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To: Subject:

AMO Policy Update - Important OMAFRA Mainstreet Funding Information

January 23, 2018

\$26 Million Main Street Revitalization Fund Announced – AMO to be Fund Administrator

Today, the Minister of OMAFRA and Small Business announced the Main Street Revitalization Initiative, the government's approach to the distribution of the \$26 million support for Ontario's main streets and their business communities. All single and lower tier municipal governments (except Toronto) are to receive funding that will enhance and revitalize downtowns and main street areas.

The Ministry has determined the allocation of the funds to each municipal government, which is available <u>here</u>. Questions related to the allocation formula amount can be directed to the OMAFRA Contact Centre: 1-877-424-1300.

AMO has agreed to provide the administrative services. Its experience in administering the federal gas tax will help put appropriate accountability framework in place efficiently. AMO's desire is to finalize an OMAFRA/AMO transfer payment agreement as quickly as possible so that it can undertake the necessary work to distribute the funds and reporting obligations for municipal governments.

AMO will keep municipal governments informed of our progress so that they can get ready to make these funds work locally to support their main streets.

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2018 January 23

Mayor Robert Reid Township of Head, Clara & Maria 15 Township Hall Road Stonecliff, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Mayor Reid:



Homelessness, as you may know, is a reality in many Renfrew County communities - but there is hope. Two agencies are on the front lines helping homeless community members secure temporary accommodations. During 2017, 24 homeless youths were assisted by Renfrew County Safe Shelter for Youth (led by Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County), while 80 men and women were helped by The Grind Pembroke's Emergency Refuge for adults.

The work these organizations do to help our homeless goes beyond providing a warm place to stay. Homeless clients are also connected to the supports that will hopefully lead them to safe, independent healthy living. Homeless services include:

- Helping youth return to their homes, or find accommodations with relatives or friends:
- Arranging for basic living needs including food, clothing, identification etc.:
- Conducting needs assessments to fully understand the client's issues; and
- Providing case management services to ensure the client is matched with the appropriate community health and social services.

This work depends on generous community donors who live and work right here in Renfrew County. Last year in February, several hundred Renfrew County residents joined me in raising needed funds for Safe Shelter for Youth and The Grind Refuge by walking in **Coldest Night of the Year** through the streets of Pembroke. Thanks to their help, we raised over \$75,000 to support homeless community members.

But homelessness is an on-going challenge, so we appeal for your help this year! On Saturday, February 24, 2018, I invite you and your family members, friends and colleagues to join me in the 2018 version of Coldest Night of the Year. This is a superfun, family friendly fundraising walk where teams of people bundle up in their warmest

winter gear to walk 2k, 5k, or 10k routes through the city of Pembroke. This year, the event will start and end at the Pembroke Armory with a light, warm meal and stylish official event toque provided to all registered participants.

There are a number of ways to get involved:

- 1) **Form a team.** Find 7 to 10 friends, co-workers, family members and others and register a team. The easiest way is to register is online at www.cnoy.org. Search for the "Pembroke" event. Once on the site, simply click on "Registration" and follow the simple steps. If you need help, you can call toll free at 1-877-743-3413.
- 2) **Join the Challenge.** CNOY is a unique way for your business, school, church, club, agency or organization to reach out to others by challenging friends and colleagues to see who can raise the most donations to help meet a pressing community need. See how easy it is by reading the enclosed "Challenge Brochure".
- 3) Become a Corporate Sponsor. We are looking for caring companies, clubs, churches or groups to become part of our corporate sponsorship family. We will be happy to send you information and meet with you about the exciting possibilities regarding your sponsorship of this amazing event. Contact Dave Studham or leave a message at 613-732-9423.
- 4) Make a donation. Every dollar we raise goes directly to helping youth, adults and even families overcome homelessness and begin a new and healthy chapter in their lives. Please give generously to help this crucially important work. Contact CNOY Steering Committee Member, Chris St. Jean, or leave a message at 613-732-9423.
- 5) **Become a volunteer.** A large event like CNOY requires the help of many people. So as the old saying goes, 'many hands make light work'. You can register on-line at www.cnoy.org, following "Pembroke -Volunteer".

Please feel free to call me at 613-732-9423 with any questions you might have.

Thank you for considering to support our efforts to fight homelessness in Renfrew County.

Sincerely.

David Studham, Steering Committee Chair Coldest Night of the Year - Pembroke



It's cold out there.

On February 24th, **CNOY Pembroke**, on behalf of lead charity **Family & Children's Services of Renfrew County (Safe Shelter for Youth)** and supported by **The Grind Pembroke (Emergency Refuge for Adults)** is hosting the **Coldest Night of the Year**, a 2, 5 & 10 km winter walk hosted in 125+ cities across Canada in support of our work here in Renfrew County with the hungry, homeless, and hurting.

- **GOAL:** With your help, our goal is to raise \$50,000 by February 24th, 2018!
- **HOW:** To accomplish our goal, we're looking for 40 team captains (of all shapes, sizes and ages) who will recruit 7-8 friends to their team, with a goal of raising \$2000 per team. Of course, we're also looking for a whole pile of walkers to join each of our teams and help us raise the funds.
- TOQUE BONUS: Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque.

* contact

If you have any questions or need promotional materials please contact us below:

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***** get started

HOW TO CAPTAIN A TEAM FOR CNOY PEMBROKE

Once you've registered, your team and name will show up on the Scoreboard and on our location page too! (Note: it takes 5-10 minutes to appear.)

- Visit cnoy.org and click the REGISTER button at the top of the page
- Create your new account (or sign in to your account from last year)
- Select the LOCATION where you'll be walking and continue
- Click to accept the WAIVER and continue
- Under REGISTRATION TYPE, click CREATE A TEAM
 - Name your team (and write a brief description)
 - Accept or increase your fundraising goal (this can be edited later!)

Once you've registered, your team will show up on our CHARITY PAGE, which is: cnoy.org/Pembroke.

You can begin recruiting team members and raising funds immediately!

HOW TO JOIN A TEAM FOR CNOY PEMBROKE

If you would like to walk with us but don't want to start a team, please join our general team called "Renfrew County Orphans".

- Visit cnoy.org and click the REGISTER button at the top of the page
- Create your new account (or sign in to your account from last year)
- Select the LOCATION where you'll be walking and continue
- Click to accept the WAIVER and continue
- Click JOIN A TEAM (or register individually if you wish and join a team later)
- Search for your TEAM by name or captain name
 - Select that team from the list and proceed to complete registration







about the challenge

Bundle up your big-hearted business, club, church, or service organization in the Coldest Night of the Year, Canada's National Walk for Homelessness.

The Coldest Night of the Year raises money with and for approved Canadian charities, who serve thousands of Canadians experiencing homelessness, and thousands more facing the constant challenge of living right on the edge.

features + benefits

CNOY is a unique way for your business, school, or church to reach the wide audience of a national event, while aligning yourself with local charities dedicated to making a difference.

- * Campaign Page. Once you have multiple teams, you get your own mini-event webpage with your own brand, message, and campaign results. It's easy to find, easy to track, and fun for building buzz and competition among your teams.
- * Campaign Coaching. From beginning to end, we're here to help you plan, recruit, and support your campaign. We provide fast one-on-one support for any team captains you recruit. Stress-free = easy to do great.





support your staff, better your community, and get noticed on a national stage.







- * Staff Involvement. This is a fun, family-friendly event that people of all ages and stages can participate in. Your staff, students, or volunteers will feel pride flying their colours in this national event, while having a great time together.
- * Real Impact. Money raised in the WALK gets disbursed to the local charity your teams are walking and fundraising for in their community. Your teams of walkers will know they're making a real difference in the lives of the hungry, homeless, and hurting in their town.

what's required?

Joining the Challenge is easy for any business, club, or organization - we ask for three commitments:

- * Make the event a priority. Because it matters!
- * Recruit teams and walkers from your organization. You'll be more successful... and have more fun.
- * Commit to fundraising. Because this is a fundraiser, and the charity you are walking for needs it.

i have more questions!

We've got answers! Read through our FAQ and see some Corporate Challenge pages in action - visit **cnoy.org/challengeabout**

next steps + contact

Contact us with any questions about the program and get your organization set up fast - normally within an hour!



Jen Taylor
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Email jen@blueseaphilanthropy.org
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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

From:

Peever, Shawn (OPP)

Sent:

Thursday, February 8, 2018 10:35 AM

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Crimestoppers; HCM twp; LH twp; LVTP; NAW twp; Ronald

Gervais (**); Treena Lemay; WWR

Cc:

Smith, Patrick J. (OPP)

Subject:

FW: News release from the OPP - POLICE PROBE OF AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

CONCLUDES

FROM/DE: Criminal Investigation
Services DATE: February 8, 2018

POLICE PROBE OF AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE CONCLUDES

No Criminal Charges to be Laid

(ORILLIA, ON) - Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has concluded a lengthy, complex, international criminal investigation into allegations of criminal wrongdoing on the part of senior employees of ORNGE, Ontario's air ambulance service. Based on the information gathered and analyzed, the OPP has insufficient evidence to support laying criminal charges.

The investigation began in February 2012 and was led by the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB). The investigation came at the request of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC). The OPP is mandated to investigate possible criminal activities in governments or agencies of government, including fraud, breach of trust, theft, and misappropriation of funds.

The OPP investigative team faced considerable investigative challenges during the months and years it took to acquire and review in excess of 41 gigabytes of information, more than 97,000 documents, more than 500,000 email communications, and interviews of 58 people in Canada, the United States and Italy, all in an effort to gain:

- an understanding of the corporate structure and evolution of ORNGE, a private company;
- an awareness of the performance agreement and reporting structure between ORNGE and MOHLTC; and,
- insight into the relationships between ORNGE and vendors of aircraft.

The investigation including the forensic accounting work spent on this file - between February 2012 and April 2017 - required 1,789 hours of time and cost slightly less than \$250,000. The ORNGE corporate structure has been described by the Government of Canada's forensic accounting agency - Forensic Accounting Management Group (FAMG) - as "artificial complexity."

Police supported their conclusion of this lengthy investigation without laying criminal charges by referencing oversight deficiencies identified in the Ontario Auditor General's March 2012 Special Report (entitled "ORNGE AIR AMBULANCE - FLYING OUT OF REACH") and Interim Report #1 by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts ("ORNGE AIR AMBULANCE AND RELATED SERVICES") from June of 2013.

The OPP "Ornge Air Ambulance Financial Irregularities Investigation Summary", a redacted version of a 94-page OPP "Ornge Air Ambulance Financial Irregularities Investigation Report" and "Government of Ontario ORNGE Investigation: Timeline" documents are available at opp.ca/media/ornge

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AMO Policy Update - Call to Action - Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal

Governments

Attachments:

Call to Action - Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal Governments 2018-02-02

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February 2, 2018

Call to Action - Fire Medic Protection Needed for Municipal **Governments**

There is only a narrow opportunity before the provincial election for municipal governments to get legislated protection from arbitrators imposing fire medic pilots or programs on unwilling municipalities. This legislative opportunity is having this protection included in the upcoming Budget Bill expected in March or April 2018.

Bill 160, the Strengthening Quality and Accountability for Patients Act, is now law without the legislative amendments AMO and its members demanded to be included. The Province may assume that this issue has gone away with the legislation now in place.

It has not and now the risk is more dire. We need your voice now to secure these legislative changes before the House rises this spring. The window for any new legislation is closing soon – the Budget Bill is likely our last chance.

Please review and support the attached draft resolution. Please send it immediately to the Premier. and copy the Ministers and your local MPP. (See e-contacts below that will help you do this).

Your strong voice and support on this significant issue is needed and welcome.

Who to send resolution to:

- a. Office of the Premier, Honourable Kathleen Wynne
- b. Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
- c. Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, <u>Honourable Marie-France Lalonde</u>
- d. Minister of Labour, Honourable Kevin Flynn
- e. Minister of Municipal Affairs, Honourable Bill Mauro
- f. Your local MPP
- g. AMO, AMO President.

AMO Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, mturner@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 318.

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Home Owners' Presentation to the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee:

Burns Drive/Mountainview Drive/Heritage Place Delegation Presentation
June 8, 2017 10 am.

Delegates: Phil DeGreef, Nancy Holderny, Duane MacDougall

Observers: Steve Bennett, George Hodgkinson, Brian Hugli, Debbie Robinson, Dean Sauriol, Keith Watt

Outline of presentation and Details: Hand out map:

Burns Drive (39)/Mountainview Drive(13)/Heritage Place(9) = 61 dwellings in 2.7 kms.

- A. <u>The terms of reference</u> County has undertaken this project in a way that placed locals on the defensive:
 - 1) the County has not consulted residents of the County or along the rail line.
 - a) Purchased at \$320 000 and lost \$350 000 in tax revenue from CPR,
 - b) named the trail,
 - c) environmental study without presenting the results.(soil conditions after 100 years of RR)
 - d) the property development Chair visited municipalities with the plans and did not allow Councils the opportunity to poll their constituents before calling the vote to purchase the land,
 - e) bi-weekly newspaper articles indicate someone is promoting this trail concept,
 - f) today's meeting is scheduled for 10 minutes for such a vast topic for discussion.
 - 2) attendance at trail meetings reveals a 'mentality of a frenzy' running through the County staff Conclusion: the County has proceeded without consulting the public. WE HAVE:
 - 3) community survey We have consulted the public for our presentation.
 - 84 % return rate/ 97.8 % for non-motorized use of rail lands. These results are on the public record with the Township and at the County.
- B. The uniqueness of our location along a proposed trail (requiring attention)
 - 1) motorized craft already run on the river side of our properties we don't need them on the other side too
 - 2) safety/peace and quiet in 1.7 kms there are 5 crossings for accident potential, stop/go potentials increase, (who has the right of way between a trail and a private driveway used by 39 households?), 95% of the homes' bedrooms are on the rail line sides of the homes, 2 accidents at my home already one struck a berm at high speed, the other was a snowmobile, multiple roll over, machines are going by at 3 am
 - 3) leaving Smith Falls, this is the first contact with the Ottawa River for proposed trail private properties are already invaded by trespassers from the rail bed a trail changes private lands to public access trespassing, parking issues
 - 4) topography our land is nestled below a 40 foot embankment that directs all noises, all smells, all fuel pollution and all ATV 'track dust' in to our homes many ATVers will not run on rail beds b/c of this condition (articles are available listing level ground trail problems near homes from other locations), our location receives 100 % of noise, smells, pollution).

5) right of way width here is only 90 feet – not 100 like elsewhere in the County – moving all issues above 5 feet closer to our living spaces.

C. Economics

- 1) the false economy 3 meals and 1 bed per rider a day, a trail just redistributes the "wealth" around the county,
- 2) trail passes do not cover, and will not, the cost, the maintenance, or the lost tax revenues, (x 2),
- A. real estate agents claim our property values will decline, (article can be supplied to support this), (up to 15%)
- B. what economic value comes from having motorized vehicle traffic pass residential properties?,- any economic value will only be delivered at end points/destinations.
- C. Can the County support the development of 3 trails? (see D below).

D. <u>Duplicate services</u>-

- 1) There are already enough trails in the County the CN line has already been accepted and developed for motorized trail use,
- Active transportation has already had its impact on the re-design and re-construction of hwy 148 from Angus Campbell Drive to the Quebec bridge with extra side lanes being installed,
- 3) Are 3 "trails" needed in our community?

E. Policing problems -

- 1) Signs, berms and self-user policing are not policing,
- 2) OPP will not respond to trespassers on the County property ("for a \$55-110 ticket enforcement").
- 3) No guarantees can ever be given to protect 'locals' because it is impossible to police such a feature as a motorized trail with all the dynamic characteristics that it has, (too many access points , after dark runnings, by the time the 'posse' arrives, the 'criminal" is gone,

F. Solutions:

- 1) consult your public and follow their wishes, (not outsiders), let locals be on your committees to have input,
- 2) follow examples of existing trails and avoid residential areas with motorized portions of the trail (like Grand Bend, Owen Sound, and Kincardine).
- 3) Define use of motorized recreation vehicles as rural activities that are not used in suburban or urban areas,
- 4) Lease or sell a portions along suburban areas to the residents (as a buffer to the private properties) and install (at your expense) effective noise and smell abatement systems,
- 5) Discontinue the trail at the Quebec bridge going west and go east to the CN line and sell the rail lands to the west to the locals and use the profits to develop the rest of the trail system where it should be built in rural areas.



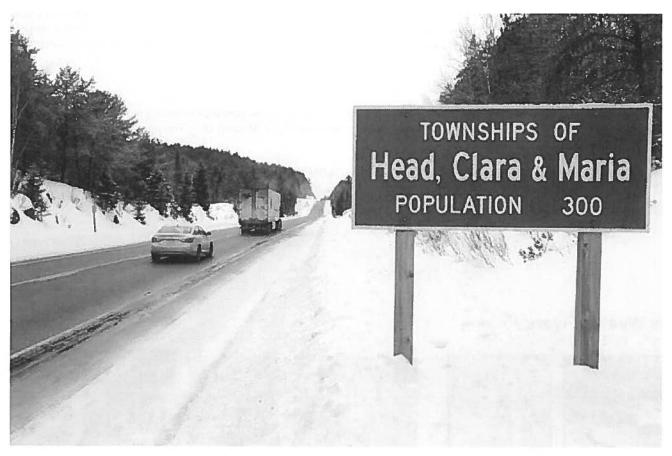
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NEWS LOCAL

HCM wants to avoid legal fight with Renfrew County over Algonquin Trail



By Sean Chase, The Daily Observer Saturday, February 3, 2018 9:04:26 EST AM



The Trans-Canada Highway, heading in to Head, Clara and Maria Township. The township says it doesn't want to get into a legal battle with the County of Renfrew over the Algonquin Trail.

Head, Clara, Maria (HCM) Township says it doesn't want to get into a legal battle with the County of Renfrew over the Algonquin Trail.

ounty council supported a request from the development and property committee to spend \$20,000 to obtain a legal opinion in the face of claims from HCM that the trail has been developed and pushed through without consultation with the municipality. Of the 219 kilometres that make up the Algonquin Trail, 65 kilometres run through HCM.

Although the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee met with the township on Jan. 23 to provide an update on the trail, HCM council did pass a resolution calling for direct meetings with County staff to resolve outstanding issues over public safety on the multi-use trail and the risks involved. The township is equally concerned about lower tier liability and indemnification with respect to crossings on municipal roads and

unopened road allowances and the restrictions and costs associated with by-passes imposed by the County.

The township also wants the lease agreement with Missing Link Snowmobile Club rescinded immediately, a deal that had originally been requested by former HCM Mayor Jim Gibson back in the fall of 2016. HCM is also seeking a commitment from the county to provide resource to enforce trail rules and provide or finance increased police presence on the artery, as well as assistance with fire management and suppression costs due to increased traffic on the trail.

In a Jan. 24 letter to County council, HCM clerk/chief administrative officer Melinda Reith stated the municipality felt "blindsided" by the appearance of snow machines speeding past residential properties along the trail corridor alleging those drivers were disrespecting municipa roads and private property. She noted they received a legal opinion that concluded the counties that purchased the former Canadian Pacific Line in order to establish the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail, which is called the Algonquin Trail in Renfrew County, "overstepped their authority." Reith added they don't want to stop the trail from being developed.

"Council would like to be heard when determining which sections should be motorized, which should not and to be a constructive part of the management plan within our municipality in the future and not be bullied into compliance by an upper tier without consultation," she wrote.

However, during debate on the resolution to obtain the legal opinion, HCM Mayor Robert Reid said he doesn't want this to be a fight between the county and the township adding they are not against the trail. Reid said his council reacted the complaints and concerns of residents adding he didn't believe information about the trail had been delivered back to council by Gibson, who abruptly resigned last July without explanation.

"I know in my heart of hearts that information was given at County that wasn't coming back to us and vice-versa," said Reid. "We don't want this going on any longer. This is something that has got to be worked out between the trail and the people involved. Our council wants to get past this and get behind it. We want to move forward and not be in a knock out, blown down fight."

Arnprior Reeve Walter Stack, who met with HCM council during that Jan. 23 meeting, said he was surprised to hear such a conciliatory message from Reid and was shocked to hear that the township would have any objections to a trail that could provide enormous economic spin-offs in terms of tourism. While he also wanted to avoid a lawsuit, Stack advocated spending \$100,000 to have the matter settled once ar for all.

"Let's get it in the courts and get it done," he said.

Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet, who chairs the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee, extended an olive branch to Reid and his council explainin that it was Gibson who came to council and supported the lease agreement with Missing Link. The county complied with what the member from HCM at the time asked for, Sweet added.

"It's not our manner to take on a legal fight with another member municipality," he said. "We have spent hours to make this happen and it is a legacy and the backbone of a huge opportunity."



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Crunching the data from County rail trail meetings

February 4, 2018 - 12:24 pm

by Robin Sukhu

About one year ago Lanark County organized public consultations to get feedback about the rail trail. The contentious part of the OVRT is "should motorized vehicles be allowed through the residential sections of Almonte".

I attended one of those meetings. I recall the meeting being advertised as a chance to register support or opposition for the motorized proposal. Based on my recollection, that was the main objective. Attendees would make their position clear in person. Their feedback would be tabulated, and the will of the public would be communicated to the decision–makers, the Lanark Council.

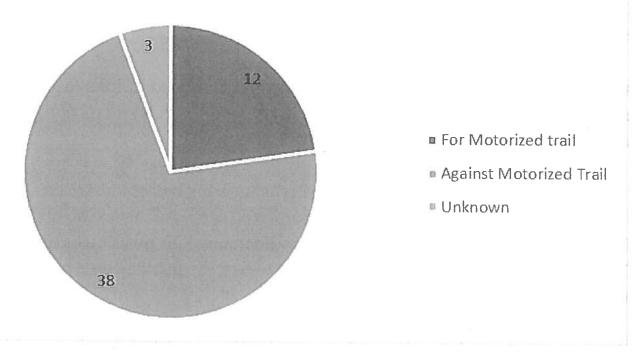
About one week ago I asked Lanark County for the raw data from those public consultations. I received an electronic copy of 53 written responses from the people who attended. These written responses are from people who took the time to attend and who invested the effort to provide involved detailed responses.

The County also received email responses but the did not provide me with the email responses.

The County can easily verify the names and addresses of the 53 written responses. The authenticity of the email responses is almost impossible to verify. My point being that the high-value data from the process is those 53 written responses.

It took me a couple of hours to tabulate the 53 responses. Here are the results:

Written Responses from Public Consultations (absolute numbers not percentages)



In percentage terms:

- 71% of the written verifiable responses were against the motorized trail
- 22% of the written verifiable responses were for the motorized trail
- 7% did not make an unambiguous declaration

When I attempted to verify my findings with Lanark County I was informed that they never tabulated the data.

I asked staff to verify that:

"Lanark Council was provided with the raw data from the public consultations – the council was not provided with an analysis of the data, i.e., x % or respondents in favor of motorized trail y% opposed"

The answer was "Yes" that is an accurate statement. The council received no synopsis of the raw data.

As I previously mentioned, it took me 2 hours to process the raw data. I seriously doubt that any councillor on the Lanark Council took the time to analyze the raw data (and councillors should not have to do this clerical work).

I am left wondering what was the point of the public consultations if the most valuable data from the process was not analyzed? How could Lanark Council make an informed decision without knowing that the large majority of attendees at the public consultations were opposed to a motorized trail?



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COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WILL SEEK LEGAL OPINION TO SETTLE DISPUTE ON TRAIL USE



The lower tiers of Head, Clara and Maria in Renfrew County and Mississippi Mills in Lanark are cooperating on opposing motorized usage on the Algonquin Trail in County Renfrew and the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail in Lanark County. Mississippi Mills Mayor Shaun McLaughlin says he's talked with his counterparts in H-C-M.

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Jim Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer of Renfrew County, says there are instances where lower tier bylaws take precedent.

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Hutton says County Councillors have directed his team to seek its own legal perspective, and that will be done in association with Lanark County.

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