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VIA EMAIL

July 11, 2013

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All Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Line 9 Reversal

WHEREAS Enbridge Pipelines Inc. (Enbridge) is seeking approval from the National Energy Board (NEB) for the flow reversal between North Westover in Hamilton and Montreal to an eastward direction and capacity expansion to 300,000 barrels per day of the existing Line 9 pipeline, including an allowance for the transportation of heavy crude oil products;

WHEREAS the NEB, as the responsible federal agency regulating pipelines, energy development and trade in Canada, issued a Hearing Order, convening a public hearing for this project;

WHEREAS Environment Canada reports that one drop of oil can render up to 25 litres of water unfit for drinking;

WHEREAS Environment Canada reports that oil products are harmful to aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems;

WHEREAS the pipeline integrity and other preventative and emergency response measures are paramount to minimizing the likelihood of a release and for the protection of the community and the environment;

WHEREAS failure of the pipeline will lead to oil products release into the environment and contamination of our waterways and potentially Lake Ontario; and

WHEREAS currently only one remote controlled isolation valve is located in the Region of Halton along the Enbridge Line 9 pipeline;

The Regional Municipality of Halton

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Enbridge be requested to install isolation valves on each side of watercourses to provide enhanced environmental protection and improve the potential for minimization of environmental contamination of our waterways and potentially Lake Ontario, and health and safety impacts in the event of a pipeline failure;

THAT the National Energy Board be requested to require the installation of isolation valves on each side of watercourses (regardless of whether they are classified as "navigable" or not) to provide enhanced environmental protection and improve the potential for minimization of environmental contamination of our waterways and potentially Lake Ontario, and health and safety impacts in the event of a pipeline failure;

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, as they have Intervenor status in the NEB hearing process for the Enbridge project, for inclusion in their hearing submissions; and

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the City of Burlington, as they have Letter of Commenter status in the NEB hearing process for the Enbridge project, for inclusion in their hearing submission.

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for distribution to all municipalities in Ontario.

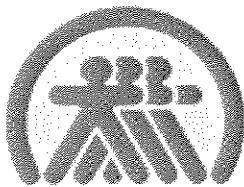
As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration. Please be advised that we have taken action on distribution in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,



Kathy Kielt
Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of
Council & Committee Services



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July 16, 2013

Dear Member Worksite

In view of the size of your worksite (less than 20 employees), we are unable to provide site specific information. Attached please find the quarterly thematic issues chart representative of all member sites. The reporting period is from April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

Across all member worksites, Valley EFAP supported **33** new clients, and facilitated **154** sessions during the second quarter. **1** crisis client received services within 24 hours and **1** site consult addressed supervisory issues with managers.

Our website remains a great source of information - program services, links to both community resources and web based screening tools, and topic itemized resource library. Our lending library continues to be one of Valley EFAP's defining assets, and we strongly promote usage. In the second quarter of 2013, **14** books, videos and/or DVD's have been borrowed by our worksite members, for a total of **34** resources borrowed thus far.

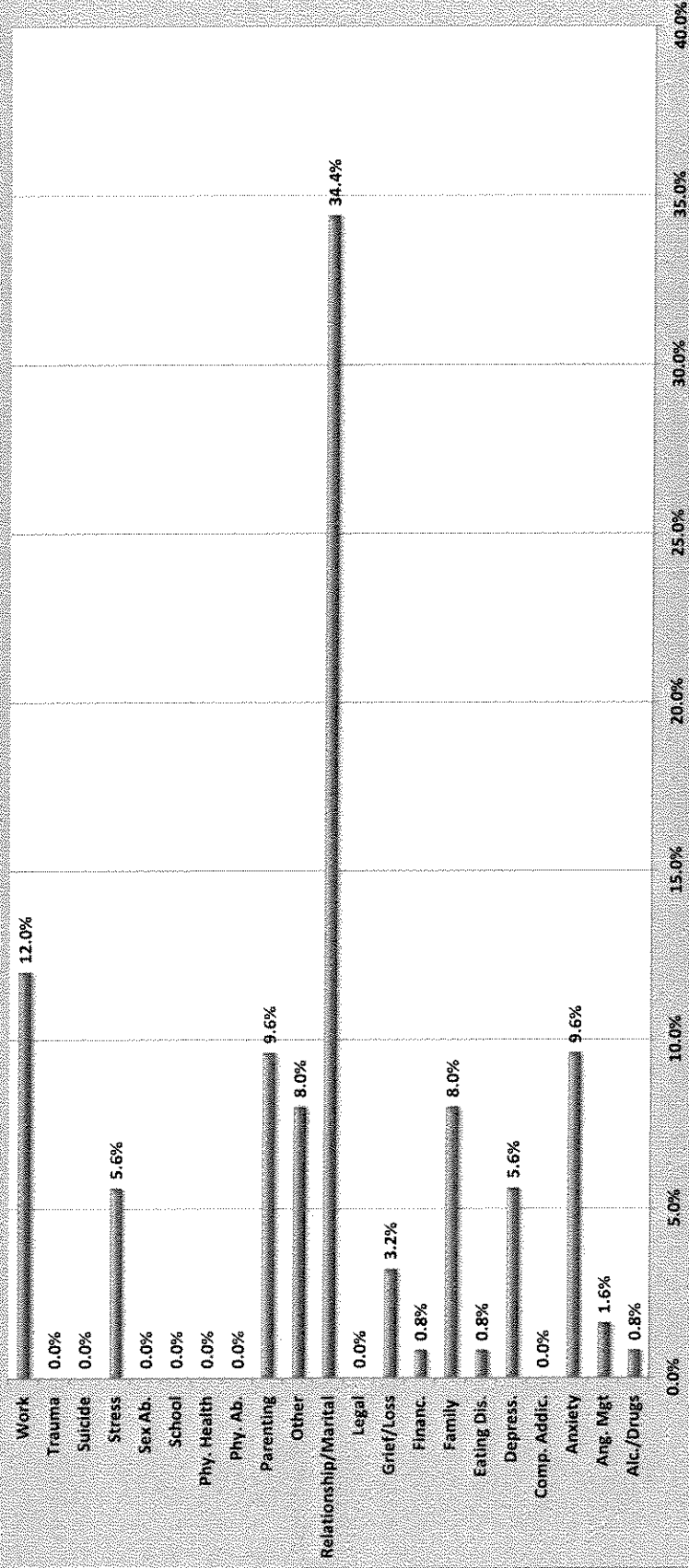
Please keep in mind that results of usage has a direct correlation to the amount of education and awareness in the workplace. Please continue to ensure Valley EFAP visibility in your worksite i.e. distribution of the bi-monthly ***Connections*** newsletter, available business cards etc.

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

Yours Truly,

Shelley TerMarsch
Administrator Valley EFAP

Thematic Issues Addressed in Session - VEFAP 2nd Quarter 2013
(based on 154 sessions)



*Other = Career, Peers, Sexuality, Social Skills, Transitions, Coping etc.

Melinda Reith - Head, Clara, Maria

From: "Cindy Clyne" <cindy.clyne@myfmradio.ca>
Date: July-10-13 10:32 AM
To: <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
Subject: RE: request for stories

Hello,

In response to your request, here are the stories you were inquiring about. In radio, it is customary to write several versions of the same story so I have sent you both.

The Renfrew County Social Services committee is still looking at its legal options when it comes to people owing the Housing Corporation money. A small percentage of tenants have to be evicted because they won't or can't pay their already subsidized rents and that process of eviction and collection can often cost more than it is worth. The committee ignored the tongue in cheek suggestion made Thursday morning at the meeting by Reeve Tammy Lea Stewart of Head Clara and Maria - that "a big bat" could be used to convince people to pay up. The problem remains however on how to speed up the eviction process and collect money that is owing - so as not to further tax ratepayers.

Getting those people out of subsidized housing who are not paying their already reduced rents is a problem for the Renfrew County Housing Corporation. In the same way that private landlords have to apply to the Housing Tribunal to get a legal eviction notice - so must the County. The process can be long and expensive and it can be hard to collect money that may be owing - even if a judgement can be secured against the former tenant. It was noted during the Social Services meeting Thursday (June 13) that it can be an exercise in frustration to try and collect from people who simply have no money or assets. Reeve Tammy Lea Stewart of Head Clara and Maria suggested in jest the money could be collected - "with a big bat". The committee is continuing to look for legal ways to cut the costs of dealing with delinquent accounts.

If there is anything else you require, please let me know.

Thanks,

Cindy Clyne
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ONTARIO PARKS

July 19, 2013

Subject: Amendment to the Algonquin Provincial Park Management Plan

Dear Madam or Sir:

On behalf of Algonquin Provincial Park, Ministry of Natural Resources, I would like to announce that an amendment has been made to the Algonquin Provincial Park Management Plan. This amendment originated from recommendations in the *Joint Proposal for Lightening the Ecological Footprint of Logging in Algonquin Park*, which was developed by the Ontario Parks Board and Algonquin Forestry Authority Board, and modified based on input from the Algonquians of Ontario, stakeholders, and the public.

The goal of this amendment is to balance an increase in protection of natural and recreational values, while continuing to allow for sustainable forestry operations. A total of 96,089 ha (12.6% of total park area) was added to protection zoning as either Natural Environment, Nature Reserve, Wilderness, or Historical zones. The Recreation/Utilization Zone still encompasses 65.3% of the total park area and supports a sustainable forest industry. However, with the consideration of areas unavailable for forestry in the Recreation/Utilization Zone (e.g. rock, water, swamps, or Areas of Concern), the total area in Algonquin Park unavailable for forestry operations is approximately 49%.

All comments were considered in the preparation of the final amendment. A decision notice for the approved park management plan amendment has been posted on the Environmental Registry, and can be found at: ontario.ca/ebr (ER# 010-8824). Additionally, the amendment and associated zoning map can be viewed on the Ministry of Natural Resources website by visiting: http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Parks/2ColumnSubPage/PLANNING_EN_ALGONQUIN.html and hardcopies are available at the East Gate of Algonquin Park. If you wish to receive more information, please contact: Jim Murphy, Park Planner (613-637-2780 ext. 244, AlgonquinPlanning@ontario.ca).

Thank you for your continued interest in Algonquin Provincial Park.

Sincerely,

Jay Nichols
Park Superintendent/Zone Manager
Algonquin Provincial Park



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Ombudsman urges province to tackle "unfinished business," expand oversight: Annual Report 2012-2013

Date: 2013-07-16

TORONTO (July 16, 2013) – Ontario Ombudsman André Marin today urged the provincial government to make better use of his "multipurpose" office in untapped areas of oversight, and address "unfinished business" arising from his recent investigations.

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[Ombudsman's opening remarks](#)

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In his Annual Report, reviewing the 19,726 cases received by his office in the past fiscal year, Mr. Marin highlights the many ways he and his staff helped citizens with bureaucratic problems, flagged trending problems to senior officials, and exposed major systemic issues like operational stress injuries among police and abuse of inmates by correctional officers.

While noting that the government has welcomed most of his recommendations and implemented positive changes, Mr. Marin cites several high-profile cases where it failed to follow through: Two years after promising to regulate the non-emergency medical transfer industry to protect the hundreds of thousands of patients transported annually in these ambulance-like vehicles, it has yet to do so. Three years after the G20 summit in Toronto resulted in massive violations of civil rights, it has yet to pass a replacement to the World War II-era Public Works Protection Act. It has also done nothing to strengthen the legislative mandate of the Special Investigations Unit, "frustrating the public interest," Mr. Marin says in the report.

Meanwhile, one year after former premier Dalton McGuinty discussed opening the door to Ombudsman oversight of the MUSH sector (municipalities, universities, school boards, hospitals and long-term care homes, as well as children's aid societies and police) for the first time in history, the "push for MUSH" has stalled, Mr. Marin says. The Ombudsman had to turn away a record 2,541 complaints about these organizations. They all remain outside of his jurisdiction – unlike in every other province in Canada – despite public support for change.

"Political wrangling aside, there is simply no well-articulated, rational justification for barring Ombudsman oversight in the MUSH sector. Sadly, it seems that 'anybody but the Ombudsman' is the rallying cry for some government insiders," he says, citing other proposed accountability mechanisms that lack the independence and investigative powers of his office.

"I remain hopeful that, rather than resorting to inferior internal accountability devices, the government of Ontario will recognize the benefits of putting the Ombudsman's Office to use in all areas that sorely need our intervention," Mr. Marin writes.

This year's report emphasizes the need for oversight of children's aid societies, hospitals and long-term care homes – three areas where Mr. Marin notes Ontario is "dead last" in Canada in allowing Ombudsman scrutiny. "The argument against Ombudsman oversight of children's aid societies has always been feeble," he writes. "This important resource should not be barred to children and youth in care, their families and concerned members of the public."

He also reiterates the need for Ombudsman oversight of the scandal-plagued Ornge air ambulance service, which sparked 12 complaints to his office in the past year.

Among the more egregious cases resolved by Ombudsman staff is that of a man who was denied a birth certificate for his newborn daughter because the application lacked the signature of the baby's mother – who had died after giving birth. The Family Responsibility Office – once again the top source of complaints to the Ombudsman, other than correctional facilities – was pushed to step up enforcement to recover large child

support payments and correct significant errors.

As well, the Ombudsman's office resolved serious issues without formal investigation. Among them, cancer patients who had radical jaw surgery were finally granted coverage for dental implants. And the Ministry of Transportation is reviewing tens of thousands of duplicate driving records in its system after the Ombudsman flagged concerns last year about suspended drivers continuing to drive as a result of these “ghost licences.”

Mr. Marin also updates the major systemic investigations for which his office has become known around the world, including what he called “encouraging” progress by the Ontario Provincial Police in dealing with operational stress injuries and suicide among its members – issues detailed in his October 2012 report in the Line of Duty. He has also received more than 850 complaints in his ongoing investigation into services for adults with developmental disabilities who are in crisis – while staff have helped many families navigate the system in individual cases.

Mr. Marin is Ontario's sixth Ombudsman since 1975 and the first to be reappointed (in 2010, to a second five-year term). His office also dealt with a record 305 complaints about closed municipal meetings in 2012-2013, which will be detailed in a separate report later this year.

Aussi disponible en français

Full report, backgrounders and more available [here](#)
The Ombudsman's 11 a.m. news conference will be livestreamed at
www.ombudsman.on.ca
and live-tweeted at www.twitter.com/Ont_Ombudsman (#OOLive)
Video of Mr. Marin's news conference will also be posted at
www.youtube.com/OntarioOmbudsman
Mr. Marin will conduct a live chat at 2 p.m. at www.ombudsman.on.ca
Sign up for our e-newsletter [here](#)

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2013 July 28th

Council and Staff
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RECEIVED
JUL 29 2013

Dear Council and Staff

I am requesting Council to consider installing a permanent flagpole at Old Mackey Park.

As one of the volunteers who helps out with the Canada Day celebrations we have had to install a makeshift flagpole every year (and also take it down). This is not an overly onerous task, however the 'raising of the flag' is the key starting point of the celebrations and it would look a little more dignified if we had a real flag pole rather than the temporary makeshift ones that we have used in the past.

I believe that a flagpole situated right behind the centennial rock would enhance the look of the park and would not be too costly an item to install.

I want to thank you for taking the time to consider this request, and I am willing to help with the installation of a flagpole if that is required.

Sincerely

David Balla-Boudreau

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Dear Council and Staff :

Normally HCM residents are writing to Council to request assistance or to complain, however this letter is a simple, but heartfelt thank you to all who involved in any way with the recent improvement to Old Mackey Park, specifically the improvements which were made to the waterfront to prevent erosion and the building of the steps.

Simply put, all involved did a magnificent job, and now the Old Mackey Park is even more of a positive show piece for our Townships that it ever was.

Well done, and thank you.

Sincerely


Cathy and David Balla-Boudreau

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Dear Council and Staff

I am requesting Council to consider an improvement to the Donnelly township road which will greatly improve the draining of my lower field.

Presently this field has very poor drainage even though there is a ditch beside Donnelly Road and this is because the culvert which crosses Donnelly Road (located approximately 600 meters in from Highway 17) is substantially higher than the ditch (and field) it is supposed to drain.

I am not actively farming the field at this time, however I would like to do start reclaiming the field later this summer and I will have great difficulty doing so until the drainage problem is improved.

I am most willing to meet with Council personnel at a mutually convenient time to review the work that would be required to fix this problem.

In closing, I want to thank Council for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely

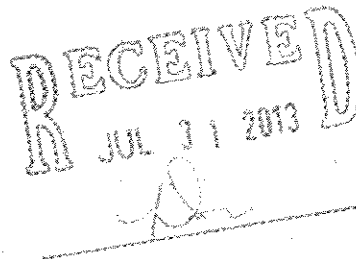
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July 25, 2013

Reeve Tammy Lea Stewart
United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria
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Dear Mayor Stewart,

I am pleased to inform you that, in a little over three years, thanks to the efforts of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, an approved collector in our network through Redi Recycling, Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) has successfully diverted 200,000 tonnes of electronic waste from landfill.

But our work is not done yet. We want to build on the momentum of enthusiastic residents and businesses of Head, Clara and Maria to encourage them, and all Ontarians, to commit to the safe and responsible reuse and recycling of end-of-life electronics. At OES, we continue to work hard to ensure that all end-of-life electronics that pass through our system are processed in a manner which adheres to the rigorous environmental and health and safety standards of the Recycler Qualification Office (www.rqp.ca). The RQO operates under Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA), a national, non-profit entity, created by Canada's electronics industry. This not only ensures that end-of-life electronics don't end up in landfill, but that they are managed safely and responsibly.

On behalf of OES, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you, the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, waste diversion staff, the local OES Service Provider you've contracted with, Redi Recycling, and your constituents, as well for helping build a sustainable future for Ontario, a greener place to do business and call home. Your community is taking action and doing their part for the environment. Thank you for these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Spencer'.

Jonathan Spencer
Executive Director, Ontario Electronic Stewardship

cc: Joe Hall, Redi Recycling

Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES), a not-for-profit industry organization, oversees the responsible reuse and recycling of waste electronics through a program that includes hundreds of collection sites and numerous other affiliate sites across the province, including municipal, retail, not-for-profit and commercial sites. Every Ontario resident and business is encouraged to safely recycle their electronics free of charge.

The program was developed with Waste Diversion Ontario on behalf of the Ontario government under the Waste Diversion Act. The OES electronic waste recycling program accepts 44 items of electronic waste including computers, televisions, DVD players, hand-held devices and more.

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July 31, 2013

County of Renfrew Public Access Defibrillator

The defibrillator is the property of your facility, as well as all associated maintenance, including batteries and pads. You may contact Respond Solutions (Dean DiMonte) at (613) 327-7624 or www.respond-solutions.com, for any future supplies required. The County of Renfrew Paramedic Service will provide the initial unit, training, cabinet, battery and pads. The defibrillator will be registered in the database for the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service and audited once each year to ensure it remains operational. Renfrew Central Ambulance Communications Centre will be advised as to the location of the defibrillator.

We are very pleased that your facility has received this unit and wish you continued good health.

Sincerely,

Brian Leahey
Deputy Chief
County of Renfrew Paramedic Service

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AED's and Liability



Can I be sued if I use a Defibrillator?

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have made big news in the past few years. As discussed by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada, about 40,000 cardiac arrests occur in Canada annually, most of which are outside medical facilities. The chances of survival decrease significantly (7-10%) with each passing minute. Defibrillation can improve these survival rates by 30% or more if conducted within the first few minutes of cardiac arrest. In fact defibrillation combined with CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) can increase survival rates to 50% or more.

With this increased publicity, comes increased concern of how this can affect the rescuer who uses the defibrillator or the organization who owns the defibrillator. While defibrillators have become common in Public Access Areas in the United States, Canada has been more reticent in implementing defibrillators in our Public Access Areas.

The Chase McEachern Act

With the Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability) of 2007, the Liberal government of Ontario has passed legislation that is hugely important to the question of defibrillators and their use. This Act protects people from civil liability when they attempt to save a life using a public Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It was based on the case of an 11 year old Barrie resident, Chase McEachern, who had been diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat. At his young age, Chase began a campaign to make defibrillators mandatory in hockey arenas and schools. Unfortunately, before he could succeed, Chase passed out while jogging in his gym class on Feb. 9, 2006. All attempts to resuscitate him sadly failed. The McEachern family created a fund to further Chase's campaign.

The Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability) of 2007 completes this cycle and does the following:

1. It protects any person from liability for damages that occur in relation to their use of an AED in the attempt to save a life at the immediate scene of an emergency (unless damages are caused by gross negligence)
2. It protects health care professionals from liability for damages that occur in relation to their use of an AED to save a life at the immediate scene of an emergency (unless damages are caused by gross negligence and unless the AED is used in a hospital or other place having appropriate health care facilities and equipment for the purposes of defibrillation)
3. It protects owners and occupiers of premises on which an AED is installed from liability for any harm which may occur in relation to the use of the AED, provided that the AED was made available for use in good faith, without gross negligence and is properly maintained.

It means that both society and the government has recognized the importance of AEDs and is working actively not only to implement AEDs in Public Access Areas in Ontario but also to protect those individuals and companies that use and own AEDs.

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TO: To all Municipalities

FROM: Paul Moreau
Director of Development and Property

DATE: August 6, 2013 (revised)

SUBJECT: Asset Management Software - Buildings

We would like to invite you to a presentation by *Ameresco* (our Asset management software consultant) on September 6th at 9 am at 9 International Drive, in the Council Chambers.

This Presentation will allow anyone who is interested in seeing the overall approach of asset planning, plus how *Ameresco* software could work for your municipality.

After the Presentation from *Ameresco* the County of Renfrew's Asset management team will be on hand to answer any questions the group may have.

Please feel free to bring any key personal that you believe would benefit from this presentation.

Please RVSP to Janet Porter (jporter@countyofrenfrew.on.ca) or call 735-3204 ext 150 by August 30th 2013

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August 16, 2013

Head of Council
c/o Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk and CAO
United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
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Dear Head of Council:

On behalf of the Ontario government, I am pleased to announce the launch of the renewed Rural Economic Development (RED) program. Applications are now being accepted to the program.

The renewed RED program is designed to help rural communities become better positioned to attract investment, create jobs, and sustain a highly skilled workforce. While partnerships are not required, we are encouraging collaborative approaches to create more competitive and diverse rural and regional economies across the province.

Recognizing we live in a time of fiscal constraint, we are looking for projects that are creative, innovative and that will have significant economic impacts in your region relative to the project contribution requested. Projects will also be assessed on how they benefit rural Ontario and promote collaboration across communities, organizations and businesses.

The renewed RED program is part of a suite of rural initiatives that address infrastructure, health care, education and other issues of importance to rural Ontario residents. RED builds upon our government's previous investments, including the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund, the Northern Ontario Fund Corporation, and the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative.

Applications are welcomed from municipalities; not-for-profit organizations; industry; economic development and regional-focused associations; businesses and corporations; First Nations, Metis and Inuit; as well as broader public sector organizations. For more information visit www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/rural/red/index.html or contact Mr. Joseph Dubonnet at red@ontario.ca or 519-826-3717.

I look forward to working with you to help rural Ontario's economy – and its communities – grow stronger.

Sincerely,

Jeff Leal
Minister of Rural Affairs

Minister
of Agriculture and
Agri-Food



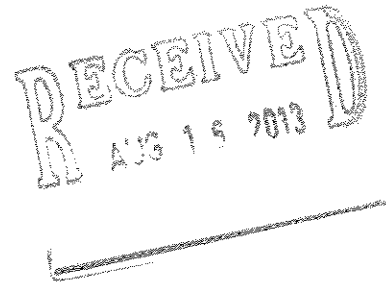
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Ms. Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
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Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for your letter, which was also addressed to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, MPP, regarding a resolution passed by the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria on March 9, 2012, concerning the emerald ash borer (EAB). I replied to Ms. Tammy Lea Stewart when this resolution was first brought to my attention, and I have enclosed a copy of that reply for your reference. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with additional information about this important subject.

As I noted in my previous response, the Government of Canada recognizes the impact of EAB to all affected stakeholders, and federal, provincial, and municipal governments are committed to working toward slowing its spread.

It is well known that this pest is very difficult to detect at early stages of infestation. In fact, the scientific consensus is that any newly detected EAB populations have typically been established for at least three or four years before their discovery. Based on this information and the surveillance conducted to date, the area between Montréal and Toronto is considered to have a high probability of being infested. Indeed, this has been shown with the five new confirmed finds of EAB to date this year. If we are to be successful in slowing the spread of this beetle to other parts of Canada, our collective efforts need to be targeted on the outer edges of the pest distribution.

As noted in Budget 2012, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) response to EAB will focus on a strategic approach to regulated areas, which could include reducing the number and increasing the size of these areas in order to control the movement of wood products that present a risk for spreading the pest. This is consistent with a slow-the-spread approach for EAB and will allow the CFIA to more effectively focus its efforts on surveillance at the expanding edge of the infestation, on enforcement of the regulated areas, and on public outreach communications products.

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In line with its strategic approach to EAB regulated areas, the CFIA consulted with affected provinces and municipalities on the regulation of this pest. Following these consultations, it was decided to expand and consolidate the regulated areas to include high-risk corridors in order to more accurately represent the expected distribution of EAB. This will allow for more effective prevention of the movement of EAB to areas of Ontario, Quebec, and elsewhere in Canada that are considered not to be infested. In April 2013, the CFIA began a one-year transition that will lead to full implementation of this option by April 1, 2014. The Agency will continue to offer training and communications materials during this transition period.

The CFIA will also continue to support research, through the Canadian Forest Service, on the insect's biology, life cycle, and emerging prospects for biological control. The CFIA continues to consult with federal, provincial, and municipal partners and stakeholders on science-based strategies for the detection and control of EAB. Biological control may play an increasingly important role in managing EAB populations, and I am pleased to confirm that the CFIA recently approved a biological control agent for EAB for release in Ontario. The movement of firewood is another key factor, and the CFIA is developing an enhanced approach to controls for firewood that is intended to be implemented in conjunction with the changes to the EAB program.

All CFIA pest management programs are subject to periodic review. Adjustments can be made based on the evolving nature of the pest population and the activities undertaken by partners. In that light, should the Province of Ontario wish to propose an alternative approach in the future that can be implemented within our collectively available resources, the CFIA would be prepared to take this into consideration.

The CFIA remains committed to protecting Canada from invasive forest pests by using its regulatory tools in a science-based, practical, and cost-effective manner. I look forward to the continued engagement and collaboration of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria on important forest pest issues.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Ritz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gerry Ritz, PC, MP

Enclosure

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Ms. Tammy Lea Stewart
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Dear Ms. Stewart:

I am writing in response to your correspondence to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper regarding a resolution approved by the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria on March 9, 2012, on the subject of the emerald ash borer (EAB). I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Council's concerns.

The Government of Canada takes the threat posed by invasive pests such as EAB seriously, and it recognizes the hardships and challenges that this pest presents to all affected stakeholders. Under the authority of the *Plant Protection Act*, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) undertakes actions aimed at preventing pests of quarantine significance from entering into or spreading within Canada. This includes creating regulated areas that are determined based on scientific information.

Given EAB's current distribution in Canada, the CFIA is no longer pursuing eradication of the pest; however, the CFIA believes that there is continued merit in slowing the spread of EAB within Canada in order to protect this country's ash resources. This is important both to protect other areas with ash populations and to protect Canadian industry's continued domestic and international market access for ash products. This slow-the-spread strategy is supported by our partners, including Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service, the Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Environment Canada, and some provinces that are concerned about the risk posed by EAB if it should spread to them.

Consistent with the slow-the-spread approach and the Government's direction in Budget 2012, the CFIA's response to EAB is focused on a strategic approach to regulated areas, which could include reducing the number and increasing the size of regulated areas in order to control the movement of wood products that present a risk for spreading the pest. The Agency will continue to undertake surveillance to detect the pest's spread and distribution; provide effective communication of the CFIA's regulatory approach; and support continued research, through the

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Canadian Forest Service, on the insect's biology, life cycle, and possible biological control. For example, the CFIA continues to consult with federal, provincial, and municipal partners and stakeholders on science-based strategies for the detection and control of EAB. Biological control and natural tree resistance may play increasingly important roles in managing EAB populations.

I can appreciate your request for financial support. However, because the CFIA's approach to EAB has changed from eradication to slowing its spread, the Agency is no longer providing compensation to stakeholders affected by this pest. This is consistent with the approach taken in the U.S. and allows for the program's long-term sustainability.

The CFIA recognizes the impact of EAB on affected municipalities and that continued collaborative effort and co-operation of all partners are essential to protect Canada's valuable forest resources. Sustainable management of commercial and urban forests is the responsibility of provincial and municipal governments. The CFIA is prepared to support this responsibility by continuing to work collectively with all partners to ensure that its regulatory and surveillance activities are effective components of an overall approach to managing this pest.

This approach is in line with *An Invasive Alien Species Strategy for Canada*, which was developed through the collective efforts of several federal government departments and agencies, as well as of numerous provinces. Further information on the Strategy is available at the following website: www.ec.gc.ca/eee-ias/98DB3ACF-94FE-4573-AE0F-95133A03C5E9/Final_IAS_Strategic_Plan_smaller_e.pdf.

The CFIA understands that strong partnerships are critical to combat the impacts of EAB as this pest continues to spread. In this respect, the Agency will undertake consultation efforts over the next year to develop a collaborative response strategy for EAB, in which all stakeholders would play a role in its overall long-term management. Rest assured that municipalities such as the Municipality of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria will be consulted in the development of the strategy.

Thank you for writing on this important subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerry Ritz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Mr. Powers:

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The Ministry of Labour is committed to ensuring fairness in the labour market for all employees and organizations. Particularly as summer is here, I wanted to write to you to address the issue of unpaid internships in Ontario. I believe municipalities, and your municipal stakeholders, will be interested to know the rules that apply to internships, to ensure that they are in compliance with the law.

In general, a person who performs work for an organization is an employee, unless he or she is in business for themselves. As an employee, he or she is generally entitled to all of the rights under the *Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA)*, including the minimum wage.

There are some exceptions, but they are very limited. Unpaid internships are illegal under Ontario law unless they fall within an exception. The fact that an individual is labelled an intern does not affect his or her rights under the *ESA*.

One possible exception is a trainee. Trainees, however, will generally be considered to be employees for purposes of the *ESA* and therefore must be paid, unless all of the conditions below are met:

1. The training is similar to that which is given in a vocational school.
2. Some benefit is received by the trainee from the training, such as new knowledge or skills.
3. The employer derives little, if any, benefit from the activity of the trainee while he or she is being trained.
4. The trainee does not take someone else's job.
5. The employer is not promising you a job at the end of your training.
6. The trainee has been told that he or she will not be paid for his or her time.

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It should be noted that the *ESA* does not prohibit an employer from hiring as an employee someone who was a former unpaid trainee who met all six of the conditions above.

Another exception concerns college and university programs. The *ESA* does not apply to an individual who performs work under a placement program approved by a university or by a college of applied arts and technology.

Finally, the *ESA* also does not apply to true volunteers, such as a person helping out a neighbour or friend or volunteering at a charity. The legal test for a true volunteer arrangement looks at several factors, but merely agreeing to work without pay does not in itself make an individual a volunteer.

These rules are in place to prevent the exploitation of young workers, and to ensure that Ontario employers who play by the rules have a level playing field.

As part of the 2013 budget, the government is investing an additional \$3 million annually to hire additional officers and staff to provide more proactive inspections, beginning in 2013-14. This brings the government's total investment to \$7.5 million since 2009. The funding will be used to hire 20 new members of a dedicated enforcement team, and by 2014-15, these officers will conduct an additional 1,400 inspections a year.

If municipal officials or other stakeholders would like further information, they may wish to visit the Ministry of Labour's webpage at www.ontario.ca/internshipstandards, or call the ministry's Employment Standards Information Centre at 1-800-531-5551.

Sincerely,



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