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Council Communiqué

County Council Review

SEPTEMBER 2017

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Two New Councillors Takes Oath of Office

At the September session of County Council, the new Mayor of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, Robert Reid, and the Acting Mayor of Greater Madawaska Township, Brian Hunt, each took the Oath of Office making them the newest members of County Council. In July Mayor Jim Gibson submitted his resignation, and shortly thereafter Head, Clara and Maria Council appointed Mr. Reid to the Office of Mayor. With Mayor of Greater Madawaska Glenda McKay away on extended leave, local council appointed Brian Hunt to represent the municipality at the upper-tier in the interim.



*Councillor Robert Reid and Councillor Brian Hunt,
take the Oath of Office at County Council.*

Warden Murphy Announces Her Intention to Run

Mayor of Bonnechere Valley Township and Warden of the County of Renfrew, Jennifer Murphy, will be seeking a second term as warden of the County of Renfrew. Announcing at Wednesdays County Council Meeting, Warden Murphy says that there are a lot of issues to continue focusing on. Specifically she highlighted Bill 148, Highway 17, infrastructure needs, the Ontario Municipal Board changes, and dealing with the upper levels of government on downloading issues and ensuring that Renfrew County continues to be heard at the upper level.

County Council to Submit Letter of Intent

The County of Renfrew will submit a Letter of Intent to be designated as the Managing Body of the Ottawa River as part of the Canadian Heritage Rivers program, to maintain the responsibility of the management and administration of the Ottawa River, as defined by the Principles, Procedures and Operational Guidelines (2016) of the Canadian Heritage Rivers program. If successful, The Canadian Heritage Rivers program will be implemented through the Development & Property Committee. The Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) was created by the Federal, Provincial and Territorial governments to recognize outstanding and exemplary rivers of Canada and to ensure the sustainable management of the heritage values for generations to come. To qualify for inclusion in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, a river or section of a river must demonstrate outstanding cultural and/or natural heritage values, and offer quality recreational opportunities. The Ottawa River was designated a Heritage River in July 2016, and a plaque celebrating the designation will be unveiled on October 4th in Petawawa.

COUNCIL INITIATIVES

County Council Adopted By-Law 94-17 A By-Law to Appoint the County Committees for the Ensuing Year or Until Their Successors are Appointed.

County Council Adopted By-Law 95-17 Employment By-law #1 For County Officers and Staff.

County Council Adopted By-Law 96-17 A By-Law to Amend By-Law 91-16 Being a By-Law to Authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute a Service Manager Administration Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen In Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Housing to Participate on the 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund.

County Council Adopted By-Law 97-17 A By-Law to Amend By-Law 58-09 - Corporate Policies and Procedures for Child Care Services for the County of Renfrew.

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ANNOUNCING: SENIORS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM 2017-19

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Attention Ontario organizations that are interested in helping seniors:

The Ministry of Seniors Affairs is pleased to invite applications for the fifth annual Seniors Community Grant Program. Since its inception, these grants have supported more than 1,300 projects that have touched the lives of approximately 435,000 seniors. Funding of up to \$5 million is available in 2017-19 to organizations working to benefit Ontario seniors.

If you have a wonderful project idea for seniors, we want to hear from you!

NEW THIS YEAR!

Grants of up to \$100,000 are available for the first time this year. If you represent an incorporated organization and have an idea for a major project, you may be eligible.

WHAT KINDS OF GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE, AND WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must represent seniors' groups or offer programs or services that directly benefit Ontario seniors.

There are three types of grants:

1. Grants for individuals who represent seniors' groups, unincorporated or incorporated not-for-profit organizations, local services boards, municipalities or Indigenous groups that are incorporated.
Grant amount: From \$1,000 to \$3,000.
2. Grants for not-for-profit organizations that have been incorporated for at least one year, such as local services boards, municipalities or Indigenous groups.
Grant amount: From \$3,000 to \$12,000.
3. Grants for organizations that have been incorporated for more than two years. This can also include organizations that receive funding from the province of Ontario such as Community Health Centres, Family Health Teams, colleges and universities.
Grant amount: Up to \$100,000.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application form and guidelines can be found in English and French at: **www.ontario.ca/seniors**

DEADLINE:

Please note the deadline to apply for all grants is 5:00 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, November 30, 2017

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Ministry of Seniors Affairs

Web: **www.ontario.ca/seniors**

Email: **seniorscommunitygrant@ontario.ca**

Toll Free: 1-833-SCG-INFO (1-833-724-4636)

TTY: 1-800-387-5559

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September 8th, 2017

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Re: Via Rail High-Frequency Trail Proposal

Dear Ministers,

At the September 6th, 2017 session of Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, the following resolution from the County of Renfrew was supported:

WHEREAS VIA Rail has submitted a High-Frequency Train proposal to the Government of Canada for the Windsor-Quebec Corridor, the busiest in Canada;

WHEREAS this project aims to improve the quality, frequency and reliability of passenger rail services and will have a direct effect on the viability of VIA Rail by attracting more customers while stimulating economic growth;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project allows more options for connections with other modes of transportation such as light rail and local railways;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project provides access to the city centres of the railway network, which maximizes its relevance, efficiency and use;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project increases connections with smaller communities and increases intercity transit, and increases services on existing lines;

WHEREAS this project requires a significant financial contribution from the Government of Canada but also from private sector investments;

WHEREAS this project allows an increase in intercity passenger services, which will lead to significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector,

thereby effectively supporting the Government of Canada's environmental objectives and directions following the signing of the Paris Protocol;

WHEREAS the VIA Rail project is consistent with the Government of Canada's priorities for public transit infrastructure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus:

1. Support VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train Project;
2. Call upon the Government of Canada to provide financial support for VIA Rail's High-Frequency Train project;
3. Request the Government of Ontario to include VIA Rail's proposed High-Frequency Train project in the list of priority infrastructure projects for Ontario;
4. Call on the governments of Canada and Ontario to ensure that the High-Frequency Train projects of VIA Rail are carried out in a way that enables the user to have direct and fast access to railway stations and hubs in communities across rural Eastern Ontario.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Renfrew circulate a copy of this resolution to MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Renfrew County lower-tier municipalities.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Mantifel
Clerk-Treasurer

CC. The Honourable Steve Del Duca, Minister of Transportation
MP Gallant, Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke
MPP Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
County of Renfrew Lower-tier Municipalities



ROMA Speaks 2018 is two full days of educational programming designed for rural municipal representatives.

Why Attend ROMA Speaks 2018?

1. ROMA Speaks is exclusively about issues facing rural municipalities in Ontario.
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6. ROMA Speaks is the last major municipal conference prior to the scheduled Provincial election.

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- Broadband Gap Analysis
- Library Systems
- Risk Management
- Municipal Finances and Reporting
- *Municipal and Elections Act*
- The Growing North
- Onsite Wastewater
- Water and Wastewater servicing Innovation
- Changes in Rural Blue Box
- Social Media Workshop
- Environmental Assessment Costs
- Succession Planning
- Automated Vehicles
- *Drainage Act*
- School Closures

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One Day - Monday	\$350	\$425	\$400	\$475	\$ 450	\$ 550
Half Day - Tuesday	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$ 300	\$ 350

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Completed forms with payment can be sent to ROMA via fax at 416.971.9372 or e-mailed to events@roma.on.ca or mailed to ROMA, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, ON, M5H 3C6

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- Confirmation will be sent after each registration, modifications or cancellation. Review your confirmation carefully for accuracy.
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Additional Needs

Please list any dietary, accessibility or other needs:

WHOSE LAND IS IT ANYWAY?

Back to first principles in considering the role of municipalities in protecting natural heritage features



In the past few decades, following provincial planning direction, rural municipalities have assumed the front-line role in establishing land use policies to protect natural features through their official plans. As these policies have become more restrictive, rural land owners have sometimes chafed at the collar – and articulated a more basic, first-principles question: whose land is it anyway?

The issue came to a head in a series of public meetings convened recently in Huron County to receive public input on proposed new natural heritage policies. In those meetings, some rural residents came armed with crown patent documents demonstrating that they could trace legal-private control over their lands for over two centuries. In the face of such documentation, and claim of an inherent or constitutional right to manage their lands as they see fit, what

right does a municipality have to impose new, restrictive land use rules that these property owners perceive as dramatically decreasing the value of their property and their use and enjoyment of said property?

It was one of those “why is the sky blue?” moments for county staff, who didn’t have a ready explanation for a proposition that they may have previously taken for granted – the power of municipalities to impose land use rules that directly impact property rights. Rather than ignoring or dismissing a perfectly valid but foundational legal question, the county retained a legal firm to review the matter and provide some answers.

Huron County landowners brought three basic questions forward through their submission on the county’s new natural heritage policies. All three ques-

tions relate to the fundamental underlying tension between private property

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Finally, the *Municipal Act, 2001* does not establish an obligation to obtain consent from property owners before establishing the official plan or zoning by-law requirements.



rights and municipal powers to regulate land use. Specifically:

1. Do the Crown Patents for their farms limit the municipality's authority to regulate development on private land with the official plan or zoning by-law?
2. Do other Canadian constitutional documents like the *British North America Act*, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, or Ontario's key statute governing municipal powers, the *Municipal Act, 2001* provide the authority for a property owner to withhold consent to changes to the official plan or zoning by-laws that affect his or her respective property?
3. If a government authority designates land as "natural environment," is this the equivalent of expropriating land?

A legal opinion on each of these three questions was presented at a well-attended open public meeting. Here are the answers that were presented.

1. Crown Patents and Municipal Planning

The first question is related to whether a Crown Patent overrides municipal regulation. By definition, a Crown Patent is a legal document that is used to transfer land held by the federal or provincial government to a private owner. Dating back to the 1790s, a Crown Patent is a common originating document for establishing property rights for privately owned lands. As noted on the Province of Ontario website, a Crown Patent for a property would typically include:

- the name of the person buying the property from the Crown;
- the purchase price;
- a description of the land;

- the date of the patent; and
- any conditions or reservations the patent was subject to when it was issued.

Although there is a commonly held perception in some quarters that Crown Patents override the powers of the government to regulate lands, as explained below, neither applicable legislation, nor the courts, support this.

Canada's central constitutional document, the *British North America Act* (now the *Constitution Act, 1982*) allocates jurisdiction over "property and civil rights" to the provinces. This gives the Province of Ontario broad powers to pass the laws that affect property and associated rights, including laws that regulate land use. The leading court case is the 2012 decision of the Court of Appeal, *R. v. Mackie*,¹ which upheld the principle that the provinces have clear constitutional jurisdiction to legislate with respect to land use. In addition, the court in that case held that the Crown Patent was not designed to limit or reduce the provincial government's powers, but to "make more effectual provision for [the provincial government's] recognized jurisdiction pursuant to the law." Other cases have upheld this well-established principle that a Crown Patent does not supersede a municipality's authority to regulate land use through official plan or zoning by-law.

2. Property Rights and the Right to a Veto

The second question landowners asked was whether or not the *Constitution Act, 1982*, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* (the Charter) or Ontario's *Municipal Act, 2001* give property owners rights to simply refuse to consent to the application of official plan or zoning by-laws on their land. Each is discussed below.

The *Constitution Act, 1982* does not establish any protection for private property rights; rather, as outlined above, it

grants the provinces broad constitutionally-enshrined powers to pass laws that regulate private property rights.

With respect to the Charter, there is no question that the individual rights protected under that constitutional document apply to legislative and regulatory action by the provincial government, which include property rights legislation. As previously noted, provinces have delegated to municipalities their authority to legislate regarding property rights. Therefore, municipal zoning by-laws cannot infringe on a person's rights under the Charter.

The Charter itself, however, does not establish property right protections. In a 2003 Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) case, the court stated that, although the Charter can be applied to the *Planning Act* and its applications before the OMB, it contains no express provision protecting private property rights. The Canadian Bill of Rights, in contrast, does protect individuals' rights to enjoy their property; however, this protection only applies to areas of federal jurisdiction and does not extend to provincial laws such as Ontario's *Planning Act*. As noted previously, the *Constitution Act, 1982* granted the provinces broadly enshrined powers to pass laws that regulate private property rights. This principle has been affirmed in a number of court decisions.

Finally, the *Municipal Act, 2001* does not establish an obligation to obtain consent from property owners before establishing the official plan or zoning by-law requirements. In fact, the *Municipal Act, 2001* has no bearing on this issue. While the *Municipal Act, 2001* allocates a broad range of regulatory and administrative decision-making powers to Ontario municipalities, the municipal decision-making authority under consideration in this case is established in accordance with the *Planning Act*. Further, neither the *Planning Act* nor any other statute requires

¹ *R. v. Mackie*, 2012 O.J. 4718.

property owners' consent for municipal planning decisions. Municipalities are not only empowered to make such decisions, they have an obligation to do so in the exercise of their responsibilities under the *Planning Act*.

If a member of the public or property owner wishes to challenge a municipal planning decision, they must appeal through the OMB. However, the right of appeal is restricted to appeals based on valid planning grounds. An assertion of property rights alone is not sufficient to launch an appeal.

3. Do Planning Restrictions Expropriate Property Rights?

The third question asks if when government authority designates lands for environmental protection purposes, this is the equivalent of expropriating the land?

There is no question that the implementation of official plan policies and zoning requirements to more rigorously protect environmental features and sys-

tems – as proposed in the Huron NHP implementation strategy for Huron's natural heritage policies – has the potential to impose additional restrictions and requirements on the use of private lands by property owners. This is not unusual as municipal planning requirements evolve to comply with new provincial policies and best land use practices. It is well established in law, however, that such restrictions do not constitute "expropriation of property" rights that would impose on the municipality an obligation to compensate property owners.

"Downzoning" refers to a change in zoning to reduce the amount of permitted development on that land. Case law confirms that a municipal decision to effectively reduce property rights through "downzoning" does not constitute a de facto "expropriation of property rights," nor does it trigger an obligation on the part of the municipality to compensate the land owner.

If, however, the purpose of the "downzoning" is a "public purpose,"

such as establishing a park or community trail, the municipality must show an intention to expropriate that land. Accordingly, the property owner in such a case is likely entitled to compensation through the expropriation process. But, if a municipality has downzoned land without any intention to use it for a public purpose, the property owner is not entitled to any compensation.

The Upshot

In summary, our legal system does not hand any trump cards to landowners: there are no historical legal documents or constitutional vetoes to shelter under, and no compensation rights to be claimed in the face of increasingly rigorous municipal planning policies and regulations restricting property use. What is available, however, is the right to have the decision reviewed. The appeal, however, must be based on rational planning grounds, not simply a claim of the higher power of property ownership. **MW**

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From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Health Omnibus Bill introduced with Municipal Implications

September 27, 2017

Health Omnibus Bill introduced with Municipal Implications – including Ambulance, Fire Medic, and Long-Term Care Homes

Later today, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) will introduce omnibus legislation to amend a number of acts relevant to municipal government including the *Ambulance Act*, *Long-Term Care Homes Act*, and the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

The government announcement with information and context about the introduction of the *Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, 2017* is on the government newsroom [website](#).

Ambulance Act

We understand that this draft *Ambulance Act* legislation will open the door to the use of the fire-medical model. The MOHLTC Minister, the Honourable Dr. Hoskins, has committed that two pilot projects will test the use of firefighters certified as paramedics to respond to low-acuity calls in willing municipalities. Appropriate regulations and program design, along with municipal council approval, will be required before any such pilot projects can begin.

Over the last two years there have been strong AMO/municipal leaders' demands for this legislation to include language to prohibit arbitrators from replicating these pilot projects to protect unwilling municipal governments, if or when they are launched. If this is not in today's draft legislation, AMO and municipal elected leaders will continue to insist that the Province must address the labour relations concerns of municipal employers prior to these pilots' introduction by concurrently amending the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* and any other required legislation, as it amends the *Ambulance Act*.

Additionally through these *Ambulance Act* amendments, the Province is seeking to provide paramedics with increased flexibility to deliver alternative care options on-scene to patients. If adopted, paramedics will have the ability and authority to refer patients to destinations other than hospitals, as is currently required by law. This approach should benefit patients and reduce low-acuity emergency room visits. However, there are serious municipal/DSSAB questions about standards, training, and liability that need to be worked out before proceeding with any implementation.

The proposed legislative amendments do not address all long-standing issues of municipal concern. AMO and its municipal partners will continue to urge MOHLTC to make immediate improvements to the call triaging and dispatch system, as well as addressing the current non-urgent transfer requirements on an emergency service. Both matters are part of the MOHLTC Phase 2 plan to enhance emergency services in Ontario.

Long-Term Care Homes Act

The amendments to this Act are intended to enhance Ontario's quality and safety inspection program for Long-Term Care Homes. This would include new enforcement tools that the government could apply including financial penalties and new provincial offences for non-compliance with the Act and regulations.

Municipal governments are proud of our solid record in providing quality long-term care and want a system that will enhance that tradition. Analysis of the proposed amendments is required. Generally, there is support of enforcement steps to deal with homes that chronically do not meet standards as long as the response is proportionate to the action and the process is sound.

Health Protection and Promotion Act

The proposed changes to the Act would enable the permitting of regulations of recreational water facilities. This would include splash pads, wading pools and other personal service settings like nail salons, barber shops and tattoo parlours.

AMO and our members will consider the impact of the proposed changes and assess their ability to better prevent infection in these settings in a cost effective manner.

Other

The omnibus bill also proposed to amend the following Acts:

- *Health Sector Payment Transparency Act*
- *Retirement Homes Act*
- *Oversight of Health Facilities and Devices Act*
- *Medical Radiation and Imaging Technology Act*
- *Excellent Care for All Act*
- *Ontario Drug Benefit Act*
- *Ontario Mental Health Foundation Act.*

A high-level explanation of the proposed changes to the 10 pieces of legislation are found also on the government website in a [backgrounder](#).

AMO staff and the AMO Health Task Force will review all these legislative amendments in detail to assess the municipal impacts. Further information to members will be provided when available.



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Bill 68 Proclamation Dates Released

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs has released scheduled proclamation dates for Bill 68, the *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act*. As seen below, the provisions of Bill 68 will be implemented in two phases, with the dates for some remaining provisions still be announced. We will continue to update this post as more information becomes available.

Phase 1: January 1, 2018

Changes to council composition (including temporary replacement of a member of upper tier council)

New definition of a meeting

New closed meeting exceptions

Electronic participation in council meetings

Small business programs

Phase 2: March 1, 2019

Codes of Conduct

Integrity Commissioner provisions

Policy on Staff-Council relations

Policy for pregnancy/ parental leave

Policy for protection of a tree canopy

TBD

Amendments related to property taxes, tax collection and tax sales

Prudent Investor Status

You can find more information on the scheduled proclamation dates for Bill 68, on e-laws (<http://https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25>).

For more:

[Bill 68 Passes Third Reading \(http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/May-2017/Bill-68-Passes-Third-Reading\)](http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/May-2017/Bill-68-Passes-Third-Reading)

[AMCTO Releases Submission on Bill 68 \(http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/April-2017/AMCTO-Releases-Submission-on-Bill-68\)](http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/April-2017/AMCTO-Releases-Submission-on-Bill-68)

[Government Releases Changes to Municipal Legislation \(http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/November-2016/Government-Releases-Changes-to-Municipal-Legislation\)](http://www.amcto.com/BLOG/November-2016/Government-Releases-Changes-to-Municipal-Legislation)

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TransCanada Announces Termination of Energy East Pipeline and Eastern Mainline Projects

CALGARY, ALBERTA--(Marketwired - Oct. 5, 2017) - News Release - TransCanada Corporation (TSX:TRP) (NYSE:TRP) (TransCanada) announced today it will no longer be proceeding with its proposed Energy East Pipeline and Eastern Mainline projects.

Following is a statement from TransCanada President and Chief Executive Officer Russ Girling:

After careful review of changed circumstances, we will be informing the National Energy Board that we will no longer be proceeding with our Energy East and Eastern Mainline applications. TransCanada will also notify Quebec's Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, et Lutte contre les changements climatiques that it is withdrawing the Energy East project from the environmental review process.

We appreciate and are thankful for the support of labour, business and manufacturing organizations, industry, our customers, Irving Oil, various governments, and the approximately 200 municipalities who passed resolutions in favour of the projects. Most of all, we thank Canadians across the country who contributed towards the development of these initiatives.

We will continue to focus on our \$24 billion near-term capital program which is expected to generate growth in earnings and cash flow to support an expected annual dividend growth rate at the upper end of an eight to 10 per cent range through 2020.

As a result of its decision not to proceed with the proposed projects, TransCanada is reviewing its approximate \$1.3 billion carrying value, including allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) capitalized since inception and expects an estimated \$1 billion after-tax non-cash charge will be recorded in the company's fourth quarter results. TransCanada stopped capitalizing AFUDC on the project effective August 23, 2017, as disclosed on September 7, 2017. In light of the project's inability to reach a regulatory decision, no recoveries of costs from third parties are expected.

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Policing Policy and Bill 68 Update

Policing Grants

AMO has just been provided details regarding the government's plan for policing grants in 2018-19. Earlier in September, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) wrote to Police Chiefs and Police Service Board Chairs to advise that for next year, police services will again have the option to apply for funding under the old or new model.

The Ministry has also advised that 2018-19 will be the last year in which the Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (PAVIS), Community Policing Partnership (CPP), and the 1,000 Officers grants will be offered. For the past twelve years, these three grants have funded the provincial cost share of over 2,000 front-line officers. New granting criteria for 2019-20 will not necessarily be directed to front-line officers in the future.

Questions related to this potential financial risk should be discussed locally with Boards and Chiefs. Specific questions related to policing grants should be directed to the MCSCS. If you have any questions, please contact Steffie.Anastasopoulos@ontario.ca or James.Y.Lee@ontario.ca.

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New Policing Bill Anticipated This Fall

After five years of consultation through the Future of Policing Advisory Committee, a new *Police Services Act* is expected to be introduced this fall. Municipal governments are looking for three key changes to improve and modernize policing and public safety services:

- **Reforms that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of police spending, especially in smaller communities.** Increased police spending does not mean increased public safety and security. New legislation must consider sustainability.
- **The civilianization of specific functions that do not require a police officer, to manage costs and effective use of resources.** Efforts to modernize policing must clearly allow civilians to perform some non-core policing functions that do not necessitate an armed, sworn officer.

- **Governance reforms that clarify the mandate of police services boards and provide resources to support effective civilian oversight.** Designing a successful civilian oversight system through police services boards is a critical part of the future. This must include Ministry resources for board training and support.

Ontarians pay the highest policing costs in the country. This includes both provincial and municipal spending. In 2014-2015, Ontarians spent \$347 per capita on policing, which is at least \$20 more than Albertans, \$38 more than Quebecers, and \$58 more than British Columbians. AMO is seeking to modernize policing, so that all Ontario communities can afford police services, along with all the other public programs and services that keep people safe and healthy. An updated report on emergency service costs in Ontario was provided at the 2017 AMO Conference. A copy of that presentation is available [here](#).

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Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 (MOMLA)* Timing

- The changes made through MOMLA will come into force in phases. While some sections of MOMLA came into force on Royal Assent, many of the sections will come into force on dates to be proclaimed. A phased approach to proclamation has been confirmed, which would bring certain amendments into force on January 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019, respectively.
- The changes made through MOMLA that will come into force on January 1, 2018, include provisions respecting small business programs, open meetings, and other provisions.
- The second proclamation date is March 1, 2019, and will bring into force changes to municipal accountability and transparency framework that include provisions respecting codes of conduct, integrity commissioner, conflict of interest, mandatory policies and other provisions. This includes the requirement for a policy regarding the relationship between members of council and the officers and employees of the municipality.
- For more information about the proclamation of certain MOMLA provisions, please refer to the legislation on E-laws (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws>) where in force timing will be embedded.
- AMO will continue to monitor progress and keep members informed.

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North Renfrew County Health Link Fall Communiqué

Care Coordinator Community of Practice Session

On September 13, 2017, twenty- one people from eight organizations and programs attended another gathering of the North Renfrew County Health Link Community of Practice. It is our plan to host quarterly meetings for front line providers who are using the Health Link approach in their day-to-day practice. Of those twenty-one people, eighteen of them are currently or soon to be acting as Health Link Care Coordinators with patients and clients within their own organization.

Martha Wiggin, a trainer with Living Healthy Champlain, spoke to the group about skills needed for successful care conferences. She raised the issue of health literacy, or "the degree to which people are able to access, understand, appraise and communicate information to engage with the demands of different health contexts in order to promote and maintain good health across the life-course" (British Columbia Health Literacy Research Team. Kwan, Frankish & Rootman, 2006). She urged front line providers not to assume that the patients will be able to comprehend or absorb clinical information. Instead, information should be presented in a way that allows and encourages patients to feel welcome to ask questions.

"[The Health Link Care Coordinator] was always available to me. In the beginning, I was so busy caring for my husband and

she was able to take things off my plate" – NRCHL caregiver, August 2017

"[The Health Link Care Coordinator] is a very, very good nurse. I feel confident with her and I don't normally feel comfortable with people" – NRCHL patient, August 2017

Care Coordinator Coach Announcement

North Renfrew County Health Link is pleased to announce that Michele Smith will be our full time Care Coordinator Coach for the rest of the 2017/18 year! A long time educator with the Diabetes Education Clinic, Michele has a myriad of interests and abilities. *Elle parle français, aussi.* Her role will be to provide one-on-one coaching to all providers taking a Health Link approach within North Renfrew County Health Link.

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Thank You to Health Link Partners

Chantale LeClerc, CEO of the Champlain LHIN, recently posted a video message to thank partners for embracing the Health Link concept and working so diligently to provide patient-centred care to our most vulnerable patients.

The link for the video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2htnaeFUSXo>

Change Day

Change Day is a grassroots movement that is being adopted around the world to improve quality compassionate care. In Canada, the British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan Health Councils have all championed successful Change Days over the last two years. *Change Day Ontario* has been designed to empower people within the health system to make positive changes through pledging to take actions, big or small, to improve compassionate quality care. It will harness the power of social media to generate interest in simple, positive ways.



**Change Day
Ontario**

The difference is you.

Change Day Ontario is happening now. It isn't only a day, but is a movement that runs for a few months and culminates in a day of celebration on November 17th, 2017.

Change ideas include "I will greet patients and introduce myself", "I will walk the stairs at work", and "I will accompany my elderly relatives to their appointments" We at North Renfrew County Health Link challenge our partners and ourselves to think about a small change we can pledge. We are suggesting the following pledge:

"We pledge to improve the care of complex clients in the Champlain LHIN by coordinating their care"

You can make a pledge on the Change Day Ontario website:
<http://www.changedayontario.ca/>

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