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Algonquin Land Claim

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Memorandum To: Municipal CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
County CAO's

From: Norm Lemke, Co-Chair
Municipal Advisory Committee

Subject: Algonquin Land Claim
Expiry of Non-Disclosure Period
and status of Non-Disclosure Agreement

This memorandum follows recent communications your municipality has received from Ontario's Chief Negotiator Brian Crane about the December 13, 2012 release of the Algonquin Land Claim Preliminary Draft Agreement in Principle (PDAIP) for public review.

The purpose of this communication is to confirm the status of the Non-Disclosure Agreement, which before December 13, 2012 enabled members of Ontario's negotiation team to share confidential information during the non-disclosure period with those who signed the agreement. The non-disclosure period is defined in the agreement as follows:

"Non-Disclosure Period" means the period running from June 18, 2012 and ending when a proposed Algonquin agreement in principle has been released to the public by Ontario likely in late autumn 2012.

Now that a Preliminary Draft Agreement-in-Principle ("PDAIP") is public, the non-disclosure period has expired. Therefore, the Non-Disclosure Agreement is no longer applicable to the previously shared confidential information. In fact, the PDAIP and recently mailed draft Descriptive Plans for proposed settlement land parcels in your municipality supercedes the previously confidential information shared in the Ontario meetings with you in June/July and October, 2012.

This is still a work in progress and subject to revision by the negotiation parties. Just as your previous input has influenced the process, revisions the three parties agree to make to the current draft document will also be informed by the current public review

process, including important meetings that are currently underway or planned with adjacent private landowners and legal interest holders on the Crown land proposed for transfer.

The current public review period will include public information sessions where all members of the public will be invited to learn more and share their views with the negotiating parties. The Algonquins, Ontario and Canada will be present at these public information sessions. The public, local ratepayers, including municipal staff and councils, are encouraged to attend any one of the sessions in order to have direct conversations and learn more about the PDAIP including the proposed settlement land parcels. Details on the public information sessions including dates, locations and times are posted on the website www.ontario.ca/algonquinlandclaim. Notices will also appear in newspapers and broadcast on radio.

If the Algonquins of Ontario ratification vote is deemed successful and the process continues, there are still several years of work before reaching the detailed, legal content of a Final Agreement. This will include more in-depth and case specific discussions with individual municipalities. As well, there will be additional opportunities for public and stakeholder input. All of these stages will help inform the next phase of negotiations before a final settlement agreement can be reached. Once a Treaty comes into effect, the orderly transfer of identified settlement land parcels would then begin.

I trust this information has provided clarity with respect to the status of the Non-Disclosure Agreement which ceased to be in effect on December 13, 2012.

As always if there are any matters of municipal interest related to the Algonquin land claim that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me or any other members of Ontario's negotiation team through the Ontario Public Information Office for the Algonquin Land Claim at alcinfo@ontario.ca or by calling the toll free number at 1-855-690-7070.

Norm Lemke, Co-Chair
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cc Brian Crane, Ontario Chief Negotiator

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Subject: AMO Breaking News - Social Assistance Transformation in Ontario
TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

Date: February 5, 2013

Social Assistance Transformation in Ontario – Next Steps

Premier-Designate Kathleen Wynne has indicated her intention to move forward to implement the recommendations contained within the Report of the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario.

AMO's President, Russ Powers, has corresponded with the Honourable John Milloy, the Minister of Community and Social Services, in regard to the shared provincial-municipal interest in transforming social assistance in Ontario. The President articulated AMO's desire to work with the government in order to improve outcomes for low-income Ontarians and persons with disabilities in our communities. There is much at stake, given the crucial role that income and employment support programs play to promote community health, reduce poverty and to enhance economic competitiveness.

Transforming social assistance promises many benefits. At the same time, it is also fraught with potential risks for municipalities. The recommendations to devolve provincial responsibility for the disability program to municipalities, along with a greater role in the delivery of employment supports, are significant. The recommendations require careful examination and consideration. We are open to new possibilities, but it needs to be under the right conditions with clear benefits for all, including municipal governments.

AMO believes social assistance transformation must adhere to the principles and commitments of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR) agreement of 2008. It is vital to ensure that there are no new costs to municipalities or transference of financial exposure as a result. Also, the dialogue on transforming social assistance in Ontario must include efforts to further integrate the delivery of income support and employment services with other human and social service delivery.

Ontarians can only benefit from well planned changes that are adequately resourced and allow for sufficient local flexibility to enable local innovation and efficiency in the delivery of social assistance and employment services.

AMO believes that a strong, collaborative provincial-municipal partnership is needed to achieve the desired outcomes. Our common interest is to: design, plan and see the delivery of an efficient and effective service; simplify and consolidate arrangements where appropriate; and focus strongly on results. At the same time, recognizing this is done in a common operating context of fiscal and capacity pressures, so getting it right is paramount.

AMO is working closely with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and alongside the City of Toronto to assess the recommendations and potential impacts to the current municipal service system manager structure as well as municipalities.

Careful consideration of the recommendations of the Social Assistance Review Commission, the Drummond report, as well as other ideas from AMO, municipalities, District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSAB's) and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) are essential as we move forward to consider the transformation of social assistance in Ontario.

To view a copy of AMO's Breaking News (October 24, 2012) concerning the release of the report of the Social Assistance Review Commission, visit AMO's website at: http://www.amo.on.ca/wcm/AMO/AMO_AMOAdvocacy.aspx?page=2&issue=social%20services

To view a copy of AMO's Breaking News (January 18th, 2013) concerning the release of the "Welfare to Work" white paper by the Ontario PC Caucus, visit AMO's website at: http://www.amo.on.ca/WCM/AMO/AMO_Content/PolicyUpdates/2013/OntarioPCCaucusReleaseWelfaretoWorkWhitePaper.aspx

To learn more about the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Delivery Review (PMFSDR), visit AMO's website at: http://www.amo.on.ca/wcm/AMO/AMO_AMOAdvocacy.aspx?tag=pmfsdr

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