, certain larger multi-unit complexes that are not primarily residential (as contemplated above), and certain types of multi-unit complexes (see section 1.1 (2) of O. Reg. 363/16 as amended), are not eligible for the OER. This includes, but is not limited to:

- hotels, motels or motor hotels, resorts, lodges, tourist camps, cottages or cabin establishments, inns, campgrounds, trailer parks, tourist homes, bed and breakfast vacation establishments or vacation homes;
- hospitals (as defined under O. Reg. 363/16, as amended);
- living accommodations occupied by a person for penal or correctional purposes, or premises that are subject to the *Ministry of Correctional Services Act* or the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017*;
- short-term living accommodations provided as emergency shelter;
- universities, colleges of applied arts and technology or other entities that provide post-secondary education; and
- premises that are identified by a NAICS code commencing with digits 21, 22, 23, 31, 32 or 33.

However, consumers that were receiving the 8% rebate on October 22, 2019 but are not eligible for the OER will nevertheless receive the OER until October 31, 2020 if they meet the new notice requirements set out in section 1.3 of O. Reg. 363/16 (as amended) before February 1, 2020. If they don't meet those notice requirements, they will receive the OER until January 31, 2020 (see section 1.2 (2) of O. Reg. 363/16 as amended).

Additional new notice requirements are also being introduced for certain larger multi-unit complexes that are eligible under the new rules (see section 1.3 of O. Reg. 363/16 as amended). These notices are due to Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) before February 1, 2020 (see section 1.1 (4) of O. Reg. 363/16 as amended).

Consumers with inquiries regarding their eligibility or notice requirements should be directed to their LDC.

Note that while this letter is intended to provide useful information about these regulatory changes and Energy, Northern Development and Mines' (ENDM) administrative policy intent, it is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with your legal advisers or with the Ontario Energy Board if you have any questions.

.../cont'd

I hope you find this information helpful. Thank you for your support as the government works to deliver on its commitment to build a fair and efficient electricity system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rickford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "R".

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines



Amberley Gavel Announces the Meetings Workshop

Facilitated by Nigel Bellchamber and Fred Dean



More than any other topic, Nigel and Fred are asked questions about meetings procedures. There is a sense in many municipalities that meetings are not going smoothly, council decisions are either rushed or too slow in the making, and how staff provide advice is a concern.

This full day programme will improve decision making. It will also give a member the skills to navigate the twists and turns of council procedures to ensure a greater likelihood of achieving individual goals.

Your Facilitators



Nigel Bellchamber & Fred Dean have extensive experience in municipal government. Both are Principals in Amberley Gavel Ltd. They have facilitated AMO councillor training since 2002. Nigel consults on strategic plans, CAO recruitment, organizational reviews and financial plans. Fred has practiced municipal law for over 40 years and serves as a municipal "coach" for elected and appointed officials.



Taking the mystery out of municipal meetings

The rules governing municipal meetings are found in the Municipal Act 2001 and other Provincial Acts and Regulations; the local procedure by-law adopted by Council, and authoritative texts such as Robert's, Bourinot, or Duchesne.

Learn about their origins, which ones apply when, what options for process improvements your Council might make, and how to speed up or eliminate routine repetition in order that Council can focus on the issues that are most important.

Clarity on roles, rules and how to conduct a meeting with civility are all key takeaways from this full day interactive session.

Who should attend?

Members of Council, CAOs, Clerks and Deputies, recording secretaries of committees and local boards.



Amberley Gavel Ltd.



Mark Your Calendar

- December 10, 2019** Ramada Pinewoods Park North Bay
- December 11, 2019** Clarion Hotel Pembroke
- March 4, 2020** Best Western Otonabee, Peterborough
- March 5, 2020** Best Western Lamplighter, London
- Start Time:** 8:30 Coffee; 9:00 Start
- Cost:** \$325 + HST - HST # 83915 8953
Lunch & snacks are included

How to Register

- Register by email** – brenda@agavel.com
- Registration is payable 10 days prior to the workshop. A full refund is available with cancellation before the due date. No refunds after the due date but a full credit will be given for future workshops.
- Forward a cheque payable to: "Amberley Gavel Ltd"
35 Ambleside Dr., London,
ON N6G 4M3

For more information about an inhouse programme tailored and locally delivered call 519-434-8079

