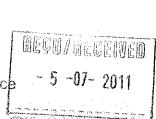


Cheryl Gallant

Member of Parliament
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Member of Standing Committee on National Defence





June 21, 2011

County of Renfrew - Economic Development, 9 International Drive Pembroke, Ontario K8A 6W5

Dear Business Owner,

Recently I was copied on a letter sent from the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association, on your behalf, urging Prime Minister Harper to designate the Ottawa River as a Heritage River. As your business is a strong partner in the Ottawa Valley's tourism industry I would like to share with you my concerns over the proposal to give the Ottawa River a Heritage designation.

First of all let me be clear that I recognize the significant role the Ottawa River has played a in the development of Canada. The Ottawa served as a highway to the interior of North America as well as a route to transport goods to overseas markets.

I have voiced my concern on how such a designation will be administered, and how local rights will be protected. This designation is only for the Ontario 'side' of the river. The Quebec portion of the river, which includes two thirds of the watershed, is excluded. While the river has two shores, there is one body of water. The Quebec government, for a variety reasons, decided against participation. This was my first concern.

My grave doubt is, and remains how this designation will affect the rights of businesses and other property owners along the Ottawa River and in the watershed, which effectively includes all of Renfrew County.

In the Province of Ontario, those rivers which have been designated as heritage, like the Grand River in Southern Ontario, the local conservation authority has the responsibility to administer the Heritage designation. In Renfrew County, there are no conservation authorities. Our residents have indicated a firm preference to reduce government interference in their daily lives.

In the case of the Ottawa River Watershed, conservation authorities exist downstream, such as the Rideau Valley, Mississippi and the South Nation Conservation authorities. The role these conservation authorities will have in dictating how the residents of Renfrew County are going to use and enjoy their private property remains unclear.

An example of why many Ottawa Valley residents are skeptical of the Ontario provincial government was when Queen's Park declared sawdust a hazardous waste. Government

inspectors were sent to local saw mills creating economic and legal hardship. Another case was when ditches and culverts are considered "navigable waterways." Ordered to be cleared, a number of municipalities had to pay fines to the Ontario government for missing deadlines impossible to meet due to the requirements of several provincial government agencies of a rule that is considered questionable by many.

The designation makes reference to measuring and monitoring water usage from industry, municipalities, and residents. The proposal indicates stricter enforcement of existing legislation and reference to much newer and intrusive legislation passed over the last eight years by the province.

If designation is meaningless, with no legal implications, as some have tried to claim, then what is the point of the designation? Proponents have claimed designation is simply a marketing tool but no marketing plan has been developed, no funding set aside, and no evidence of the efficacy of designation.

With the exposure of business owners to additional layers of bureaucracy and no evidence supplied to bolster the arguments proponents have used, I cannot support the proposed designation in the current form.

In closing, I welcome your input on the decision by Ottawa Valley Tourism to write on your behalf to the Prime Minister stating the heritage designation should be made. Without a marketing plan or any studies, there is no evidence the marketing value of the designation would offset the economic costs of increased scrutiny on new and existing tourism developments along the waterfront, or anywhere within the Ottawa River watershed.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with everyone in the tourism industry to maintain the Upper Ottawa Valley as a top destination for visitors to experience Canada's great outdoors. It's where the nation comes to play!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gallant, M.P.

Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

From:

"Melissa Marquardt" <mmarquardt@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>

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Sent:

Thursday, July 07, 2011 12:30 PM

Attach:

Parks Canada-may11.pdf

Subject:

Fwd: Ottawa River Heritage Designation

Please see attached correspondence from Parks Canada regarding accuracy of the background document prepared by D&P Director, Paul Moreau.

>>> On 07.07.2011 at 8:34 am, Melissa Marquardt wrote:

Good morning everyone,

In follow-up to yesterday's e-mail, attached please find the feedback form that can be sent to MP Cheryl Gallant's office (and copied to the OVTA) with your input regarding the Ottawa River heritage designation.

Contact info for MP Cheryl Gallant's office:

2nd Floor, 84 Isabella Street Pembroke, ON K8A 5S5

Fax: 613.732.4697

OVTA office:

9 International Drive Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5 Fax: 613.735.2492

Regards... Melissa

>>> On 06.07.2011 at 4:04 pm, Melissa Marquardt wrote: Hello everyone,

As you may be are aware, the OVTA has supported the nomination of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River since the process started in 2003.

In April, the OVTA Board of Directors sent a second letter, this time to Prime Minister Harper, reiterating the OVTA's unanimous support and urging completion of the designation. This letter was also copied to MP Cheryl Gallant and the Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of the Environment.

Earlier this week, a number of OVTA members, including the County of Renfrew's Economic Development Dept, received a letter from MP Cheryl Gallant outlining her concerns on how the designation will be administered, how local rights will be protected and why she does not support the designation in its current form. In her letter, MP Gallant welcomes input from tourism businesses regarding such designation

While some of you may have already received this letter and others not (due to the back log from the postal strike), we feel it is important that we share all relevant information regarding this matter with the entire membership. Attached please find a copy of the letter sent to Prime Minister Harper, letter from MP Gallant, as well as a background document prepared for Renfrew County Council by the County of Renfrew's Development & Property Director, Paul Moreau.

We are requesting that should any members provide MP Gallant with input regarding the designation that it also be copied to the OVTA.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact either myself or OVTA Manager, Alastair Baird (copied on this message).

Regards.... Melissa

Melissa Marquardt, Marketing Coordinator Ottawa Valley Tourist Association 613.732.4364 / 1.800.757.6580, x459

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Mr. Bob Sweet Warden County of Renfrew 9 International Drive Pembroke ON K8A 6W5

Dear Mr. Sweet:

I am replying on behalf of the Minister of the Environment to your letter of March 21 enclosing a copy of the report on the proposed designation of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River prepared by Mr. Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property for Renfrew County Council.

Mr. Moreau's report presents an accurate summary of the process and benefits of heritage river designation, the principles of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System and the roles and jurisdiction of conservation authorities in relation to the proposed designation.

I note Renfrew County Council's unanimous support for this potential designation and appreciate the Council's interest in the Canadian Heritage Rivers program. The federal review process for this proposed designation is ongoing. Renfrew County Council will be contacted once a final decision has been made.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Latourelle Chief Executive Officer

Parks Canada



April 27, 2011

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

I write to you today in regards to the designation of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River.

The Board of Directors of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, representing two-hundred and fourteen tourism operators, supports the unanimous endorsement of this designation by the County Council of the County of Renfrew. Further, the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association itself unanimously supports the designation of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River.

This process began in 2003 after much discussion amongst community and business leaders up and down the Ottawa River. The key research related to the heritage values of the Ottawa River was collected in the <u>Background Study for Nomination of the Ottawa River under the Canadian Heritage Rivers System</u> which was released in 2005. The process is now into its tenth year of activity and all the municipalities situated on the Ottawa River, from Temiskaming Shores to Hawkesbury, have supported the Canadian Heritage Rivers System designation- yet it has not been approved by your government.

For many years now, the tourism industry of the Ottawa Valley and Renfrew County, and our colleagues all along the Ottawa River, have been anticipating the opportunities to utilize the Heritage River designation in promotional and public relations to attract more visitors to the Ottawa River and to our communities. It has been extremely frustrating to have this process stalled at every turn in spite of the positive experiences of so many communities and businesses located around the thirty-seven Canadian Heritage Rivers across Canada, including the eleven Canadian Heritage Rivers located in Ontario.

We urge you to complete the Canadian Heritage River System process to designate the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River and finally elevate our Ottawa River to Canadian Heritage River status.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Gebhart

President, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association

c The Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of Environment

MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

Warden Robert Sweet, County of Renfrew

Mr. Fred Blackstein, Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee

Mr. Larry Graham, Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Renfrew County Council

FROM:

Paul Moreau, Director of Development and Property

DATE:

February 23, 2011

RE:

Approval of the Designation of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage

Rivers Systems (CHRS)

BACKGROUND:

Currently, Ontario has 11 rivers designated as part of the CHRS. These are the French, Mattawa-La Vase Portages, Grand, Boundary Waters-Voyageur Waterway, Bloodvein, Humber, Rideau Waterway, Thames, St. Marys, Detroit and the Missinaibi.

The Ottawa River heritage designation initiative began in 2003. It has received a significant degree of grass-roots involvement, demonstrated by the organization of the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee (ORHDC); a citizens' group representing the general public, organizations, agencies and municipalities along the Quebec and Ontario shores of the Ottawa River. There have been expressions of support from members of federal and provincial parliament and municipal government, as well as contributions made by numerous organizations and partners.

The first four principles of the CHRS as documented in its 1997 "Charter," best summarize the salient points (emphasis added).

- i) Participation in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System is voluntary.
- ii) Participants in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will retain their traditional jurisdictional powers over rivers included in the System including ownership of land, the choice to nominate a river to the System and the right to continue to operate and manage designated rivers in accordance with the objectives of the system.
- iii) All participants in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will respect the rights and concerns of communities, Aboriginal Peoples, land owners and other stakeholders in the nomination, designation and management of Canadian Heritage Rivers.
- iv) Rivers, or sections of rivers, included in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System will meet the spirit of the heritage and recreational value selection guidelines as set out by the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board.

Issues of private ownership and development have already been dealt with, as noted in (then) Warden Donald Rathwell's July 8, 2010 letter to Prime Minister Harper.

"Over the past seven years, numerous public meetings and consultation sessions were held and hundreds of stakeholders participated in the process, including the First Nations communities. The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan have been a vital member of the Designation Committee since its inception.

Concerns raised by Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, concerning potential negative impacts on development have been addressed numerous times by the Designation Committee and staff of the Canadian Heritage Rivers System. Quite simply, the designation will not affect existing laws and existing laws and regulations will continue to apply.

Prime Minister Harper, the Council of the County of Renfrew respectfully requests your consideration of this extremely important matter and hopefully, the Ottawa River can be recognized as the great and historic river that it truly is."

With respect to concerns that designation of the Ontario side of the Ottawa River would be precedent setting, Mayor Raye-Anne Briscoe's letter of September 21, 2010 to Prime Minister Harper notes:

"Prime Minister Harper, it is clearly understood that Heritage Designation in no way affects any existing municipal, provincial or federal legislation.

It is further clearly understood that in Canada, there is precedent for an interprovincial river system at the outset to be successfully nominated within the jurisdiction of only one province. The classic example would be the Clearwater River with Saskatchewan at the beginning and Alberta following a number of years later."

ROLE OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES:

As a result of concerns raised at Renfrew County Council on January 26, 2011 regarding the possible impact of a Conservation Authority, the following is based on a study of existing legislation, discussions with former colleagues and other sources.

Conservation Authorities are corporate bodies created by the province at the request of two or more municipalities in accordance with the requirements of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CA Act). Section 20 of the CA Act provides the mandate for an Authority to offer a broad resources management program. Section 21 of the CA Act provides the mandate to have watershed-based resource management programs and/or policies that are approved by the Board of Directors.

Conservation Authorities operating under the authority of the *CA Act*, and in conjunction with municipalities, develop business plans, watershed plans and natural resource management plans within their jurisdictions (watersheds). These plans may recommend specific approaches to land use and resource planning and management that should be incorporated into municipal planning documents and related development applications in order to be implemented.

Conservation Authorities may become involved in the review of municipal planning documents (e.g., Official Plans, zoning by-laws) and development applications under the *Planning Act* to ensure that program interests developed and defined under Section 20 and 21 of the *CA Act* are addressed in land use decisions made by municipal planning authorities. In this role, the Conservation Authority is responsible to represent its program and policy interests as a watershed based resource management agency.

What is important in this report is that Conservation Authorities have only a small portion of their watershed that enters Renfrew County. Therefore, they have no authority or mandate to operate in Renfrew County.

It is also important to recognize that the powers granted to a Conservation Authority are limited to the watershed as defined by regulation under the *CA Act*.

Finally, heritage river designation does nothing to expand or enhance the authority or jurisdiction of a Conservation Authority.

While researching the files on the Ottawa River Heritage Designation initiative, I discovered the press release issued by Federal Environment Minister John Baird and Provincial Minister of Natural Resources Donna Cansfield. I have attached their May 16, 2008 news release for reference, as I believe it summarizes the arguments most eloquently.

PM/jhk

Attachment

News Release Communiqué

CP2008-00259

BAIRD AND CANSFIELD APPROVE NOMINATION OF OTTAWA RIVER AS A CANDIDATE CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, MAY 16, 2008 - Canada's Environment Minister, John Baird, and Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, Donna Cansfield, are pleased to announce the official endorsement of the nomination of the Ottawa River as a Canadian Heritage River.

"Being born and raised in Nepean, I'm delighted to recognize the cultural, natural and recreational significance of the Ottawa River by approving the nomination of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System," said Minister Baird. "This river represents a critical link to our country's settlement and growth, and continues to be an important waterway to focal communities."

"The Canadian Heritage River nomination and future designation will ensure the Ottawa River gets the full recognition it deserves as a vital part of our history, and will support our efforts to ensure a healthy, vibrant future for this important waterway and the communities it serves," said Minister Cansfield.

The Ottawa River can now be considered for full designation in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System. The area recommended for designation includes the entire section of 590 km of the Ottawa River bordering the Province of Ontario, from the head of Lake Timiskaming to East Hawkesbury.

The average flow of the Ottawa River is one of the greatest in Canada, making it a world-class paddling and rafting destination. The river spans 1271 km with a watershed covering 146,300 sq. km, an area twice the size of New Brunswick. The river provides a home for over 300 species of birds and is one of the continent's most important flyways. Its rich ecosystems also sustain more than 80 species at risk.

"Minister Cansfield and I want to thank the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee for their hard work and dedication. This nomination will be good for the river, good for the citizens living along it, and good for Canada," said Minister Baird. "We would especially like to acknowledge the support of the former Member of Parliament Len Hopkins who, unfortunately, is not with us today to see the nomination move forward. I'm sure Mr. Hopkins would have been pleased to see the community's hard work come to fruition."

The Ottawa River and surrounding area is of outstanding cultural heritage value as the heartland of the Algonquin people and their culture, as well as for being the definitive route of Canadian exploration, providing Canada's most famous European explorers such as Samuel de Champlain, with a passage into central and western North America. The Ottawa River was gateway to Canada's most famous trade routes used during the coureurs de bois and voyageur era in Canada, and was critical to the development of commercial enterprise, mapping and settlement in Canada.





The Canadian Heritage Rivers System is a joint federal-provincial-territorial initiative that gives national recognition to Canadian rivers of extraordinary natural, cultural and recreational significance.

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Bravo to all who worked to make our Canada Day such a huge success!! Melanie Theil, Cathy Balla-Boudreau, Linda Chartrand and Marion Chaput all deserve medals. And our Municipal Clerk, Melinda Reith, for doing the groundwork that got us the playground equipment and picnic shelter. The sea of red, the kids' costumes (and not just the kids), the music and activities, and of course the food, could not have been better. Our little community has reason to be proud. To all who helped make it such a special day, thank you.

Pam and Jean Charron

Canada Day

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 9:05 PM

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Hi Melinda:

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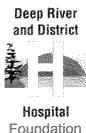
My husband and I attended the Canada Day celebrations down at Mackey Park along with a number of others from Morning Mist Resort. We have to say it was one of the most enjoyable Canada Days we have spent. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to all those who gave their precious time to ensure all of us had such a wonderful time. The food was delicious and compliments were heard all around us.

We just love spending our summers here in the Stonecliffe area and treasure the village life we are so privileged to enjoy. We have attended the township on many occasions for lunches, coffee mornings and the library. At all times we have felt most welcome and any questions we have had have always been answered in a most professional friendly way.

Thank you once again to each and every one, you truly are the very best.

Sincerely,

Arthur and Brenda M. Smith



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Email: foundation@drdh.org

Dear Potential Sponsor:

Deep River and District Hospital (DRDH) Foundation has just wrapped up Phase 1 of the 2011 Photo Contest Fundraiser.

The second phase of the Photo Contest is to sell the postcards to businesses throughout the Ottawa Valley for re-sale or as a give-away for customer appreciation. As a business owner/operator you have the freedom to choose how to use the postcards to best suit your company.

Enclosed is a brochure outlining the packages we are offering as well as copies of the winning pictures:

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Your support allows the Deep River and District Hospital to provide the communities of the Upper Ottawa Valley with the outstanding service they expect and deserve.

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Warm Regards,

Kirstie Smith Fundraising Director, DRDH Foundation 613-584-3333 ext 203 / Kirstie.Smtih@drdh.org

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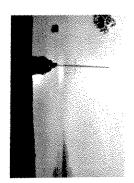
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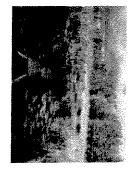
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Friday, July 08, 2011 6:14 PM

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AMO breaking news (1) re Provincial election check list

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

July 8, 2011

AMO releases a Provincial Election Check List to Ontario Municipal Leaders

Early next week AMO members will be receiving their individual AMO Provincial Election Check List through their municipal offices.

Key topics of municipal governments' concerns have been summarized in AMO's Provincial Election Check List of **Top 12 Asks**. This "flashcard" highlights AMO's policy positions in priority areas and some of the messaging that AMO will be using this summer and throughout the election period.

The upcoming provincial election is an important time for Ontario's municipalities and AMO. As the election approaches, the Provincial Election Check List provides municipal leaders with the means to share key messaging on some of the issues that are of critical importance to Ontario's municipalities.

This is the start of AMO's provincial election activities. Stay tuned for further election-related information through the weekly electronic AMO Watch File.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

Contact:

Monika Turner, Director of Policy, mturner@amo.on.ca or 416-971-9856/1-

877-426-6527 extension 318.

PLEASE NOTE AMO Breaking News will be broadcast to the member municipality's council, administrator and clerk. Recipients of the AMO broadcasts are free to redistribute the AMO broadcasts to other municipal staff as required. We have decided to not add other staff to these broadcast lists in order to ensure accuracy and efficiency in the management of our various broadcast lists.

DISCLAIMER These are final versions of AMO documents. AMO assumes no responsibility for any discrepancies that may have been transmitted with the electronic version. The printed versions of the documents stand as the official record.



July 8, 2011

To: Heads of Council and Councillors:

The upcoming provincial election is an important time for Ontario municipalities and AMO. Key topics of concern have been summarized in AMO's Provincial Election Check List of **Top 12 Asks**. This "flashcard" outlines AMO's policy positions in priority areas and provides you with some of the messaging that the Association will be using this summer and throughout the election period. We would appreciate any assistance in helping us to 'get the word out' during your conversations with municipal colleagues, provincial candidates, the media, constituents and other municipal organizations or associations.

For example, AMO is seeking commitments to:

- Maintain (or accelerate) the 2008 Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review agreement to upload \$1.5 billion in social services and court security costs by 2018;
- Provide stable, predictable permanent infrastructure funding for roads and bridges;
- Permanently share Provincial Gas Tax revenue for municipal transit;
- Make people and businesses more accountable for the waste management costs they
 create, so that property taxpayers are not saddled with them;
- Improve arbitration, to ensure that outcomes are more affordable, transparent and accountable; and
- Introduce insurance reforms that rationalize municipal liability and rein-in soaring insurance costs.

These are just a few of the priority municipal policies that need attention and support from all political parties.

This summer, AMO will launch 2011 Ontario Provincial Election pages on our website, www.amo.on.ca. These pages will present AMO's Top 12 Asks against the commitments that each provincial party makes, along with analysis of party platforms from a municipal government lens. Municipal policy backgrounders, links to relevant election sites, and other election updates will also be posted.

We will continue to provide you with Breaking News bulletins when there are major announcements by the political parties on municipal government issues and provide other updates via AMO's weekly Watch File. For the first time during an election we will also be sharing our views via social media, so do not forget to follow us on twitter, @AMOPolicy.

Yours truly,

Peter Hume President





From: "Kathleen Burgess" < kmhb1@sympatico.ca>

To: <undisclosed-recipients:>

Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 9:42 PM Subject: PRF Visitor Centre Family Fun day

To all members of the Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest: If anyone would like to volunteer for this fun day, or if anyone has any suggestions regarding it, please contact Michelle Stein at shotquishelly363@hotmail.com.

Thanks! Kathleen Burgess, Secretary, Friends of the PRF

Subject: Petawawa Research Forest - Family Fun Day

I have been asked by the Laurentian Hills Township to organize a Family Fun Day at the Petawawa Forestry. This event is to bring public awareness to the Petawawa Forestry so we are trying to organize a day of events, BBO and entertainment. To bring in the public we need to have some kind of eye grabbing visuals to attract the public going by the forestry from the highway and to organize some events with advertisement to make people aware of a Family Day that families would like to attend. We have called around to see what kind of a budget we would need to set this event up and pull the public like never before. We have been working all week on this and have finally submitted a tentative budget to the township for approval. We would like this event to be mostly free to the public so the budget is quite large. We have designed a treasure hunt called "find the friends of the forest". We will be putting different animals thoughout the hiking trail for the kids to identify along the way at the end of the hunt we will have a small prize for them. I was wondering if the Friends of the PRF would be willing to donate to our event and if you would be willing to put a table up at the event for the public to ask any questions they might have about the Friends. We have quite a few ideas and I would like to pass an agenda to you just so you could see what we have planned for the day. We are looking at August 6, 2011 and we would also like to see some kind of radio station on location for this event there is quite a fee for this to happen. Star 96.9 will announce our event on air up to 2 weeks prior to the event taking place and then will be live on location at the Petawawa Forestry to promote our event and will plug not only our family fun day but also our sponsors thought out the whole day of the event. This will be great publicity to our area. They will set up a booth at the event and broadcast live, this I believe will be a huge add to our Family Day we have planned. We will be sending out flyers and putting up poster. I have recently found out that there is nothing planned in Deep River for the August 1st weekend which usually has the Summerfest happening every two years and some kind of event in the off years. This year there is nothing going on so I think the Forestry could pull quite a bit of public by putting a little more into the family fun day than ever before. Inflatable castle, Live popular radio station, free BBQ, Kids and Adult Games with prizes, events to try, paint ball display and target, Local vendor tables, face painting and more. I am at the forestry today and will put together a more detiled list from our call backs with prices that we have been waiting for. Susan I am not sure if the township will go ahead and contact the Friends of the PRF because the budget comes in around \$2400.00 not including the \$1900.00 fee for Star 96.9FM but I am hoping maybe the township will find the \$2400 and we can work on sponsors for the \$1900 to get this Family Fun Day to be one of the best the forestry has seen in years. I will provide you with more details in the next 2 days, and I will forward a copy of the event agenda with budget details for the friends of the forest to look over. If you also have any suggestions for this day we would greatly appreciate any feedback.

As you know I am passionate about the Forestry and I would love to put an event on that will be like no other. Thanks for always being there for me to ask you questions when it comes to our beloved Petawawa Forestry.

Sincerely,

Michelle Stein







FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2011 July 11

United Way Supports Camp for Children of Fallen Soldiers

Renfrew County United Way (RCUW) is pleased to announce that a \$10,000 grant from its Strategic Priorities Fund has been awarded to the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families to help cover the costs of Stewie's Angels Camp. The camp was created to help children and youth between the ages of five and 18 who have experienced the loss of a military parent or guardian.

Named in memory of MCpl Allan Stewart who died in Afghanistan in 2007, Stewie's Angels Camp was started in 2010 by MCpl Stewart's wife Christa and his daughters Brittany and Sarah. Created to help children and youth between the ages of five and 18 who have experienced the loss of a military parent or guardian, the purpose of the camp is to create a safe environment for children and youth to freely express their emotions surrounding their bereavement and to connect to others with similar experiences. The camp, which will be held from August $6^{th} - 11^{th}$ at the Greystone Manor on Golden Lake, is expected to host sixteen young people, as well as any parents who accompany them, from across Renfrew County and Canada. There are no registration or transportation costs for camp participants, thanks to the generosity of local donors.

"Stewie's Angels Camp on the surface will be similar to most summer camps in that it will offer a variety of recreational activities and day trips", says Greg Lubimiv, executive director of the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families. "But there will be a serious side to activities in that a therapeutic component will be incorporated into the program. Each day activities related to grief, loss and change will be facilitated by therapists from the Phoenix Centre for Children & Families to offer healthy coping strategies and promote emotional resiliency in children and youth who have suffered a profound loss."

Cathi Fairfield, board member and chair of the United Way's Funds Distribution Committee, said that the grant is part of the United Way's commitment to youth at risk in our communities. Under the theme, "All that children can be", RCUW is directing significant resources into youth issues as part of its program and funding re-alignment with strategic priorities that communities in Renfrew County identified in 2007 during Community Matters' public consultations. "We will continue to invest in our most important community members with the continued generosity of our donors", said Ms. Fairfield. "We are pleased to step up to the plate, on their behalf, to help the children of our fallen soldiers and to demonstrate our gratitude for their ultimate sacrifice".

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2011 July 11

United Way Steps Up To Support CPAN's "Children Are Our Business" Campaign Renfrew County Citizens Challenged to Support One Child Living in Poverty

Renfrew County United Way (RCUW) is pleased to announce its continued support of the Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN) and its endeavours to eradicate child poverty in Renfrew County.

RCUW's Funds Distribution Committee has approved a grant of \$14,000 from its Strategic Priorities Fund to support CPAN's "Children Are Our Business" campaign. This campaign is designed to save its Backpack Plus program that expects to serve 1700 children and youth living in poverty in communities throughout the County. The United Way grant will help about 186 of these children based on a cost of \$75 per child. The remaining 1514 children are relying on the generosity of other county residents, businesses and organizations to join in the campaign by helping just one child each.

The objective of Backpack Plus is to supply every child in need in Renfrew County with a backpack, school supplies and shoes. By doing so, all children in the county will be able to return to school in dignity, ready and able to learn regardless of their family's socioeconomic status.

"With one out of nine children living below the poverty line in Renfrew County, our communities must rise to the challenge and help organizations like CPAN find ways to mitigate the effects of poverty on children. Ultimately we want to work with senior levels of government to deal with the root causes", said Cathi Fairfield, chair of RCUW's Funds Distribution Committee. "Child poverty is one of the United Way's six strategic priorities and we will continue to work with CPAN and other organizations on this issue until we succeed in eliminating this unfortunate situation."

"A <u>small</u> investment in one child's life can make a <u>huge</u> difference", says Lyn Smith, CPAN coordinator. "Just think about it. Imagine that you're a seven year old child starting the school year with only one pair of old runners. Your teacher tells you that you need a second or third pair for indoor use. Then there are items on the supplies list like crayons, a calculator and of course a backpack to carry everything back and forth from school. For the average family with a decent income, this prospect is daunting enough. Imagine, being a family living in poverty that cannot provide their children with such school necessities. The impact can be devastating, not only for the child but for the parents. In a county with high pockets of poverty, this is a reality far too many families experience."

The Backpack Plus program is in danger of folding unless additional funding partners can be secured for this and future years. The demand for the program rose from a few backpacks distributed in 2001 to 1,526 backpacks supplied in 2008-09. This year's demand is even higher. Renfrew County United Way encourages all able community members, including organizations and businesses, to join it in helping to eradicate the impact that poverty has on our children in Renfrew County. By sponsoring just one child at a cost of \$75, the goal can be reached!

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AMO breaking news re Provincial Election 2011 - NDP Platform Bulletin No. 1

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

Provincial Election 2011 - NDP Platform Bulletin No. 1

Ontario New Democratic Party's "A Plan for Affordable Change" Platform Released -

Highlights of Municipal Related Policies

On June 25, 2011, the Ontario New Democratic Party Leader, Andrea Horwath, released the NDP's platform "Plan for Affordable Change" for the upcoming October 2011 provincial election. Horwath also stated that further election campaign commitments are to be expected in the following weeks.

Although most of the commitments contained in the "Plan for Affordable Change" do not relate directly to municipal governments' finance and service delivery, AMO staff has done an analysis below of those policy matters relevant to municipal interests.

Key municipal issues not mentioned in the NDP "Plan for Affordable Change" include a commitment to maintain the phased upload of social services and court security from Ontarians' municipal property tax bills. Maintaining the upload is of significant importance to municipalities' ability to maintain services and invest in infrastructure. Among other key commitments municipal governments are seeking in 2011 are: municipal infrastructure investment; support for waste diversion from municipal landfills: and accountable, transparent arbitration decisions for emergency services (fire, police, ambulance) contracts.

As additional NDP platform commitments are announced that have an impact on municipal governments, AMO will update its analysis. Below are key areas as they appear in the platform and are not necessarily in order of priority.

"A Plan for Affordable Change" Commitment	AMO Initial Comments
ransit share the cost of operating transit qually with municipalities to ensure ffordability, and investing in new ransit projects and upgrades.	Few details provided by which to analyze the implementation. Sharing the cost of operating put 50-50 with the municipal sector and investing in n projects and upgrades is helpful to operating bude impact, if any, may mean to the current Provincial for Transit allocation and formula is unknown.
reeze transit fares for users for four ears.	Freezing transit fares could encourage ridership ϵ It may also increase transit costs on municipal protaxes, depending on ridership, cost increases, fur mechanisms and capital expansion needs.
larmonized Sales Tax (HST) temove HST from daily essentials:	This commitment would not seem to affect the progas tax collected on gasoline sales and to which the program of

lectricity, home heating and asoline.	Provincial Gas Tax for Transit policy is tied, but would reduce the cost of gasoline at the pumps.				
Reduce the provincial portion of the IST from gasoline sales by 1% nnually over four years.					
reation of "Buy Ontario" policy insures provincial government rocurement funds are spent within ontario as much as possible.	The platform references provincial government and not the Broader Public Sector, which includes municipal government.				
ocal Health Integrated Networks Iliminate LHINs and replace them ith effective local decision making.	AMO has raised concern with the power of the LHINs as an unelected body, decision making authority on funding and service delivery within municipal purview and accountability				
	To date, the LHINs' performance has received mixed reviews from across the province. What is unclear is what system or supports exist to step in to this role and how will it be better and not impose decisions upon municipal service delivery in the health care field.				
cong Term Care Commitment to funding one million ome care hours over four years in n effort to address long —term care	AMO has identified the need for increased access to long term care services in light of demographic changes and our aging society.				
ome wait lists. :liminate waiting list for long –term	Relying on municipalities to fill the long term care pressures in Ontario is not an appropriate response to the growing need.				
are for those with complex medical eeds by providing increased home are.	An appropriately provincially resourced home-care model makes sense and seems to be an important first step in addressing wait list pressures for long term care beds.				
Physician Services Forgive student debt of new doctors The practice in under-serviced ommunities.	The commitment contends this will see 200 new doctors over four years practicing in under-serviced communities across Ontario.				
'rovide funding for 50 new health are clinics that will provide around	The platform also commits to improved access to health care clinics by providing 24 hour access to health care.				
ne clock health care services to an dditional 250,000 by 2015.	AMO supports efforts to help more Ontarians have access to family doctors.				
inergy Consolidate Ontario's electricity ureaucracies to eliminate waste and uplication.	AMO supports streamlining the energy regulatory and planning processes. We will seek clarity on how this proposed re-alignment would work in practice including what affects it would have on the independence of procurement and generation roles while ensuring ratepayers obtain the best value for their investments.				
Committed to building green energy ut large-scale electricity generation nust be publicly-owned, publicly ccountable and affordable.	Many municipalities are participating in FIT programs as project developers and hosts while others are active supporters of various manufacturing entities that have recently established themselves to supply the emerging clean energy industry. We will seek clarity on whether municipal and/or local distribution company (LDC) owned				

Expand support for energy saving ome retrofits and make nvironmental choices more ffordable.

generation assets would qualify under the proposed system.

AMO is a strong supporter of energy conservation because it helps reduce costs, creates local employment, improves system reliability, and fights climate change. We will seek clarity on whether the NDP would support the existing suite of conservation programs currently in the market and whether new programs would include the municipal sector.

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June 24, 2011

Ms Tammy Lea Stewart Reeve Townships of Head Clara and Maria twpshcm@xplornet.com

Dear Reeve Stewart:

I am pleased to inform you of the release of the Government of Ontario's new long-term infrastructure plan, *Building Together*.

Building Together presents a strategic framework for continued infrastructure investmen drives economic growth and enhances our quality of life. It also provides clarity, sustain greater predictability in Ontario's infrastructure policies, while focusing on ensuring the premains economically competitive and innovative.

Through *Building Together*, the province will continue to make significant investments in infrastructure over the next decade. We will begin by investing more than \$35 billion over three years, including \$12.8 billion in 2011-12. These investments are projected to creat preserve over 300,000 jobs.

The development of our plan was guided by our extensive consultations across the provam grateful for the valuable input of our partners in this important process.

The detailed plan is available on our ministry's website. To access the full document, plwww.ontario.ca/buildingtogether.

We value collaboration with our partners in addressing the province's infrastructure chal Working together, we have crafted a long-term plan which will focus Ontario's infrastruct investments to create jobs and help enhance the quality of life of all Ontarians.

Please accept my very best wishes.

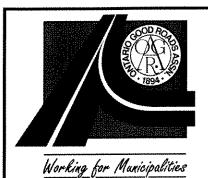
Sincerely,



Bob Chiarelli

Minister of Infrastructure

c: Ms Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk, Townships of Head Clara and Maria





June 24, 2011

Government of Ontario releases 10 Year Infrastructure Plan

Today the Government of Ontario, led by the Ministry of Infrastructure, released "Building Together: Jobs and Prosperity for Ontarians". This plan, for the first time, outlines the province's framework for infrastructure investment for the next ten years.

The plan is designed to respond to the projected long-term economic, demographic and environmental changes. These include a more global and service-oriented economy; a larger, older and more urbanized population; and the effects of climate change.

Most importantly for Ontario's municipalities, the plan specifically identifies municipalities as partners in addressing the challenges of the current infrastructure deficit and emerging needs.

OGRA is pleased that the Government of Ontario has recognized that asset management plans that detail a municipality's infrastructure portfolio will be required in order to seek provincial capital funding. This has long been an issue that OGRA has advanced with all levels of government. To this end, OGRA's Municipal DataWorks was acknowledged as an example of a solution that is helping Ontario's municipalities "make informed investment decisions and minimize lifecycle infrastructure costs by keeping assets in good repair."

"Although there are a number of positive commitments outlined in the Plan, we are disappointed that the Government of Ontario has decided to keep the current funding parameters for the Ontario Gas Tax program." said OGRA President John Curley. OGRA contends that this program, which allows municipalities to access funding for their transit systems, unfairly disadvantages those municipalities that rely on their local roadways for the transportation of people and goods. By expanding the pool of funds that are made available through the Gas Tax program, those municipalities without a transit system would be able to benefit from this funding stream." We remain hopeful that the Road and Bridge review currently underway will result in a funding regime that meets the needs of all Ontario municipalities." said Joe Tiernay, OGRA Executive Director.

The mandate of the Ontario Good Roads Association is to represent the infrastructure interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training and the delivery of identified services.

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June 20, 2011

Township of North Stormont Ms. Karen McPherson Municipal Clerk 15 Union St. PO Box 99 Berwick, ON K0C 1G0

Dear Ms.McPherson,

SUBJECT: TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT – WILDFIRES IN SLAVE LAKE, ALBERTA

At a Regular meeting of the Council for the Township of Carling held on June 13, 2011, the Council <u>carried</u> the following resolution:

11-078

Moved by Councillor Larson Seconded by Councillor Murphy

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Carling support the position of the Township of North Stormont and authorize a donation of \$100.00 to the Town of Slave Lake to help compensate them in their recent fire;

AND FURTHER THAT the resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities and that they be asked to match this donation.

Carried.

Yours truly,

Stephen P. Kaegi

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

SPK:bs



On June 11, 2011, the Missing Link Snowmobile Club held their first Slo-Pitch Ball Tournament at the Stonecliffe Ball Field. Four teams participated.

The Club would like to say "THANK YOU" to the following people for their part in donating equipment & time to the ball tournament and helping to make it a successful event

- Albert & Noella for all of their work in organizing, recruiting, setting-up, cleaning up and many, many other tasks
- Kirk & Camille Holmes for the loan of their Canopy
- Dale Stewart for info on slow pitch
- Betsy Pichette for the use of her property
- Jim & Gayle Watters for the use of their BBQ
- Happy Demarco for the bag of baseballs



- Townships of Head, Clara & Maria for the use of the BBQs, tables, garbage containers & bases
- The Deux Rivieres Team, the MLSC Team, the Maconite Misfits Team & the Deep River Team for a great day & making the salads
- Heather & Clayton McKechnie for their time in helping with the preparation & organization of the ball game, as well as getting the burgers & hot dogs
- Theresa Clouthier & June Vaughan for their cooking & serving abilities
- Marlene Gibson for donating the condiments
- · Gordy Stewart for his expertise as Umpire
- Paul Sarrazin for info on how to proceed with the rules of the ball game
- Mac & Kirk Holmes, Barry Clingin & Clayton for setting up the Canopy over BBQs
- Dave Radzkowski, Tony Boudreau, Barry Clingin, Mac & Kirk Holmes, Clayton & Heather, for helping with setting up before the ball game
- Helen & Dave Radzkowski, Tony & Lori Boudreau, Michael & Marry-Lynn Lance, Mac & Eunice Holmes and Barry & Joanne Clingin for the clean up after ball game

- The Deep River Team & the Maconite Misfits Team for donating their winnings to the MLSC
- All the spectators for coming out and enjoying the day
- All the Team Members & Spectators for their donations for the Burgers, Hot dogs & salads
- A special thanks to anyone who helped that we may have missed.

Missing Link Snowmobile Club