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*Celebrating our Heritage. Investing in Our Future*

August 23rd, 2011

The Town of Goderich
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Dear Sirs:

At a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Petrolia held on Monday, August 22nd, 2011 the following resolution was duly passed:

> **"THAT a donation be made to the Town of Goderich to assist with replacing trees that were lost in the recent Tornado;**
> **AND THAT a copy of the Town's letter be circulated to municipalities across Ontario to consider a similar contribution."**

Please find enclosed a cheque in the amount of $100.00 attached to this letter.

Yours truly,

M. Dianne Caryn,
CAO/Clerk

MDC/mm

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities

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**TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL**

Provincial Election 2011 - Liberal Platform Bulletin #1

September 6, 2011

## Ontario Liberal Party "FORWARD.TOGETHER" Platform –

## Highlights of Municipal Related Policies

The Liberal Party's platform "FORWARD.TOGETHER" was released by Premier McGuinty on September 5, 2011. The platform covers a spectrum of provincial policy matters however this analysis only highlights those matters that relate to municipal governments' finance and service delivery.

Premier McGuinty has re-affirmed his commitments he made at the 2011 AMO conference with respect to AMO's Top 12 Asks. In his speech to AMO delegates, the Premier agreed to meet most of the Asks.

| "FORWARD.TOGETHER" Commitment | AMO Initial Comments |
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| **PMFSDR Upload**<br><br>Commitment to implement the Agreement and honour full upload of $1.5 billion annually by 2018. | As of 2011, the upload agreement is at $947 million for social services and court costs.<br><br>Maintaining the agreed upon upload is of paramount importance to municipalities' ability t maintain services and invest in infrastructure.<br><br>A feature of the PMFSDR agreement is paying f the annual real costs where they are greater tha the annual projected costs- this reconciliation is also important to the municipal budget process. |
| **Property Tax Increase Deferral for Seniors**<br><br>Working with Ontario's municipalities, we will give seniors the option to defer property tax increases for as long as they | It is proposed that these property tax deferrals f seniors will be fully paid by the Province and would not be a cost to municipal governments.<br><br>Clarification will be sought on how this program |

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| choose to stay in their home. Any increase in property tax would be deferred until the house is sold. | will be operationalized and how it will be ensured that municipal budget processes are not impacted. |
| **Infrastructure**<br><br>The new long-term infrastructure plan, *Building Together,* will create more jobs for our trades people, strengthen the economy and help communities large and small to develop and prosper. | The *Building Together* Plan includes a commitment to work with municipalities to create a municipal infrastructure investment strategy. However no funds have been committed to date.<br><br>Municipalities need to spend an additional $60 billion over ten years, representing $1,200 per property in municipal property tax, to account for growth and rehabilitation and repair of our infrastructure. Nearly half of this gap, $28 billion, is needed to support municipal roads and bridges.<br><br>While not mentioned in the platform, the Premier made a commitment to create a new, permanent fund to support municipal roads and bridges in his remarks at the 2011 AMO Annual Conference. |
| **Regional Economies**<br><br>Make the Northern Ontario Heritage fund and Eastern Ontario Development fund permanent and create a new Southwestern Ontario Economic Development Fund to help those communities attract the jobs of tomorrow. | Economic development activities that create jobs, grow the economy and increases investment in our municipalities is essential for the health of our communities.<br><br>Both the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and the Eastern Ontario Development Fund provide funding to communities in partnership with businesses or economic development offices. Making these programs permanent will place an emphasis on the continued need for funding programs during economically challenged times.<br><br>Further information around the Southwestern Ontario Economic Development Fund is required to properly assess the impact on municipalities, including whether or not this funding would be available directly to the municipalities. |
| **Energy**<br><br>Creating 50,000 new, clean-energy jobs through the continuance of the FIT program; and<br><br>Finish replacing coal plants with clean energy within 3 years. | Municipalities and others investing in green energy projects need program stability plus enhanced grid access.<br><br>AMO will continue to push on the need to address some unintended oversights of the current green energy approvals process.<br><br>The conversion of Atikokan and other existing plants to cleaner fuels benefits host communities |

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| | and others. |
| **Public Transit**<br><br>In the next phase of GO Transit Plan, service will be expanded by delivering full-day, two-way GO train service on all corridors. | Expansion of regional transit could have positive environmental and economic outcomes that could benefit municipalities. However, it may also lead to increased pressures on some municipal roads connecting to GO Train hubs or on local transit to move riders to GO stations. Any increased ridership for local transit may help to offset transit demand pressures. |
| **Agriculture**<br><br>Create a Local Food Act that will support and promote local food.<br><br>Will seek federal partnership in risk management program for Ontario farmers currently being cost shared between the Province and farmers. | Many rural municipalities are looking to the food and agri-business sector to offer possibilities for long term economic development and as a source of innovative solutions that can sustain employment.<br><br>Continuing investments from the province will be needed to make inroads into the developing local food agricultural and tourism initiatives |
| **Affordable Housing**<br><br>Will work with municipalities, non-profits and developers to identify opportunities to help create affordable housing<br><br>Will consider delivering a new housing benefit for Ontarians who are struggling and we will ask our experts working on the Social Assistance review to develop options. | Unlike the rest of Canada, social housing is a municipal responsibility in Ontario and Ontario municipalities contribute more than $1.2 billion annually to social housing. As the currently valued $40 billion worth of social housing stock ages, municipalities face increased costs to maintain this housing.<br><br>Although opportunities to receive additional funding for affordable housing would be welcome, further clarification on this proposal will be required to inform analysis. |
| **Environment**<br><br>Will work with our municipal partners to expand the Greenbelt to further protect our land from urban sprawl. | Municipalities need to be instrumental in the analysis in respect to the extent and location of any expansion. This should include an assessment of the social, environmental and fiscal impacts of the Greenbelt Plan on communities within the Greenbelt Plan. |
| **Health Care for Seniors**<br><br>Helping seniors stay healthy at home, with a seniors' healthy home renovation tax credit of $1,500 | AMO has done research on increased access and cost of long term care given demographic and aging society changes. Relying on municipalities to fill more of the long term care pressures in Ontario is not an appropriate |

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| annually.<br><br>Redesigning Ontario's primary care and homecare system to provide better senior services, such as house calls and check-ins by telephone and online.<br><br>Providing additional three million hours of homecare from personal support workers.<br><br>Develop an Active Aging Strategy to help make Ontario the best place to age and develop public policies that reflect the needs of the aging population in Ontario. | response to the need. Currently municipal governments have 104 LTC homes (17%) representing 16,650 beds or 22% of the market.<br><br>A well resourced and well-implemented initiative to support seniors in their homes would be an important step in addressing wait list pressures for long term homes.<br><br>Municipalities would need to be involved in the development of the Active Aging Strategy as it may intersect with several municipal responsibilities such as affordable housing, social services and infrastructure. |
| **Full day kindergarten**<br><br>A drive to completely implement North America's first, full-day kindergarten program by 2014, followed by province wide after-school programs for children aged 6-12. | AMO has supported the current Early Learning and Full Day Kindergarten program as an important driver for educational achievement and economic development.<br><br>AMO believes the extended day portion of the program is critical to achieving the full benefits of the policy.<br><br>AMO has been working with relevant ministries on components of the program to ensure against increased municipal funding responsibilities. This includes downloading licensing responsibilities.<br><br>Additional information is needed on the scope of the policy and municipal responsibility. |
| **Immigration**<br><br>Create a tax credit for business to give highly skilled newcomers the Canadian work experience they need.<br><br>Will demand the same control over immigration that the federal government has granted Manitoba, British Columbia and Quebec. | AMO has been advocating for policies that promote the attraction and retention of foreign trained professionals to Ontario.<br><br>Ontario needs a federal agreement on immigration and settlement that support Ontario's economy and communities.<br><br>Municipalities cannot and should not have to fill in the 'gaps' of immigration and settlement policy and funding to support the needs of newcomers. |
| | Water infrastructure is a significant investment for |

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| **Water**<br><br>Will move ahead with *Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act* by developing innovative, clean water technologies and practices that create clean jobs at home and clean water for the world.<br><br>Will defend Ontario's water resources for future generations with a Great Lakes Protection Act and launch a fund that will reduce water pollution and make our beaches cleaner. | municipalities including drinking water, wastewater and stormwater management systems. The *Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act* will require municipalities to complete water sustainability plans that include conservation financial sustainability initiatives.<br><br>The Great Lakes supply drinking water for many Ontario residents, current limits on withdrawal volumes and standards for quality of wastewater discharge affect municipal budgets by potentially constraining growth or requiring greater efficiency from users and increased wastewater treatment infrastructure.<br><br>Additional details are required to properly evaluate the impact of a Great Lakes Protection Act on municipalities, including whether funding would be available to the sector. However additional provincial coordination and funding for municipal water infrastructure and management would be welcome. Actions to minimize sources of nutrients and pollutants other than municipal wastewater treatment plants will also be needed to properly safeguard water and beach quality. |
| **Mining**<br><br>Will work together to seize the Ring of Fire benefits by supporting Ontario's mining sector and making sure the mining industry and the Ring of Fire are an important piece of our economic plan for Ontario. | The Ring of Fire has the potential to provide a number of jobs in the construction, service and mining industries and be a stimulus for regional economic growth. There will be a requirement for provincially/ federally supported infrastructure and transportation corridors. |

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**MEMO TO:** Municipal Councils and 2011 Ontario Election Observers

**FROM:** R.A. Fowler OPERA Secretary

**DATE:** September 6, 2011

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**RE:** Closing Down Rural Ontario

OPERA is a provincial coalition of private sector organizations launched in 1994 "to protect, and entrench in law, landowner rights and responsibilities" As a research and communication facility, we monitor federal and provincial policies that affect the lives and property of Ontario citizens. However commendable their stated intent, many of these initiatives and their subsequent enforcement by regulation ignore regional differences and are often downloaded to municipalities without compensation.

In 2002 the then-current Conservative government at Queen's Park commissioned the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto to undertake a thorough overview of government responsibility for Ontario's social and economic prospects over the next 10 or 15 years. Entitled the Panel Report on the Role of Government in Ontario, that sweeping 101-page study was completed and delivered to the present Liberal provincial government in April 2004 at which time Premier McGuinty personally applauded its recommendations.

This Report appears to have been the source of significant provincial decrees over the last seven years including the Conservation, Endangered Species, Greenbelt, Places to Grow and Source Water Protection Acts as well as related Provincial Policy Statement amendments. All these enactments, introduced or "strengthened" since completion of the Panel Report in 2004, were supported, if not initiated, by people, organizations and causes sympathetic to the principles of social engineering. Thus the Report may portend an Orwellian nightmare in which successive Ontario governments move inexorably towards the historically proven failures of centralized state control.

In keeping with OPERA's public service mandate, we wish to make municipal councils aware of the Panel Report for future reference. It can be viewed in its entirety on the Internet at www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/investing/index.htm where it draws some startling conclusions and suggests some equally astonishing initiatives. These were summarized in an April, 2004 media article outlined here on Pages 2 and 3, an analysis that may encourage local authorities to ask contending political parties in the upcoming provincial election for their position relative to the Panel Report on the Role of Government in Ontario.

We trust these comments and the following media synopsis will prove useful.

**From the National Post, April 21, 2004**

RURAL PHASE OUT:

**For the first time in memory, possibly for the first time in Canadian history, a prominent g panel is recommending that unsustainable rural areas in Canada's heartland be taken off l and allowed to die a natural death.**

**Most of rural Canada cannot sustain itself. Rural residents need help to cover basic needs, airfare to city hospitals for their medical needs to subsidized energy for their homes. Rural provincial subsidies to cover up to 90% of their infrastructure needs. Rural industries, agri above all, need subsidies, too. If the subsidies vanished, so, too, would most farming, loggin mining in remote areas.**

**Until last week, all of Canadian officialdom was in denial about the de facto bankruptcy of economy, paying lip service to the importance of rural industries even as officials continue cheques to prop up rural institutions. Last week marks a turning point, at least in one gove perception of the rural economy. A major Ontario government report, produced by its Pan Role of Government and praised by Ontario's premier, dismissed the notion that the rural a bed rock. The panel concluded that much of rural Canada is economically unsustainable, futile to try to artificially sustain rural industry, that population decline is inevitable, and t government should abandon regional development programs. Instead, the panel concluded government should retrain young people in rural areas who are willing to move away from communities as part of a rural restructuring and – by implication – an eventual abandonm of rural Ontario.**

**"The province should phase out regional economic development programs, such as the pro subsidies and tax incentives to businesses, which risk promoting permanent government-in dependency," the panel states. "The province, in co-operation with the federal government consider providing appropriate transitional arrangements, such as those aimed at retrainin willing to pursue opportunities beyond their home community."**

**The panel based its conclusion on "Small, Rural, and Remote Communities: The Anatomy background study it commissioned to tackle the politically explosive issue of how to manag decline. Although the background study couched its recommendations in gentle language, i brutally honest in its assessment of the prospects for rural areas, which it defined to includ Ontario, including much of Southern Ontario.**

**Rural areas have a rapidly ageing population that inexorably declines as young people leav states. These areas have few industries, thin labor markets and little ability to attract either workers, entrepreneurs or immigrants. Apart from low housing costs, almost all consumer expensive in rural areas. Delivering government services is also costly, and will become mo rural areas increasingly become dependent. As for highly touted panaceas for the rural are programs to bring the Internet and broadband to rural Canada, the study deems them all l worthless, and criticizes other government bodies, such as the Smart Growth Secretariat, f false expectations about rural areas viability.**

**The real question for society, the study states, is how to mercifully manage the decline of the rural areas. It suggests doing so slowly, by maintaining basic services for the mostly older, less mobile rural residents who might want to stay in their home communities. At the same time, it would cut off subsidies designed to develop the rural economy, encourage the young and mobile to leave, and even walk away from government's traditional responsibility to provide public services in future northern settlements. As a possible model for Canada to consider, the study points to the success that Sweden, Finland and Norway have had in shutting down unviable rural communities by resettling residents in regional centers. "An important issue of debate is whether communities that cannot survive in the absence of disproportionate senior government funding (when compared to other urban areas) should exist at all."**

**The study's bottom line: "Most communities in the periphery cannot be self-sustaining, economically, socially or fiscally," making the fate of their resident's one of welfare dependency. For this reason, "hard choices have to be made. The provincial government cannot provide subsidies to everyone everywhere in the province. Nor can all small communities survive, and provide a reasonable minimum level of services and jobs, within a climate of population and economic decline."**

**The Panel on the Role of Government has taken the findings of the background study to heart. The future of the province lies in its urban centers, the panel concludes, but that future won't allow the government to be all things to all people. "Against this fiscal backdrop, it behooves us to acknowledge that if the government were to commit to our priorities (or some variant on them), it will only be able to implement them if it is prepared to make a number of wrenching decisions. The reality is stark. ... While fiscal reforms and working smarter are important, they are unlikely to be sufficient. [As a result], Ontario will have to face difficult trade-offs in a number of areas, including support for economically unsustainable rural and remote communities."**

**The panel had, as part of its mandate, the task of determining for government "what and how it should start doing, stop doing, or keep doing either on its own or in partnership with others." On what the government should stop doing, the panel has spoken with rare clarity and courage.**

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***OPERA OPINION:*** *We do not agree rural communities are an economic drain on urban areas. Provincial legislation allegedly enacted to encourage rural initiatives regularly delivers more benefits to urban ones. Politicians are well aware that excessive regulation of rural Ontario can enlarge the urban vote, an anomaly seen in the Greenbelt Act which promises to combine the attributes of an agricultural bread basket with the social amenities of an urban park. Since introduction of that legislation many urban voters do indeed visit and enjoy the park but property values and food production in the area are seriously diminished as farmers emigrate to less regulated land with more readily available agricultural services. In our view, regulatory over-kill by provincial agencies has inevitably been at the expense of rural taxpayers whose lives and livelihood are routinely manipulated by statute without right of appeal or compensation. The first step in countering pervasive rural-urban imbalance is for local governments to become and stay fully aware of the source and types of future land use policies successive provincial administrations are likely to initiate.*

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# Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County

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**MESSAGE:**

Attached Letter

Requesting a proclamation of two National events.

1) Foster Parent Appreciation week (Sept 25 - Oct 1, 2011)
2) Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month - Purple ribbon Campaign (Month of October)

Thank you

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# Family and Children's Services

County of Renfrew

August 23th, 2011

Mayor / Reeves

Re: 1) Sept 25-Oct 1, 2011 - Foster Parent Appreciation Week
2) October 2011 - Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month - Purple Ribbon Campaign

Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County, would like to request that your municipality declare a week in Sept for Foster Parent Appreciation Week; and the month of October 2011, as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month - Purple Ribbon Campaign.

Again this year, the agency will be hosting an Appreciation Dinner for Foster Parents of Renfrew County, on Friday, Sept 30th. This is a small token to show our appreciation of foster parents commitment and hard work for the foster children of Renfrew County.

During the month of October we are planning to set up information booths throughout the County to provide information to the public of our services. This coincides with the National Purple Ribbon Campaign - Awareness of the Prevention of Child Abuse.

We would appreciate your consideration in acknowledging these two important campaigns.

Sincerely,

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September 2011

REMEMBRANCE DAY REQUESTS

Dear Community Partners,

As the new Base Commander of CFB Petawawa I want to take the time to formally introduce myself and to express my sincere appreciation for your keen interest in not only commemorating Remembrance Day as a vitally important occasion for all Canadians, Veterans and Soldiers included of course, but also for including the soldiers that call CFB Petawawa home in your events.

As part of our commitment to the surrounding areas, the military leadership within the Petawawa has, for several years now, selected to send our soldiers out into the communities to celebrate Remembrance Day as opposed to hosting a larger service on the Base. This relationship has been extremely successful and I am pleased to announce this practice will continue.

As you are most certainly well aware, CFB Petawawa is an extremely busy operational training base and despite a change in focus with respect to operations in Afghanistan the tempo continues to be high. In fact, this fall 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2 CMBG) is sending more then 2,000 soldiers to Wainwright, Alberta, for training and the base continues to support missions around the world as required. In an effort to be proactive in our attempt to meet the needs of the Royal Canadian Legion and various other community groups, I am asking that you please respect the following guidelines as set out by my Operations and Public Affairs teams in order to assist them in meeting the expectations of all.

1. Fill out attached Provision of Service Request Form.
2. Return form electronically to opvalleyconnection@forces.gc.ca no later then October 27, 2011.
3. Do not send the form directly to a Unit that may have supported you in the past.
4. If there is a particular unit that you would like to have at your Ceremony please indicate it on the request form.

In closing I would like to say that we all understand the importance of remembering and give you my word that the military community who call CFB Petawawa home will do our best to ensure that your service has military representation. I ask in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

C.C Moyle
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August 22, 2011

Head, Clara & Maria
Council

Sorry for the delay in response, we received the notice of meeting the same time we were getting ready for the 24th Annual Fishing Derby which is our contribution to the Missing Link Snowmobile Club and it's endeavor to promote economic development in our area, and the planned municipal meeting unfortunately fell on the opening afternoon of the derby which for those of you who have never attended this community function is a very busy time for us here at the lodge and campgrounds with 135 in attendance, majority of which are "outsiders"!

As I was standing at the sink Monday morning rinsing out 6 plastic ketchup bottles for re-cycle I mused to myself this is a very "green idea"… 20 minutes of my time and 20 minutes of hot water (cold water took twice as long) going down the drain, the smart meter is running and people in Africa are dying of thirst… I really appreciated your opening in the Green Newsletter of Garbage!

"Think back a few years.." *Coca Cola was .99/2 litre bottle, etc. It caused us to "Think Back" too… *Milk was delivered in reusable glass bottles by the milkman and picked up weekly *People worked 5-1/2 days a week and went to town once a week to shop Saturday afternoon and the grocery bags were paper and most had handles *Tim Horton was famous for playing hockey *Wendy's was the house down the street were the cute girl lived with freckles and pig tails *MacDonald's came from Montreal to stay in the cottage across the bay each summer *Everyone had an indoor wood furnace and a burn barrel in the back yard *the Slop Bucket was for table waste and was used in the garden for fertilizer *diaper pails, rinsing and washing were the norm for diapers, a twelve of DOW beer and a 26er lasted 2-weeks to a month… and more recently *The Dump was a place for social gatherings each Saturday morning and actually replaced the burn barrel *There was a Spring Bear Hunt and the dump was a great place to take those from the city to take pictures of bears… *we hadn't yet killed 7-people in Walkerton to create a Provincial water policy and billions of plastic water bottles *there was a corner store and gas station every few miles *there was a lot less retired people and most people worked for the small businesses of the County!

Fast forward to today and make the comparison to the above points…Hmmm! Now we're threatening to take peoples houses away for unpaid fines and put them in jail for

not complying with Ontario's Waste Management Policy. It's amazing isn't it... we travel the continent of North America, Pennsylvania still picks up garbage with big trucks early in the morning, so does Arizona, likewise British Columbia, etc. but here in Ontario we spend hours and billions of dollars on discussing Waste Management and how to make the citizens and small businesses comply with force and threats. It was interesting that we just spent a few days with several people from different parts of Renfrew County, and at least 6 hours of that valuable "down time" was spent discussing garbage. The solutions were remarkable... some took their garbage to the city of Ottawa with them, other's burned everything... and we were quite shocked that it meant burning Styrofoam, egg cartons, plastic bags and bottles and tinfoil if the fire was hot enough... and we knew they were serious because they did the same with our campfire and used it as an incinerator. But by God we only brought back one small garbage bag for 10 people and four days of holidays... great for the environment we thought! Hmmm!

Garbage and our Small Business in Clara Township! A few years ago the Council Members of Head, Clara and Maria made the decision to shorten the life of the dump in Deux Rivieres that served Clara Township by having Pat Stewart dismantle the Catholic Church in Stonecliffe and haul it 30 miles or 50 kms up highway 17 to Deux Rivieres, fill the Clara dump with the remains and then cover it over to make a short life of the projected 7 years it had left. A year later, with no alternatives available to having our garbage disposed of other than the two bag pick-up, we had to haul our garbage to Bissett Creek. If you ever wondered how much it costs us in additional expense, we did an analysis of costing of loading time, delivery/unloading and return time and gas. Per year it was costing us an additional two thousand six hundred dollars ($2,600.00) with no factor for wear and tear on trucks and equipment and today's gas prices. Do you ever wonder why there is a divide in the social structure of Head, Maria and the short end of the stick... Clara Township?

We held a fishing derby a couple of weeks ago, and it was attended by people from all over Ontario and some from United States. It provided $3300.00 for the snowmobile club to improve Ontario's trails (money Ontario won't have to fork out as handouts), it generated a generous donation for a family in Head, Clara and Maria who had just lost their home to fire, it created economic income in the immediate area totaling $10,000.00, and most of the 135 people who attended started leaving a trail of money across Ontario from the time they left home until they returned, in gas, groceries, fishing tackle, beer and liquor, and expensive trailers and motor homes and equipment.

The fishing derby also left behind "GARBAGE"!

We made a crucial mistake when first threatened by jail terms and fines. We should have got up off our knees and stood on two solid feet and taken the fines and then the jail terms so dictated by the Province of Ontario and its Civil Servants justifying their jobs and multi million dollar pay cheques. But no, now we send out "green" flyers threatening the tax payers and supporters of Ontario.

Instead of threats, why haven't we heard of solutions… are the people in these positions so poorly educated and equipped for their jobs that they can't provide solutions other than threats of fines and imprisonment?

From around the world we hear of places like Holland where garbage is a sought after commodity that has turned garbage into energy production and made millionaires out of private businesses owners.

For a little community like Deux Rivieres/Clara Township why can't we have a local disposing site for our re-cycle material? Material that can be easily picked up by a contractor (the abandoned Highway Garage is an ideal place). Yes folks and council members this is a real question and request! As a small business we fight with the challenge of holding the recycles for pickup (once a week) or delivery to the dump in Bissett (twice a week). And God help us if we have to look after our clients/guests or transients ahead of the garbage routine. We try… our guests try… our seasonal hunt/fishing camp owners try by dropping off their garbage at our place for delivery to the dump! So why can't the Province of Ontario and our local representing council try to help this situation. We could even make it valid by paying Y2PG millions to do a study and a recommendation with lot's of civil servant approvals to give it "validity" in the eyes of the tax payers.

Tipping Fees and Tags and Clear Plastic Bags!!!

Instead of picking on residents and especially small businesses that somehow seem to be held in low regard and viewed as the "whipping dogs" how about a new approach!

Let's use Antler's, Kingfisher Lodge and Campgrounds as a model for some new thoughts on this. Antler's will be issued tags for garbage bags for residence/store, highway location, cottages, campsites, houseboats, and hunt/fishing camp drop off, based on the following and using a 10 day period for each month over 12 months or 36 allocation periods for each. Each tag will be given a five dollar ($5.00) value. Tags will have to be affixed to each bag going to the dump for burial. There will be a Re-Cycle Drop-Off Location in Deux Rivieres with no fees charged for drop off.

Tag Allocations: Residence/Store 8 tags/period (8 x 36) for a total of *288*, highway location/collection 2 tags/period for a total of *72*, 7-cottages 21 tags/period for a total of *756*, 50 campsites 75 tags/period for a total of *2700*, 3-houseboats 12 tags/period for a total of *432*, 12-fishing/hunt camps 12 tags/period for a total of *432*.
Total Tags to Antler's… 4,680 X $5 = $23,400.00

The total of this garbage is almost directly collected from those visiting our township from other parts of the province including cities and municipalities and it generates approximately $500,000.00 in revenues that is directly returned to the Province of Ontario. It also reduces the amount of garbage in those cities and municipalities by their residents not being there.

Proposal then is to have the Province allocate to each municipality the appropriate funds based on per businesses in the municipality that collect garbage. In this case Head, Clara, Maria Township would get $23,400.00 for Antler's and Antler's would get 4,680 tags. At the end of the fiscal year for each tag Antler's did not use and turned in to the township, Antler's would receive $5.00 per tag. In real terms if Antler's reduced their garbage by 75%, Antler's would receive from the Township $17,500.00 and Head, Clara & Maria would keep $5,850.00 for dump maintenance. If Antler's used all the tags, Head, Clara & Maria would keep $23,400.00 for dump maintenance for that one business.

The Province of Ontario has eliminated a lot of businesses in Head, Clara & Maria but how many do we have left? A similar ratio could be worked for residential use. Extend this to the time we run out of dump space and have our garbage picked up and delivered to remote dump sites. It should work the same way.

Where does the Province of Ontario get all this money? It just had a win fall with the advent of the HST… Ontario collects 3% more (5% to 8%) on all roofed accommodation, Ontario Government gets 8% more on all transient campground accommodations. Oh did we mention gas, and electrical, and our accounting fees, etc. etc.

Sincerely, Doug Antler

c. North Renfrew Times
John Yakabuski, MPP

P.S. TRIED TO GET TO 8 PAGES ON GARBAGE LIKE YOUR GREED PAPER BUT COULD ONLY MANAGE 4 ON GARBAGE!

LHINfo MINUTE | HEALTH CARE UPDATE

## Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

# Innovative Chronic-Disease Program Helps Patients Learn and Cope

*August 3, 2011* – A local program spearheaded by the Champlain LHIN to improve care for people with chronic diseases has been so successful it is being rolled out across Ontario.

The *Living Healthy Champlain* program helps patients and their families manage the symptoms and lifestyle changes associated with chronic medical conditions, including arthritis, diabetes, heart disease and asthma. Since 2010, the local program has received $450,000 from the Champlain LHIN.

The Champlain LHIN also played a key coordination role. The LHIN worked with partners that delivered interactive seminars helping people with chronic conditions cope with daily challenges. Roughly 800 individuals have taken part in intensive six-week self-management workshops held across the region.

What's more, *Living Healthy Champlain* has trained more than 70 volunteer leaders to conduct the workshops, which include topics such as appropriate use of medications and effective communication with health professionals. A preliminary evaluation of the program found that participants were much more able to handle fatigue and emotional distress after attending the workshops.

In addition, LHIN funding has gone toward training hundreds of doctors and nurses so they can more effectively treat and manage patients with these complex illnesses. Patients with diabetes, for example, need ongoing assistance in setting and achieving lifestyle goals related to diet and physical activity.

Now, based on the experience of *Living Healthy Champlain*, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved funding for chronic disease self-management programs in all 14 LHINs across the province. It's an example of how a cutting-edge initiative implemented in one LHIN can expand to other areas of the province, thus benefitting a considerable number of people with the same needs.

"The Champlain LHIN brought providers and communities together to develop an innovative solution to a local health-care challenge. The number of people with chronic conditions is increasing as the population ages, so it was important to make this a priority," said Alex Munter, CEO of the Champlain LHIN. "By helping people help themselves, we can improve their quality of life, and at the same time, relieve some of the pressures on the health system."

## Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

Providing support for chronic-disease self-management helps not only patients, but the health system as a whole. The *excess* average health-care cost for a person with diabetes in the first year of diagnosis, for example, is almost $3,000. Therefore, expanding self-management resources can be a cost-effective strategy.

Implementation and evaluation of the program is being led by Bruyére Continuing Care, Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute, the Champlain Community Care Access Centre along with more than 30 other health-care organizations. The partners are continuing the evaluation to determine all the advantages of the program, including its impact on the number of visits to family physicians and emergency rooms.

*For more information on this program, please go to the bilingual website: livinghealthychamplain.ca. If you are with a media organization and would like an interview, please contact: Linda Ramsey, at the Champlain LHIN (613.747.3212 linda.ramsey@lhins.on.ca).*

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# Board Meeting Highlights

*August 10, 2011 - Kemptville, Ontario*

## Updates

### Improving Care for Seniors

Fewer hospitalized seniors are being discharged to long-term care homes and more are going home or to rehabilitation programs, according to new data shared by Champlain LHIN staff with LHIN Board members. That means the LHIN is making progress in transforming health care to better meet the needs of seniors. Champlain LHIN CEO Alex Munter explained that the health system is moving away from its historic focus on episodic, acute care to one that helps people manage chronic disease and keeps seniors as healthy and independent as possible. No single health provider can bring about this shift, Mr. Munter said, so the LHIN fulfills a vital role by bringing together multiple health partners working toward a common goal. Examples of innovative programs already under way are enhanced home-care services, assisted living services for high-risk seniors, and restorative care beds in hospitals and other settings. The LHIN has achieved positive results by mobilizing leaders, changing how we think about seniors' health needs, and making better use of existing resources. As next steps, the LHIN will continue to build on the Home First philosophy, further engage hospitals and community-based health organizations, and measure performance.

### LHIN Response: Fire Evacuation from Northern Ontario

In July, 2011, almost 300 individuals from Kingfisher Lake, a remote Aboriginal community in northern Ontario, were evacuated to Ottawa due to forest fires and heavy smoke. The Champlain LHIN was involved in coordinating health services for the evacuees, particularly for the elderly, children and pregnant women. The LHIN connected health providers to the residents, including primary care and home-care services. The LHIN also acted as liaison between Ontario's Emergency Operations Centre, Health Canada and Ottawa Public Health. The North-West LHIN's efforts deserve special recognition, as many communities in that region were evacuated. Based on the Champlain LHIN's involvement in this crisis and in the H1N1 pandemic, it is clear that LHINs play a substantive role during health-care emergencies.

### Moving Toward an Electronic Health Record

A new Champlain LHIN pilot project was recently launched that allows clinicians to securely share electronic client information related to laboratory tests and medications. Almost 250 health professionals and support staff at The Ottawa Hospital are now using the new eHealth 'portal', and the Champlain LHIN will begin expanding the project to other areas in the region in the fall. The project covers half of drug prescriptions (e.g. for seniors and other specific populations) and lab tests from community laboratories. It has a number of advantages. For instance, clinicians can quickly obtain accurate drug and lab information about patients, helping to expedite the treatment strategy.



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### Moving Toward an Electronic Health Record *(continued)*

As well, clinicians don't need to make numerous phone calls to other health professionals to chase down a lab result, which gives them more time to manage other responsibilities. Patients can also avoid unnecessary repeat tests because information will be easily accessible and not lost as can potentially happen. The pilot project, supported by eHealth Ontario, is a key element of the Champlain LHIN's eHealth Strategic Plan.

## Key Decisions

### Funding for Health Service Providers

The Champlain LHIN Board supported the methodology used for 2011/12 hospital budget increases, which were announced in July, 2011 by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Hospitals in the Champlain region are receiving an increase in base funding totaling $23.5 million. Plus, hospitals in areas of our region where the population is growing are receiving a total of $1.3 million in additional base funding. Lastly, small hospitals in the region will receive a total of roughly $388,000 in extra base funding.

The Board also agreed to an increase in base funding of 1.5 per cent to the region's community-based health providers so they can maintain or enhance services, amounting to more than $5 million. As well as that support for all community-based agencies, the Champlain LHIN will also strategically invest additional resources on strengthening community support services for seniors, expanding youth mental health and addictions services, and improving access to health services across our region.

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LHINfo MINUTE | HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

## New Health Services for People with Diabetes

*Champlain LHIN providing better access to care for this priority patient population*

**August 30, 2011** - Six new diabetes education teams are now operational in the Champlain region, providing better access to care for people with this increasingly prevalent disease.

Improving services for people with diabetes is a key priority for the Champlain LHIN, because an estimated 8.5 per cent of adults in the Champlain region have the illness. Diabetes education teams consist of a registered nurse and a dietician, and each team on average serves about 700 clients each year. The health professionals help patients manage medications and improve diets to improve their overall health.

In the Champlain region, diabetes education teams serve urban and rural areas, Anglophone and Francophone populations, and Aboriginal communities. In addition, diabetes education groups are offered in different languages such as Arabic, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese.

In total, 11 diabetes education teams have been added to the region since 2008. These teams are located throughout the region, from Pembroke in the west of our region to Ottawa in the centre and Akwesasne in the east, for example.

The Champlain LHIN played a key role in putting in place the 11 recently formed teams. Specifically, the LHIN analyzed available services, determined which services were missing in various geographical areas of the region, and calculated the amount of funding required.

As well, the Champlain LHIN successfully obtained funding for two new chiropodists in the region for diabetes patients, who can suffer from foot problems due to nerve damage, circulation problems and infections.

The LHIN has collaborated closely with local health-service providers to ensure people with diabetes receive high-quality, accessible and seamless care.

"The Champlain LHIN's mandate is to work with communities and providers and bring partners together to improve care for patients," explains Alex Munter, Champlain LHIN CEO. "Because more and more residents of our region are diagnosed with diabetes, the LHIN is working diligently to ensure the right services are available in the right place to match the growing demand."

People with diabetes are at great risk for complications such as heart disease, stroke, foot ulcers, amputations and end-stage kidney disease. The aim of the diabetes education teams and other programs for patients with chronic disease is to provide more preventive care, which can help individuals avoid serious complications, and secondarily, save the health system money.

For instance, as many as 50 per cent of people with diabetes can show signs of early kidney damage, and if left untreated, this can result in kidney failure. Preventing one person with diabetes from developing end-stage kidney disease would save the health system approximately $65,000 each year.

If you are a media organization and would like an interview, please contact:

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For more information on the program, please call the Diabetes Regional Coordinating Centre at **613-233-4443 extension 2124**. This resource is located at Centretown Community Health Centre.

**Townships of Head Clara & Maria**

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**From:** <communicate@amo.on.ca>
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**Attach:** ask chart aug 29 v3.pdf
**Subject:** AMO breaking news (1) and attachment (1) re Ontario Party Leaders Address AMO's Top 12 Asks

**TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL**

August 29, 2011

## Ontario Party Leaders Address AMO's Top 12 Asks

The leaders of the Liberal, New Democrat and Progressive Conservative addressed many of AMO's 12 Asks in their remarks to delegates at the 2011 AMO conference. A short question and answer session on municipal priorities in the upcoming provincial election with Ryerson University Journalism professor April Lindgren also allowed the leaders to expand on the remarks they made during their speeches.

The 2011 AMO conference was held in London and co-hosted by the City of London and County of Middlesex from August 21-24. AMO's 12 Asks, were developed specifically to address priority policy areas of municipal concern in the upcoming Ontario election and AMO sent them to all municipal leaders in early July. These priority policy areas are summarized in AMO's Provincial Election Check List of Top 12 Asks. This "flashcard" highlights AMO's policy positions in priority areas and provides messaging that can be used throughout the election period.

For members' information, AMO has developed a summary of each leader's responses to the AMO Top 12 Asks from the AMO conference (attached). This summary has been solely created from what was said, posted or released by the parties during the time of the 2011 AMO conference. Copies of the three leaders' speeches at the 2011 AMO conference have [or will be posted when available] on the AMO Provincial Election webpage.

The upcoming provincial election is an important time for Ontario's municipalities and AMO. With the provincial election likely to be officially started next week, it is our expectation that we will be able to shortly provide a full analysis of all the parties' official platforms (once all released) and another chart in addition to this Top 12 Ask analysis of other key policy matters that impact municipal governments.

AMO will continue to keep you informed on significant election issues for municipal governments through future Breaking News, on the AMO Provincial Election webpage (also accessible through AMO's home page), and through the weekly electronic AMO Watch File.

**Contact:** Monika Turner, Director of Policy, mturner@amo.on.ca or 416-971-9856/1-877-426-6527 extension 318.

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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.

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## Ontario Provincial Parties' responses to AMO's Top 12 Asks as of August 25, 2011 **

| AMO's 12 ASKS | Liberal Party | Progressive Conservative Party | New Democratic Party |
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| **Will** meet (or beat) promised **upload of $1.5 billion** in social service and court security costs by 2018 | Committed to implement Agreement and honour full upload of $1.5 billion annually by 2018. | Committed to honour the upload to date ($947 million of as 2011-63%), however would need to review the remaining ($553 million-37%) in light of proposed 2 cent government-wide spending reductions. | Committed to implement Agreement and honour full upload of $1.5 billion annually by 2018. |
| **Won't download costs**, or add new ones to Ontario's limited property tax base | No additional downloading or new costs to municipalities' tax base. | No plans to do so (except as above). | Not addressed to date. |
| **Will create** a separate, new, predictable, permanent **fund for municipal roads + bridges** | Create a separate, new, permanent fund for municipal roads and bridges. Will invite federal government to participate. | Increase the Provincial Gas Tax Fund over four years to $60 million for municipalities that do not currently receive gas tax transit funds; to be used for municipal infrastructure, including roads and bridges. | A new three-year dedicated fund will provide $70 million annually to help municipalities with road and bridge repairs |
| Will make **permanent Provincial Gas Tax** revenue of about $318 million for transit | Will make the Provincial Gas Tax Transfer permanent. | Will make the Provincial Gas Tax For Transit fund permanent, safeguard allocations at their current level for municipalities receiving them and allow funds to be used for other infrastructure purposes. | Will help municipalities with new support by splitting transit operating costs on 50/50 basis. |
| Will ensure **arbitration** process achieves affordable, accountable and transparent decisions | The Premier stated at the 2011 AMO Conference, that he was not prepared to change the arbitration system as concerned with keeping fair, balanced and unbiased; won't tilt in favour of either employers or labour. | Will fix the broken arbitration system by making arbitrators accountable, transparent and that they truly take ability for local community to pay into account. | Is not an easy fix. Will work with municipalities to alleviate costs. |
| Will protect taxpayers from excessive insurance claims (by addressing **joint + several liability**) | Will see how together we can address municipal concerns relating to joint and several liability. | Not addressed to date. | Will work with municipalities to control insurance costs. |

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| Will **promote** personal and **producer responsibility for waste** | Will continue the current waste disposal programs (e.g. blue box, tires, electronic) and upcoming platform will provide next steps. Not fair to put costs on backs of municipalities. | Will look at what has been done in other provinces and will work with companies. Waste diversion needs to be convenient for families. | Will hold producers responsible for waste and will not pass costs onto municipalities or consumers. |
| Will provide **tools for** collecting $1 billion in **unpaid** *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) **fines** | Willing to discuss how we can do more to help municipalities collect POA fines. | Not addressed to date. | Will help control costs with new tools to collect POA fines. |
| Will consolidate **housing** programs **with** current or more **funding** | Premier committed to continuing work on the consolidation of housing and homelessness programs with more funding. | Not addressed to date. | A strategy addressing affordable and social housing will be released in future platform related document. |
| **Won't introduce** property **assessment or taxation caps** | Will not introduce property assessment or taxation caps. | Will work with municipalities to address. Will review results of assessments in 2013 tax year, see what the impacts are and options, and address accordingly. | Will work with municipalities to stop property assessment caps. |
| **Will provide** clear, fair energy policy that supports sound **planning and investment in our electricity system** | Will maintain program that requires energy project proponents to satisfy municipal concerns while respecting provincial policy and standards. Will continue to aggressively pursue clean energy opportunities and jobs. | Will restore the local land use planning decision making authority removed by the *Green Energy Act*. | Will put planning of power back into public hands with public engagement process. |
| **Will review Development Charges** Act | Will not open the *Development Charges Act*, however is willing to discuss other ways to achieve objectives. | Not addressed to date. | Will review the *Development Charges Act*. |

**Sources: Leaders' speeches, new releases on official party websites, and official party materials distributed at 2011 AMO conference, August 21-24, 2011. All information above was said or made public at the 2011 AMO Conference.

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August 23, 2011

Township of Head, Clara & Maria
15 Township Hall Rd.
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Dear Reeve Stewart and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Fundraising Committee of Victim Services of Renfrew County, formerly known as Renfrew County VCARS, we are writing to once again invite you to participate in our 6th Annual Emergency Services Golf Tournament on Friday, September 23rd at the Oaks of Cobden Golf Course.

As you are aware, Victim Services is a non-profit, community based organization that works in partnership with police and fire agencies to meet the immediate and short term needs of individuals who have been victimized by crime and tragic circumstances. We also provide referrals for ongoing and longer term support. Victim Services of Renfrew County strives to reduce the negative impact of victimization by providing emotional and practical support to individuals on-site at the time of the incident. This 24/7 support is provided through police and fire identified referrals by a network of well-screened and highly trained volunteers throughout Renfrew County.

The proceeds from this golf tournament will go directly towards the direct service work/needs of the Volunteer Crisis Responders and the people they are supporting. Please note that all money raised from this fundraiser will remain in Renfrew County for the benefit of those living therein.

To that end, we would invite you to once again, support our Golf Day. There are several ways to support our efforts. They include:

- Being a Corporate Sponsor for this tournament at the cost of $100.00. Each sponsor will have their name prominently displayed on a sign indicating their support of Victim Services / Renfrew County VCARS
- Making a financial donation in the amount of your choice. Each donation will be publicly acknowledged.
- Donating items for door prizes
- Registering a team and joining us on the greens for the day
- Assisting us to spread the news about this tournament with work and personal contacts by displaying our poster prominently in your community/office spaces.

We thank you for your past support and welcome your continued support with our major fundraiser.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the greens. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at 613-649-2852 or 1-877-568-5730.

Sincerely,

*Lisa*

Lisa Oegema
Program Coordinator

*Faye*

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Assistant Coordinator

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## Townships of Head Clara & Maria

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**Cc:** <twpshcm@xplornet.com>
**Sent:** Sunday, August 28, 2011 9:38 AM
**Subject:** FW: Ottawa River Water Level Management

Doug, Roger,

FYI, OPG response to my request for answers is below.

I think there is more discussion required here.

Cheers.....Todd

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**To:** info@morningmistresort.ca
**Cc:** GARDINER Jennifer -HYDRO; LAPIERRE Jerry -HYDRO
**Subject:** RE: Ottawa River Water Level Management

Hello Mr. Dowser,

The questions you pose are difficult to answer through a brief email, however I will try to provide some clarification as best I can.

**A little background on how we operate:**
Water level and flow management at OPG generating stations on the Ottawa River is cooperatively managed through the Water Management (WM) office of the Ottawa-St.Lawrence Plant Group and the Energy Markets group. The WM office sets level and flow limits and an operating plan for each generating station according to the time of year and prevailing hydrologic conditions. Energy Markets then operates within these limits and try to reach planned level and flow targets while meeting market demands. Typically, Energy Markets requires some flexibility to move water into higher energy demand periods. This flexibility is provided as a range in levels and flows depending on time of year and current inflow that allows energy to be moved from the overnight period to the day and when energy demand conditions make sense from the weekends to the weekdays for a weekly cycle.

The operating maximums for the generating stations are specified within federal, and provincial acts in both Ontario and Quebec. Not a contract but Acts of parliament. These are the only legal limits that OPG must respect on the Ottawa River. However, since 1990 OPG voluntarily made a commitment to restrict its operating range at DesJoachims to a minimum of 152.00 m during the summer period when inflows are below 500 cms.

**Specific to this spring/early summer:**

The last days of May and first few of June brought the first heat wave of summer 2011 with humidex readings reaching close to 40°C. With the rising temperature, energy demand increased and Energy Markets took water out of storage at DesJoachims to meet the demand. The volume taken was within the limits prescribed by the Water Management office because inflows were still relatively quite high (~1000 cms) and this volume could be replenished over a weekend. After submitting a plan to raise water level at DesJoachims a few times and Energy Markets failing to meet the planned elevation targets because of market conditions the Water Management office intervened, specifying a minimum level of 152.00 m even though inflow was well above 500 cms at this point (~800 cms).

I hope this answers your questions, however I will follow up with a phone call to answer anything that wasn't clear or if you have any further questions or concerns.

**Marc Bisson P.Eng.**
**Engineer - Water Management**
**Ontario Power Generation**
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**From:** GARDINER Jennifer -HYDRO
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 1:49 PM
**To:** LAPIERRE Jerry -HYDRO; BISSON Marc -HYDRO
**Subject:** FW: Ottawa River Water Level Management

Jerry and Marc,

Matt received this yesterday. He is looking for some answers. How would you like me to proceed with a response?

Best,

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**Subject:** RE: Ottawa River Water Level Management

Hello Matthew,

I trust you received this email from Joanna back in June.

I am still looking for the following questions to be answered:

1. The water level has been somewhat consistent, albeit at the low end of the OPG operating range. That being the case, hydro-electric generation must also be consistent since there is little room for fluctuation in the head pond at the Rolphton dam. So why can't OPG maintain a consistent water level at the normal range and produce the exact same electricity output?
2. We are tired of hearing 'We are within the operating range of our contract". What is this contract, who is the contract with, and when is the contract up for renewal?
3. Why has there been so much disconnect this year between the OPG plan we get over the phone and the actual result?

Any direction you can provide would be much appreciated.

Best regards.

Todd Dowser

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**Subject:** RE: Ottawa River Water Level Management

Dear Mr. Dowser,

Thank-you for your email and for sharing with us the concerns that you have with water level management on the Ottawa River. We fully understand and are sensitive to the fact that water levels on your section of the Ottawa River have been problematic for you and others this season. The Ministry of Natural Resources does not have a regulatory role in managing the flows and levels of the Ottawa River. The Ottawa River Public Liaison Group (PLG) has formed in January 2008 to provide a better communication link between OPG, MNR and the communities of the various Ottawa River reaches. Improving the communication and understanding of the rationale for decisions relating to the management of levels and flows on the Ottawa River has been the primary objective of this group.

With respect to fisheries studies on the Ottawa River, I have spoken to Tania Baker and studies within your reach have been conducted (Mattawa to Rolphton); most recently Broad Scale Monitoring was conducted last year and is still being analyzed. Our surveys to date have not shown any significant spawning / recruitment problems for walleye, pike, or bass in Holden Lake, with exception of lake sturgeon which are severely impacted. Pike, bass, and walleye have been managing to have regular year class production and are showing good/to above average abundances when compared to other reaches of the Ottawa River. Sturgeon will need a lot of help to correct their habitat problems, but the other fish species are doing well despite the water regime (winter drawdown). It will take more than 1 extreme year to cause a major problem to these fisheries.

A contact for you with OPG is Matthew Mulvihill, Public Affairs Officer with the Ottawa/St. Lawrence Plant Group. Your current and future questions regarding water level management can be directed initially to him. He can be reached at matthew.mulvihill@opg.com or by phone at 613.433.9673 ext 3350. I will forward your email to Matthew so that he has it on file.

Again, thank you for writing. If you have further questions regarding fisheries and/or MNR's role with respect to the Ottawa River, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Joanna

**Joanna Samson | Water Resources Coordinator | Pembroke District**
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**From:** Info [mailto:info@morningmistresort.ca]
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**Subject:** Ottawa River Water Level Management

Hello Joanna & Tania,

Firstly, my thanks to Doug Antler for passing on your contact information as well as recent correspondence regarding Ottawa River water levels.

We are also in regular contact with OPG regarding planned water levels and I must say this is the worst year of water level management we have experienced since relocating to his area in 2004. Over the past month, not once has OPG actually done what they said they were going to do and I am at a loss to understand why this is so complicated – tell us one thing, do another!

I would also like to express concerns over the lack of effectiveness of the OPG Stakeholders committee. Why does this committee exist since it obviously has no apparent influence on actual water levels? Our perception is the low water level is in total disregard for the stakeholders on this section of the waterway. It is tough enough for any small business to make ends meet in North Renfrew without politics and corporate disregard getting in the way.

Aside from a few days leading up to the May long weekend, our water level in Stonecliffe has been sitting at the low end of the OPG operating range. Customers have complained about our docking facilities, and although it has not affected this year's business numbers, I can guarantee these same customers will not be back next year due to frustrations. We have had to physically lift previously 'floating' boats off the sand to get them into the water. This does not make owners of $20K+ boats very happy. In addition, the majority of our seasonal customers are staring at their boats sitting on the sand with absolutely no recourse for moving them and getting out to fish.

A quick question for Tania: my understanding is due to budget constraints, MNR has not done any fish studies on the upper section of the Ottawa River (Mattawa – Rolphton) for a number of years now. Can you please confirm when the last study was undertaken? Anybody living on this stretch of the river can tell you firsthand how changing water levels affect fish behavior for days afterward, and I fully expect to see many summer pickerel come in still carrying spawn due to stress (we have seen this in past 'abnormal' water level years).

Joanna, I have some specific questions for OPG and was hoping you could provide some contact information for where & to whom these questions should be addressed. Could you also please add our contact information to your stakeholder distribution lists.

4. The water level has been somewhat consistent, albeit at the low end of the OPG operating range. That being the case, hydro-electric generation must also be consistent since there is little room for fluctuation in the head pond at the Rolphton dam. So why can't OPG maintain a consistent water level at the normal range and produce the exact same electricity output?
5. We are tired of hearing 'We are within the operating range of our contract". What is this contract, who is the contract with, and when is the contract up for renewal?
6. Why has there been so much disconnect this year between the OPG plan we get over the phone and the actual result?

Your assistance with these questions would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Todd Dowser

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## MEDIA RELEASE - August 22, 2011

# *Coalition secures commitment to discuss impact of OPP costs on municipalities*

The OPP provides policing services to small and rural municipalities across Ontario. The cost of these services has risen significantly and is creating an increased burden on these municipalities.

On August 21st representatives from more than 20 Ontario municipalities participated in a joint delegation at the 2011 AMO Conference in London, Ontario, to speak with the Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, led by Arnprior Mayor David Reid. In addition, separate meetings were also held with the PC and NDP caucus leaders.

The municipal concerns centered on the escalating and unsustainable costs of policing services provided to municipalities. The coalition was seeking a commitment from the government and support of the other Provincial political parties for a dialogue to identify solutions to these rising costs, while maintaining adequate and effective policing resources.

Mayor David Reid of Arnprior, on behalf of the delegation indicated he was pleased with the outcome of the meetings today in that all three parties understand the impact of these policing costs on municipal budgets and agreed to work cooperatively with the municipal sector to seek solutions to these financial challenges.

The municipal coalition secured a commitment to work collaboratively to improve communications between the OPP and the host municipalities. Most importantly, it is anticipated that further discussions will occur between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario [AMO] and the Province of Ontario.

## Backgrounder

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario is an umbrella organization representing most municipalities in Ontario and has a Memorandum of Understanding which ensures that any legislation or actions by the Provincial government which impact on municipalities is discussed prior to implementation.

Mayor David Reid of Arnprior spoke on behalf of the coalition, stating: "There are four issues relating to OPP costs as follows: the escalating costs of policing services; the large difference in per household and per capita costs between municipalities; the inconsistent application of policing deployment models throughout the province; and the lack of transparency and accountability regarding the application of policing costs." For example, of the municipalities taking part in the survey, the average annual increase in

policing costs since 2006 is 62.3% with some municipalities seeing over a 100% increase in annual costs. Per household costs range from $263.21 to $691.77. In many Ontario municipalities, policing costs are the single biggest cost in the annual municipal operating budget – the result has been that some municipalities have had to cut service in other areas to offset the increasing costs of policing

"Such huge discrepancies cannot solely be offset by variances in geography and populations", insisted Mayor Reid. Along with the other municipalities, he finds the situation rather puzzling, explaining, "It is our understanding that OPP Contract Policing utilizes a standard deployment model and selected weighted occurrence comparisons to determine the minimum number of staff resources required to service detachments; yet requests for this information seemed to be met with resistance or simply ignored."

In addition, to the municipal delegation with the two provincial departments, the same municipal group also met in separate meetings with representatives from the Progressive Conservatives and the New Democrats. "We appreciate the interest being shown in this issue, and we are looking for a workable solution, one that provides accountability to taxpayers," asserted Mayor Reid, and he related the consensus of the other municipal units, that "we want to part of the resolution process".

In conclusion, Mayor Reid had two requests of the Province:

1. The information on applicable deployment models is made available to municipalities in a timely manner prior to the 2012 budget year, and a review is undertaken of OPP costs, formulas, and deployment models to identify efficiencies and that this review will take place in full consultation with the municipal sector.
2. There is transparency and accountability with regard to costs being assigned to municipalities for Ontario Provincial Police services.

It was the general opinion of the municipal delegation that progress has been made since all three political parties showed interest and the group is anticipating there will be municipal input in any Provincial review process on OPP policing services to Ontario municipalities.

Contact: David Reid, Mayor of Arnprior: 613-623-4231 x231, dreid@arnprior.ca

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I would like to bring to your attention a Private Members bill that was introduced to the house on April 13th 2011 outlining the Ontario One Call Act 2011 (bill 180), and consequently a second reading on April 21st 2011.
This act will make it mandatory for every municipality to join Ontario One Call (OOC) to have them manage all underground utility mapping and facilitate phone calls from its residents. ***The impression is that such a system does not exist in Ontario. (FALSE)***
The bill however died on the floor when parliament was prorogued back in June.

As most of you are aware the DigNORTH call before you dig program was launched in April of 2010. The service was introduced exclusively for utility notification for homeowners and contractors of Northern Ontario as an original pilot.
This program was to answer a need and fill a void in the industry and address the lack of service and northern support of OOC.

There is a misconception that if you make one call to Ontario One Call you can receive all your utility locates. In actual fact you can only obtain locates from the utilities that choose to be members of OOC. This is a very dangerous statement to make as it misleads the industry adding confusion and a safety element of thinking that if I call OOC all my utility locates will be acquired.

DigNORTH's unique program makes it attainable for contractors and homeowners, to make one call and one call only, to obtain all their utility locates via a single point of contact. For the first year we offered our service free of charge to establish the system and to prove its worth. The program was well received by contractors and the municipal public works for its ease of use and efficiency model.

The municipalities of Northwest Ontario were instrumental in the growth of the program. The integration of the City of Thunder Bay added a larger populous showing the system is scalable, as we move across Northern Ontario and the Province.

***The simple fact is that the DigNORTH system works and is effective. (TRUE)***
It has rejuvenated an industry in Northern Ontario, to have the confidence in embracing a damage prevention platform that has been designed for the digging community.

The program is branded the Ontario Call Before You Dig program, enhanced with the unique phone number of 1-888-ONT-CBYD
Having a phone number that mirrors an initiative has more of an impact with advertising and marketing statements, combined with an education and awareness platform to service the digging community that is second to none.

Bill 180 will force municipalities and all facility operators to supply accurate and up to date records of their buried infrastructure for lookup purposes. Since not all infrastructure owners have the GIS system to map their plant, this will put an inordinate burden on municipal budgets. This will also cause confusion and concern as records are brought up to date and made available for an electronic platform, leaving the industry vulnerable and public safety a major risk.

Under the DigNORTH system municipalities can build their records as their budgets allow, without the pressure of having to conform to a provincially legislated system that does not have the municipality's best interest at heart.

For further information regarding this matter please feel free to contact me keith.white@dignorth.ca or at 905 592 2151.
or on my cell at 807 216 7601.

Regards

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Business Development Manager
DigNORTH call before you dig inc.

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**Townships of Head Clara & Maria**

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**Sent:** Friday, August 12, 2011 12:53 PM
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**Subject:** Champlain LHIN Board Highlights / Points saillants de la réunion du Conseil du RLISS de Champlain

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# Board Meeting Highlights

August 10, 2011 - Kemptville, Ontario

Updates

***Improving Care for Seniors*** - Fewer hospitalized seniors are being discharged to long-term care homes and more are going home or to rehabilitation programs, according to new data shared by Champlain LHIN staff with LHIN Board members. That means the LHIN is making progress in transforming health care to better meet the needs of seniors. Champlain LHIN CEO Alex Munter explained that the health system is moving away from its historic focus on episodic, acute care to one that helps people manage chronic disease and keeps seniors as healthy and independent as possible. No single health provider can bring about this shift, Mr. Munter said, so the LHIN fulfills a vital role by bringing together multiple health partners working toward a common goal. Examples of innovative programs already under way are enhanced home-care services, assisted living services for high-risk seniors, and restorative care beds in hospitals and other settings. The LHIN has achieved positive results by mobilizing leaders, changing how we think about seniors' health needs, and making better use of existing resources. As next steps, the LHIN will continue to build on the Home First philosophy, further engage hospitals and community-based health organizations, and measure performance.

***LHIN Response: Fire Evacuation from Northern Ontario*** - In July, 2011, almost 300 individuals from Kingfisher Lake, a remote Aboriginal community in northern Ontario, were evacuated to Ottawa due to forest fires and heavy smoke. The Champlain LHIN was involved in coordinating health services for the evacuees, particularly for the elderly, children and pregnant women. The LHIN connected health providers to the residents, including primary care and home-care services. The LHIN also acted as liaison between Ontario's Emergency Operations Centre, Health Canada and Ottawa Public Health. The North-West LHIN's efforts deserve special recognition, as many communities in that region were evacuated. Based on the Champlain LHIN's involvement in this crisis and in the H1N1 pandemic, it is clear that LHINs play a substantive role during health-care emergencies.

***Moving Toward an Electronic Health Record*** - A new Champlain LHIN pilot project was recently launched that allows clinicians to securely share electronic client information related to laboratory tests and medications. Almost 250 health professionals and support staff at The Ottawa Hospital are now using the new eHealth 'portal', and the Champlain LHIN will begin expanding the project to other areas in the region in the fall. The project covers half of drug prescriptions (e.g. for seniors and other specific populations) and lab tests from community laboratories. It has a number of advantages. For instance, clinicians can quickly obtain accurate drug and lab information about patients, helping to expedite the treatment strategy. As well, clinicians don't need to make numerous phone calls to other health professionals to chase down a lab result, which gives them more time to manage other responsibilities. Patients can also avoid unnecessary repeat tests because information will be easily accessible and not lost as can potentially happen. The pilot project, supported by eHealth Ontario, is a key element of the Champlain LHIN's eHealth Strategic Plan.

Key Decisions

***Funding for Health Service Providers*** - The Champlain LHIN Board supported the methodology used for 2011/12 hospital budget increases, which were announced in July, 2011 by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Hospitals in the Champlain region are receiving an increase in base funding totaling

$23.5 million. Plus, hospitals in areas of our region where the population is growing are receiving a total of $1.3 million in additional base funding. Lastly, small hospitals in the region will receive a total of roughly $388,000 in extra base funding.

The Board also agreed to an increase in base funding of 1.5 per cent to the region's community-based health providers so they can maintain or enhance services, amounting to more than $5 million. As well as that support for all community-based agencies, the Champlain LHIN will also strategically invest additional resources on strengthening community support services for seniors, expanding youth mental health and addictions services, and improving access to health services across our region.

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## Réunion du Conseil d'administration – Points saillants

Le 10 août 2011 – Kemptville, Ontario

Mises à jour

***Amélioration des soins aux aînés*** - Le nombre d'aînés hospitalisés transférés aux foyers de soins de longue durée a diminué. En effet, un plus grand nombre d'entre eux retournent chez eux ou sont inscrits à des programmes de réadaptation, selon de nouvelles données partagées avec le personnel et les membres du Conseil d'administration du RLISS de Champlain. Cela signifie que le RLISS progresse dans le renouvellement du système de santé pour mieux répondre aux besoins des aînés. Le directeur général du RLISS de Champlain, Alex Munter, a expliqué que le système de santé ne met plus l'accent sur les soins épisodiques, actifs comme par le passé, mais s'occupe plutôt d'aider les gens à gérer les maladies chroniques et à soutenir les aînés pour qu'ils préservent leur santé et mènent une vie aussi autonome que possible. Aucun fournisseur de services de santé ne peut, à lui seul, effectuer ce virage, a déclaré M. Munter, par conséquent il incombe au RLISS de regrouper plusieurs partenaires du système de santé travaillant à l'atteinte d'un but commun. Parmi les programmes innovateurs en cours, mentionnons les services à domicile améliorés, les services d'aide à la vie autonome pour les aînés à risque élevé et les lits de soins de rétablissement dans les hôpitaux et autres milieux. Le RLISS a obtenu des résultats positifs en mobilisant les dirigeants, en transformant la façon dont on envisage les besoins de santé des aînés et en utilisant les ressources actuelles plus efficacement. En prochaine étape, le RLISS continuera de miser sur le concept Chez soi avant tout, renforcera la participation des hôpitaux et des organismes de santé communautaire et mesurera le rendement.

***Réponse du RLISS : évacuation due à un incendie dans le Nord de l'Ontario*** - En juillet 2011, près de 300 résidents du lac Kingfisher, une communauté autochtone éloignée du Nord de l'Ontario, ont été évacués à Ottawa à cause des feux de forêts et de la fumée dense. Le RLISS de Champlain a participé à la coordination des services de santé pour les évacués, particulièrement pour les aînés, les enfants et les femmes enceintes. Il a mis des fournisseurs de services de santé, notamment de services de soins primaires et de soins à domicile, en rapport avec les résidents. Le RLISS a également assuré la liaison entre le Centre des opérations d'urgence, Santé Canada et Santé publique Ottawa. Les efforts du RLISS du Nord-Ouest méritent particulièrement d'être soulignés, car de nombreuses communautés de cette région ont été évacuées. Comme cette expérience et la pandémie de grippe au virus H1N1 l'ont démontré, les RLISS jouent clairement un rôle important durant les urgences médicales.

***Vers un dossier médical électronique*** - Le RLISS de Champlain a récemment lancé un projet pilote qui permet aux cliniciens de partager des données électroniques sécurisées sur les analyses de laboratoire et les médicaments des clients. Près de 250 professionnels de la santé et employés de soutien de l'Hôpital d'Ottawa utilisent maintenant le nouveau portail de la cybersanté et le RLISS de Champlain entamera la mise en oeuvre du projet dans d'autres régions cet automne. Le projet englobe la moitié des prescriptions de médicaments (p. ex., pour les aînés et autres populations particulières) et les tests diagnostiques des laboratoires communautaires. Il offre plusieurs avantages. Par exemple, les cliniciens peuvent obtenir rapidement des renseignements sur les médicaments et les analyses de laboratoire des patients, ce qui accélère la prise de décisions concernant le

traitement. En outre, ils ne sont plus obligés de téléphoner à plusieurs autres professionnels de la santé pour obtenir le résultat d'une analyse de laboratoire, ce qui leur permet de consacrer plus de temps à leurs autres responsabilités. Pour leur part, les patients évitent de répéter des tests inutilement parce que l'information est facilement accessible et n'est pas perdue, comme il peut arrive parfois. Le projet pilote appuyé par cyberSanté Ontario est un élément clé du plan stratégique de cybersanté du RLISS de Champlain.

Décisions

***Financement des fournisseurs de services de santé*** - Le RLISS de Champlain a appuyé la méthodologie utilisée pour les augmentations aux budgets des hôpitaux pour 2011-2012 que le ministère de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée a annoncées en juillet 2011. Les hôpitaux de la région de Champlain recevront une augmentation au financement de base totalisant 23,5 millions de dollars. En outre, les zones de notre région où la population augmente recevront un financement de base additionnel totalisant 1,3 million de dollars. Enfin, les petits hôpitaux de la région recevront un financement de base additionnel totalisant environ 388 000 $.

Le Conseil a également convenu d'augmenter le financement de base des fournisseurs de services de santé communautaire de la région de 1,5 %, ce qui représente plus de 5 millions de dollars, pour leur permettre de maintenir ou d'améliorer les services. En plus d'appuyer les organismes communautaires, le RLISS de Champlain investira stratégiquement des ressources additionnelles pour renforcer les services de soutien communautaire offerts aux aînés, élargir les services de santé mentale et de lutte contre les dépendances destinés aux jeunes et améliorer l'accès aux services de santé dans notre région.

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Dear Reeve,
I am writing to update you on the status of the fifth accessibility standard, the Accessible Built Environment Standard, which is expected to reduce physical barriers for persons with disabilities in both buildings and the exterior environment. The Accessible Built Environment Standard is not yet law.

The Accessible Built Environment Standard Development Committee submitted their final proposed standard to me in July 2010. At this time, my ministry, in conjunction with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, is in the process of completing an analysis of the proposed standard in order to make sure that any new requirements are clear, consistent, and enforceable. Once the analysis is complete, the government will make decisions on what will become law and when.

I would like to clarify that the Accessible Built Environment Standard will not require buildings, or other structures such as playgrounds to be retrofitted to meet accessibility requirements. Once it becomes law, the standard will apply to new construction and extensive renovation only, as is the case with the Ontario Building Code now. This will allow municipalities to include accessibility in building plans right from the beginning.

We must strike a balance between the need to make Ontario accessible to all Ontarians and the need to minimize regulatory and financial burden on municipalities and other organizations. That is why I asked my ministry to form a working group with municipal partners to hear from you throughout our accessibility journey. I value the contribution municipalities have made to this group, as members of standards development committees and in providing us feedback during public reviews on the standards.

My ministry is currently developing tools and guidelines to assist organizations in achieving accessibility. I encourage you to visit my ministry's website regularly for information: ontario.ca/AccessON

I am proud that our province is a world leader in accessibility, and by working to together we can make Ontario accessible to all. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Madeleine Meilleur
Minister

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Renfrew County
**United Way**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 2011 August 16

**United Way Announces 2011 Honorary Campaign Chair**

**Pembroke, Ontario** - Renfrew County United Way (RCUW) is pleased to announce that Sheldon Keefe, owner and general manager of the Pembroke Lumber Kings hockey club – 2011 National Junior A Champions - has agreed to serve as its 2011 Honorary Campaign Chair.

Mr. Keefe, a retired professional Canadian hockey player most recently with the Tampa Bay Lightning, will lead the annual United Way fundraising campaign, which kicks off at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 1st at Pembroke's Waterfront, with a ceremony and community barbeque compliments of Giant Tiger-Pembroke and Brum's Dairy.

"We are extremely honored to welcome Sheldon to our campaign", said Carole Devine, United Way board vice-chair and the director responsible for recruiting this year's honorary campaign chair. "In view of our focus on youth engagement, one of our strategic priorities, it is apropos that the position will be filled by a person who exemplifies youth in all of its positive manifestations. Sheldon works with youth in our community to help them create character and to demonstrate, through his own life experience, that hard work and positive goals can lead to successful and rewarding life's work."

In accepting the position, Sheldon Keefe said his decision wasn't too difficult to make. "I believe in giving back to my community through volunteerism", he said. "The United Way provides me with the opportunity to help an organization that is trying to tackle some very difficult issues in Renfrew County in partnership with other concerned organizations. To do so successfully will require total community effort and I am proud as one community member to contribute", said Sheldon.

This year's campaign seeks the support of "Community Champions" to help it and the agencies it funds address a variety of human needs, from youth activities and seniors' care to non-emergency medical transportation and family crisis intervention. The 2011 campaign also signals a major drive to tackle, in partnership with other agencies and organizations, the high priority needs Renfrew County communities identified during the United Way's Community Matters public consultations: engaging vulnerable youth; addressing the impacts of child poverty; assisting a growing senior's population; providing safe shelter options for a growing number of homeless community members; working towards more healthy communities; and identifying public transportation options.

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For further information, please contact:
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## Background Information – Sheldon Keefe

Sheldon Keefe was born on September 17, 1980. The Brampton, Ontario, native played in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) for the Toronto St. Michael's Majors and the Barrie Colts. In his first OHL season, Sheldon scored 116 points, was named Rookie of the Year and was Tampa Bay Lightning's first choice in the 1999 NHL entry draft. The following season, he was named captain of the Barrie Colts and led them to an OHL championship. He also led the league in scoring with 121 points.

In the 2000-2001 season, Sheldon turned professional with Tampa Bay and played three seasons there. Along the way, with stops in the New York Rangers and Phoenix Coyotes organizations, he also played in the IHL for the Detroit Vipers and in the AHL for the Springfield Falcons, Hershey Bears and Utah Grizzlies.

During the 2004-2005 season, while playing for the Utah Grizzlies, Sheldon was named the winner of the American Specialty/AHL Man of the Year award for his outstanding contributions to the greater Salt Lake Valley community and charitable organizations. He was the leader of the Grizzlies "Go For The Goal" program that taught area elementary school children life lessons including stay in school, say no to drugs and strive for academic excellence. In addition, Sheldon participated in numerous stops on the "Gather with the Grizzlies" library reading tour and was the point player for the Grizzlies' holiday hospital gift presentations as well as working with Ronald McDonald House during the holidays serving food to needy children.

Sheldon is now retired as a Canadian professional hockey player. In 2003, he became the president and co-owner of the Pembroke Lumber Kings. After serving as assistant coach in 2005-2006, he took on the role of general manager and head coach prior to the 2006-2007 season. Under his leadership, the Lumber Kings won five straight Central Canada Hockey League championships and the 2011 Royal Bank Cup.

Sheldon's success with the Lumber Kings earned him recognition by his peers as the CCHL's "General Manager of the Year" in 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011. As well in 2008, he was named CCHL "Coach of the Year". In 2011, he was honoured by the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce as the 2010 Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

Sheldon and his wife, Jackie, reside in Pembroke, Ontario, with their son, Landon.

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2011 August 18

Melinda Reith, CAO Clerk
Township of Head, Clara and Maria
15 Township Hall Road
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Dear Ms. Reith:

I'm Sheldon Keefe, owner and general manager of the Pembroke Lumber Kings. I'm proud to serve as the United Way's 2011 Honorary Campaign Chair. I admire the efforts of the United Way to address some very serious human needs in our communities. The United Way, however, cannot meet these needs alone. They need the help of people like you and me. Please let me take a few minutes of your time to explain how you can help.

One test of a true champion is the willingness to support a cause that helps people in need without any expectation of reward. Considering the variety of issues facing Renfrew County, we need quite a few **Champions** to create the changes in our communities that will make a real difference in the lives of people in need.

**I invite <u>you</u> to be one of those Community Champions by agreeing to host a "United Way Workplace Campaign" for municipal employees during our up-coming 2011 United Way Campaign, which runs from September 1st until December 8th.**

Our **"I am a Community Champion"** campaign this year will give employee donors the recognition that they are indeed "champions" when they support their community through the United Way. Your municipality would receive community acknowledgement as a good corporate citizen. Posters styled **"Community Champions Work Here"** displayed in your workplaces would testify to the support you are providing.

There are two donation options for employees. **Payroll deduction**, is an easy and convenient way to donate and can be accommodated in the payroll system of most businesses and organizations. For a few dollars per pay period, your employees could make a tremendous difference in their community. T-4 slips would serve as the donor's income tax receipt. As a United Way Workplace Campaign host, you would receive a campaign kit containing pledge forms, income tax receipt books, and information on how donations are re-distributed in the community.

If your employees wish to make a **cash donation** instead, they can do so through a workplace cash collection. Alternatively, donors can send a cheque or credit card information directly to our Pembroke office (we provide a convenient self-addressed envelope for this purpose) or they can use an on-line link to a secure donation form available on our website at www.renfrewcountyunitedway.ca/.

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By becoming a United Way Workplace, you would be joining many other companies and institutions in Renfrew County that demonstrate corporate leadership in this way, such as KI Pembroke, Pillar5 Pharma, AECL, CFB Petawawa, Pemco Inc. and several other organizations and federal/ provincial government departments and ministries.

The funds we raise stay in the communities we serve. With your help and that of other workplaces in Renfrew County, we will be able to reach out to many more people to secure the resources many health and social agencies in the County are relying on for 2012 to enable them to continue delivering important human services - from youth activities and seniors' care to medical transportation and family crisis intervention.

By helping your community through the United Way, you will be contributing in a number of other ways as we continue the process of re-aligning our programs and funding by 2013 to address, in partnership with other agencies and organizations, the high priority needs Renfrew County communities identified during our Community Matters public consultations. These needs are grouped into six strategic areas:

- engaging vulnerable youth;
- addressing the impacts of child poverty;
- assisting a growing seniors' population;
- providing shelter options for an increasing number of homeless community members, who are living in deep poverty;
- working towards more healthy communities and individuals by promoting healthy lifestyles and by addressing the adverse social determinants of health; and finally,
- identifying public transportation options, particularly for youth, seniors and people living in poverty or with physical challenges.

Please refer to the enclosed information materials for details.

If you are interested in helping, United Way staff, David Studham or Pat Lafreniere, would be pleased to hear from you and to address any of your information needs. If they don't hear from you within a couple of weeks, you will receive a call from them to confirm your decision.

Please consider being a Community Champion by supporting the 2011 United Way Campaign.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Keefe
2011 Honorary Campaign Chair

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**"Change Starts Here!"**

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# Campaign Blitz – Renfrew County

## September 01 – December 8, 2011

**1330 Pembroke Street West, Unit B, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 7A3**
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**Help Renfrew County United Way (RCUW) meet its 2011 fundraising goal of $500,000. Donations support needed health and social services for the most vulnerable in our communities plus enable RCUW and its partner agencies build our communities' capacities to address their highest priority needs.**

## AGENCIES YOU ARE HELPING

### 2011 PROGRAM FUNDING

**Program funding is provided to RCUW's eleven Member Agencies, most of whom provide county-wide services:**

**Bernadette McCann House for Women Inc. ($30,000)**
-Shelter and programs for abused women and their children.

**Boy's & Girl's Club of Pembroke ($33,500)**
-Services for vulnerable children and youth.

**Canadian Cancer Society Renfrew County Unit – Deep River ($10,000)**
-Transportation services for North Renfrew residents.

**Canadian Red Cross Society, Renfrew County & District Branch ($11,000)**
-Home equipment loan program, disaster management/personal disaster assistance.

**Carefor Health & Community Services ($29,000)**
-Seniors' programs like frozen meals on wheels, non-emergency medical transportation.

**Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley ($17,500)**
-Supporting children with special needs.

**Living Without Violence ($16,000)**
-Program to help male abusers and their female partners.

**North Renfrew Family Services ($44,000)**
-Family support services.

**Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre ($24,000)**
-Pre-natal nutrition and parent/child drop-in programs.

**The Grove Arnprior & District Nursing Home ($22,000)**
-Adult day program and care giver respite.

**St. John Ambulance ($4,000)**
-First aid assistance at community events.

### 2011 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FUNDING

Funding is available to registered charities in Renfrew County for proposals that address health or social services related to our communities' six strategic priority areas.

**Initiatives being supported in 2011 from strategic priorities funding include:**

-Backpack Plus Program – helping children living in poverty (CPAN)

-Renfrew County Food for Learning – expanding student nutrition program in schools

-The Grind Salvation Army Youth Centre – supporting a county-wide summer youth program called "This is My Story"

-Community Living Renfrew County South – camp for youth with intellectual challenges

-Camp Banting – helping children with type 1 diabetes manage their disease.

-Darlene Aikens Memorial Summer Camp – working with disadvantaged youth

-Stewie's Angels Summer Camp – mental health counseling for children of fallen soldiers

## Change starts here!

**Initiatives currently being developed for future funding consideration in partnership with other community members include:**

- **Homelessness** – a growing problem in Renfrew County for men, women and youth living in poverty due to a lack of sheltering options.
- **Vulnerable Youth** –engage youth to understand their needs and identify service gaps.
- **Seniors** –engage seniors and identify their needs.
- **Health Services** – working with partners to create healthier communities.
- **Transportation** – working with community partners to identify and develop coordinated transportation options.
- **Child Poverty** – working with community partners to eliminate the impact of poverty on children and youth.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW

### Give – Volunteer – Act

**. . . by making a Personal Donation**

- via Secure On-Line Donation Form available at www.renfrewcountyunitedway.ca
- by mailing a cheque directly to "Renfrew County United Way", 1330 Pembroke Street West, Unit B, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 7A3
- or by Payroll Deduction through your business or Federal/Provincial Government United Way Workplace or Retiree Campaign, designating "Renfrew County United Way"

**. . . by Volunteering**

- on our Board of Directors or Community Advisory Committees (Community Areas of Arnprior, Renfrew, Cobden/Eganville, Pembroke/Petawawa, Killaloe/Barry's Bay and North Renfrew (Chalk River to Deux Rivières).

**. . . by supporting our Strategic Initiatives**

- submit a project/program proposal that meets our high priority community needs

**Please call us at 1-888-592-2213 for details.**

## HOW YOU CAN INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

RCUW recognizes that bridging the gap between what we currently fund (basic human needs and crisis services) and what we need to begin funding (preventive services and ultimately underlying or root causes of problems) will require long-term community commitment. You can help us along this journey through planned giving by supporting RCUW Endowment Funds managed by Community Foundations in both the Deep River (covering North Renfrew) and Pembroke/Petawawa (covering all of RCUW's region except North Renfrew) districts. Make a bequest in your will, set up a charitable remainder trust, or make a gift of life insurance or appreciated securities. Consult your legal or financial advisor to find out how you can leave a legacy for tomorrow and receive a tax benefit today.

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Renfrew County
**United Way**

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2011 September 02

# United Way Launches 2011 Fundraising Campaign

## Campaign goal of $500,000 announced

Renfrew County United Way (RCUW) launched its annual fundraising campaign on September 1st with a celebration and community barbeque at Pembroke's Waterfront sponsored by Giant Tiger-Pembroke and Brum's Dairy. The Honorary Campaign Chair for 2011, Sheldon Keefe, announced that the United Way's fundraising goal was $500,000. Mr. Keefe is owner and general manager of the Pembroke Lumber Kings.

"We need **Community Champions** to join us on this journey", said Sheldon Keefe. "Champions in the workplace, champions in the marketplace, champions at home – ordinary people who are willing to Give, Volunteer and Act to help make our communities more resilient, healthy and inclusive places in which to live and work".

"I invite YOU," Mr. Keefe told an assembled group of community leaders, volunteers and members of the public, "to be a **Community Champion** when someone from the United Way asks for help – whether you are a financial institution and asked to become a donation centre; or a public or private sector workplace and asked to authorize and run an employee donation program based on payroll deduction; or a retail business when asked to support the United Way's need for donor access or to provide sponsorship for one of its many community projects; or as an individual when asked to volunteer or provide a personal donation."

The three-month campaign will feature a number of awareness events including night-time golf, a 24-hour ball tournament, harvest breakfasts at local Legion branches, a running marathon, an OPP bike ride, 100-mile dinners at participating local restaurants, and a haunted house for the children. The focus, however, will be on workplace campaigns based on payroll deduction – an easy and convenient way to give back to the community.

The United Way campaign will support a variety of health and social services delivered by 11 Member Agencies and a host of other registered Canadian charities operating in Renfrew County. RCUW will also direct campaign funds to address the six strategic priorities that

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communities in Renfrew County identified during the United Way's Community Matters public consultations. These priorities – including child poverty, youth, seniors, transportation, healthy living and safe affordable housing – will be addressed in partnership with other community stakeholder agencies.

Sheldon Keefe noted during the campaign launch that those in the community who are fortunate enough not to have to contend with serious health and social issues often forget that other community members aren't as fortunate. "It's not that we don't care, rather it's likely due to the fact that we aren't aware of them, because many of the issues facing people in our communities are hidden." The former NHL hockey player provided the audience with some stark examples like homelessness, which is a growing problem in Renfrew County affecting both youth and adults, or poverty that affects one out of nine children living in the county.

"We need total community support for the work of the United Way and its partner service delivery agencies", said Sheldon. "Renfrew County United Way receives no government assistance. It doesn't even own a money tree! The United Way relies on people like you and me to help it make a difference in our communities. We need Community Champions!"

Income tax receiptable donations can be made through participating workplace campaigns, via direct mail to the United Way office at 1330 Pembroke Street West Pembroke, Ontario K8A 7A3), or by means of a secure on-line service available at www.renfrewcountyunitedway.ca/ .

RCUW is an autonomous United Way region that is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. Through the generosity of donors, it raises funds to address human service needs in Renfrew County. It also assists communities in building the capacity to tackle high priority issues such as child poverty, homelessness, vulnerable youth and seniors. The funds raised in Renfrew County stay in the county to help people in need.

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For further information, please contact:

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August 10, 2011

Dear Ms. Reith;

This letter is to inform you that AECL's Chalk River Laboratories has applied to renew its Operating Licence from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). Our current licence was issued in 2006 and expires October 31 2011.

AECL recognizes that what we accomplish and how we operate are important to our neighboring communities and to Canadians as a whole. Under a new licence, AECL will continue to operate our facilities in a safe and secure manner; bringing energy, health, environmental and economic benefits from nuclear science and technology to the world.

The first part of the renewal process was the Day One public hearing held at the CNSC offices in Ottawa on June 08. The next part of the process is the Day Two public hearing that will take place in Chalk River on October 4 and 5. At the Day Two public hearing the Commission provides an opportunity for the public to comment on our licence application. AECL would like to ensure that you are aware that you, or your organization, can be an intervenor and express opinions in writing and/or in person at this hearing.

Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by September 6, 2011 either online, by phone or mail.

**For more information on how to intervene**
**Online:** http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/commission/intervention/
**Email:** interventions@snsc-ccsn.gc.ca
**Phone:** 1-800-668-5284

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| **Date of the Day 2 Hearing:** | **October 4 and 5 2011** |
| **Place:** | **Chalk River & Area Lions Club Hall**<br>**11 Kellette Street, Chalk River ON** |
| **Time:** | **Agenda to be scheduled closer to the hearing date.** |

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact our Site & Community Affairs Office by phone 1-800-364-6989 or email site&communityaffairs@acel.ca.

Best Regards,

Patrick Quinn
Manager, Site & Community Affairs
AECL Chalk River Laboratories

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August 5, 2011

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

Since last fall's municipal election, I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of new council members across Ontario who have asked me about the Province's relationship with municipalities.

Let me take this opportunity to communicate with all of you directly on this matter.

Our government has taken great strides to support local communities. We have made it a priority to work in partnership with the municipal sector.

There is no better example of this partnership in action than the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review. The Review is a landmark achievement, and is the result of an historic consensus reached by the Province, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the City of Toronto.

The work began with an announcement by Premier McGuinty in 2006, and culminated with the release of a consensus report in October 2008. The Review looked at delivering affordable services in flexible arrangements that acknowledge the diversity of local governments, including Northern municipalities.

One of the Review's key achievements is the uploading of the municipal share of social assistance benefit program costs by the Province.

In 2011, we completed the upload of the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits and we continue to phase in the upload of Ontario Works (OW) benefits. This builds on the previous upload of the Ontario Drug Benefit in 2008 and the administration component of ODSP in 2009. As a result of these uploads, municipalities will see savings totalling $947,000,000 in 2011.

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Looking ahead, we will begin uploading the cost of court security next year. By 2018, when all of these uploads are completed, including up to $125,000,000 annually in court-security costs, municipalities will see a net benefit of $1,500,000,000 per year. The removal of these costs from the property tax base will benefit all taxpayers within the County of Renfrew, including those residing in the Township of Head, Clara and Maria. By 2018, the County's net annual benefit is estimated at $5,967,000.

These uploads come with a clear timetable, which you can see on our ministry's website at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page181.aspx. They give upper- and lower-tier municipalities the advantage of knowing what to expect, and enable councils and staff to think long-term and plan for local priorities. These include building modern and efficient infrastructure, economic development, and job creation. We continue to encourage municipalities to discuss these priorities with their county or regional councils, where appropriate.

Furthermore, as part of our commitment to improving how services are funded and delivered, we have also provided new funding to municipalities to support their share of OW administration costs. As a result, municipalities will receive more than $160,000,000 annually in additional funding.

Even in these challenging economic times, our government has been steadfast in its commitment to the Review while some other governments have stepped back from funding commitments.

Our government's commitment to and actions for municipalities continues. As AMO President Peter Hume recently stated after this year's Ontario Budget: "Communities can take comfort in this budget's firm commitment to keep uploading provincial costs from the municipal property tax base. These uploads are needed to ensure that municipalities have the capacity they need to deliver core municipal programs and services."

This work forms a strong foundation for what we can continue to achieve by working together in the years ahead.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury
Minister

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August 25, 2011

Melinda Reith
Municipal Clerk
Townships of Head, Clara & Maria
Stonecliffe, Ontario K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Reith,

**Re: Support for Pelmorex Communications Inc. – The Weather Network/ MétéoMédia**

We would like to thank you for the support that Pelmorex received from the Townships of Head, Clara & Maria which helped to reinforce with the CRTC the importance of having The Weather Network and MétéoMédia on basic cable, as well as confirming the value of our service to our viewers. The letter which you sent to the CRTC supporting Pelmorex's application was an important part of the CRTC's decision making process.

With your help, the CRTC approved Pelmorex Communications Inc.'s application to renew its broadcasting licence for The Weather Network and MétéoMédia to August 31, 2018 and approved the continued distribution of our services as part of the basic television service for the same period, subject to Pelmorex meeting certain criteria by the end of this year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,

Paul Temple
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August 15, 2011

Ms. Melinda Reith
Clerk
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Dear Ms. Reith:

Thank you for your letter of July 28 on behalf of the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria regarding proposed legislation and grandparents' rights. I appreciate your sharing council's resolution with me.

Our government cares deeply about the well-being of Ontario's children — of all ages and from all walks of life. As you may know, the Ontario legislature prorogued on June 1. Any outstanding bills from the previous session may be reintroduced by members once the fall session of the Legislative Assembly reconvenes after the October 6 provincial election.

Thank you again for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

Dalton McGuinty
Premier