

Ontario Suspends Large Renewable Energy Procurement

Decision Will Reduce Electricity Costs for Consumers

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Ontario will immediately suspend the second round of its Large Renewable Procurement (LRP II) process and the Energy-from-Waste Standard Offer Program, halting procurement of over 1,000 megawatts (MW) of solar, wind, hydroelectric, bioenergy and energy from waste projects.

This decision is expected to save up to \$3.8 billion in electricity system costs relative to Ontario's 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) forecast. This would save the typical residential electricity consumer an average of approximately \$2.45 per month on their electricity bill, relative to previous forecasts. No additional greenhouse gas emissions are being added to the electricity grid.

On September 1, 2016, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) provided the Minister of Energy with the Ontario Planning Outlook, an independent report analyzing a variety of planning scenarios for the future of Ontario's energy system. The IESO has advised that Ontario will benefit from a robust supply of electricity over the coming decade to meet projected demand.

Informed by the Ontario Planning Outlook, consultations and engagements will begin this fall with consumers, businesses, energy stakeholders and Indigenous partners regarding the development of a new Long-Term Energy Plan, which is scheduled to be released in 2017. As part of this plan, Ontario remains committed to an affordable, clean and reliable electricity system, including renewables.

Ontario has established itself as a North American leader in clean energy development, attracting billions of dollars in private sector investment and generating over 42,000 jobs in the clean technology sector. The province has about 18,000 MW of wind, solar, bioenergy and hydroelectric energy contracted or online and the electricity supply is now over 90 per cent emissions-free.

Responsible management of Ontario's electricity system is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by

expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest investment in hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and transit in Ontario's history and is investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

QUOTES

" Over the course of the last decade, Ontario has rebuilt our electricity system and secured a strong supply of clean power. Our decision to suspend these procurements is not one we take lightly. This decision will both maintain system reliability and save up to \$3.8 billion in electricity system costs relative to the 2013 LTEP forecast. The typical residential electricity consumer would save an average of approximately \$2.45 per month on their electricity bill, relative to previous forecasts. As we prepare for a renewed LTEP, we will continue to plan for our future and ensure Ontario benefits from clean, reliable and affordable power for decades to come."

- Glenn Thibeault

Minister of Energy

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario's new LTEP will be guided by a number of strategic themes including greenhouse gas reductions, innovation, grid modernization, conservation and energy efficiency, renewable energy, distributed energy and continued focus on energy affordability for homes and businesses.
- At the end of 2015, Ontario's installed wind capacity represented almost 40 per cent of all installed wind capacity in Canada.
- Ontario is home to more than 99 per cent of all installed solar photovoltaic capacity in Canada.
- Ontario successfully eliminated coal-fired electricity generation in 2014, the single largest greenhouse gas emissions reduction action in North America.

LEARN MORE

- [Ontario Planning Outlook](#)
- [Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan](#)

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO Releases Seniors Policy Paper

September 23, 2016

AMO Releases Seniors Policy Paper

AMO is pleased to circulate to the membership, relevant provincial ministries, and the Premier's Office today a policy discussion paper on seniors' issues entitled, "Strengthening Age-Friendly Communities and Seniors' Services for 21st Century Ontario: A New Conversation about the Municipal Role".

The aim of the paper is to start a renewed policy dialogue between AMO, its members, and the Province on how to best serve seniors in Ontario's diverse communities. It was developed by AMO's Task Force on Age-Friendly Communities and Long-Term Care and approved by the AMO Board in August. The Task Force was chaired by AMO Board member Paul Grenier, Councillor, for Niagara Region.

The impetus for the paper is the recognition that the municipal sector in Ontario is at the forefront of developing age-friendly communities and providing vital services to seniors. This includes long-term care, affordable housing, public health services and community support services, as well as general planning for age-friendly communities. This vital work is supported by the partnership of the Ontario government through legislation, policies, and funding programs.

The successful delivery of seniors' services comes with both challenges and opportunities. Municipal governments are committed to providing high quality services to their residents while being mindful of safety and affordability. While some services are required through legislation, many municipal governments have filled gaps when provincial allocations are insufficient, introducing additional services, and developing innovative ways of working beyond what is required. However, providing the same quality of service on the same budget will not be possible given growing demand and service requirements. A broader conversation is needed about current capacity and level of demand.

The ability to fund and deliver the range of programs and services needed varies significantly across the province. Municipal governments are best positioned to provide services to residents, but they should have the flexibility to choose the services they offer to seniors, including whether to operate long-term care homes. Whichever services municipal governments choose; a conversation must be had about adequate resources to maintain a service standard.

Building on two previous AMO papers, this paper attempts to expand the discussion on the municipal role in facilitating age-friendly communities and providing services to seniors. It outlines

key issues for municipal governments, including developing plans, providing community services including transportation and housing, providing long-term care, and ensuring services are culturally-appropriate and relevant in northern and rural communities

Opportunities for improvement are highlighted, and recommendations are made, calling on the Province to:

- continue to play a supportive role to facilitate age-friendly community development under its Action Plan for Seniors;
- work with municipal governments to enhance community services and housing including transportation options, the Elderly Persons Centres program, and seniors' housing;
- amend the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, to provide municipal governments the choice to operate a long-term care home which would allow them the flexibility to provide the most appropriate care to suit their local residents' needs;
- work with municipal governments to address issues in long-term care delivery including simplifying regulatory frameworks, reducing wait times, developing a human resources strategy, addressing challenging behaviours, undertaking systems capacity planning, supporting the redevelopment of long-term care homes, facilitating innovative models, developing community hubs, reviewing the funding model, and pursuing additional funding sources;
- address regionally-specific issues in rural and northern Ontario; and,
- support the municipal sector to deliver culturally-appropriate services to seniors.

AMO will use the paper as the basis for advocacy on seniors' issues and to advance the policy discussion with the Province on how best to support Ontario's seniors. The paper is found on the AMO website: [Strengthening Age-Friendly Communities and Seniors' Services for 21st Century Ontario](#).

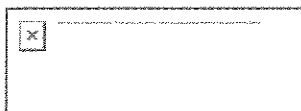
AMO is holding a webinar on senior's issues on Tuesday, October 18th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this webinar, please e-mail Irene Ostrowski at IOstrowski@amo.on.ca.

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October 3, 2016

AMO Report to Member Municipalities: Highlights of the September 2016 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the September 30, 2016 meeting include:

Federal Infrastructure Phase 2 Design

The Board approved overarching principles and design recommendations to form its response to the federal government's consultation request. The principles are based on maximizing municipal government interests and flexibility. For example:

- identifying local funding priority is through local asset management plans;
- funding based on formula allocation for all funding streams, yet provide for a carve out for major municipal capital projects/transformational infrastructure projects;
- align federal program with local needs through municipal asset management plans (including capital plans) which means past federal incrementality requirement for funding is eliminated;
- funding eligibility expanded to local economic development projects, roads and bridges, sewer separation and climate adaptation among priorities as they are major portion of municipal assets; and
- reporting based on a federal Gas Tax model tied to the next year's allocation.

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Energy Matters

The energy landscape is evolving weekly. Bill 13, *An Act in Respect of the Cost of Energy*, outlines how the 8% residential electricity cost reduction will be implemented. The reduction is welcomed for customers, however, AMO will make a submission on the Bill seeking clarification about the confidentiality clauses, and the duration and source of revenue for the program. Bill 13 is vague on these and the impacts on municipal LDCs and how this compares to the impacts on Hydro One and the Province. AMO must get better information from the Minister of Energy on the proposed funding mechanism for the announced rural rate reduction. AMO will continue to take action on the price of energy which is economically challenging for municipal governments and our

communities. Note: Attend the Energy Symposium on November 3 and 4 to become more informed about energy now and into the future at [Energy Symposium](#).

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Expanding Medical Services

It is expected that the Province will be releasing a consultation paper shortly on a government proposal that could enable full-time firefighters, who are also certified primary care paramedics to use their medical training while working for a municipal fire service should a municipal government voluntarily agree. Premier Wynne, speaking both at the OPFFA conference in June 2016 and at the AMO conference in August 2016, has been clear that she and Cabinet want a consultation on the viability and efficacy of this proposal prior to Cabinet making an evidence-based decision to proceed or not on it. The Board will be ready to respond when the provincial discussion paper is released and members will receive an update in the near future.

AMO Contact: Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor, acrawford@amo.on.ca, ext. 353.

Ontario's Changing Workplaces Review Interim Report to Ministry of Labour

The Board received an overview of the Expert Panel's Interim Report, a major review of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* (LRA) and the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* (ESA). It has identified about 50 issues and over 225 options for feedback by October 14th. The final report is not expected until spring of 2017. The review has significant implications for both private and public sector employers, including municipal governments. The Board provided direction for the preparation of an AMO response to the interim report.

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AMO's 2015 Federal Gas Tax Fund Annual Report

As required under the Administrative Agreement, AMO must submit an annual report highlighting Gas Tax investments in eligible projects to Infrastructure Canada by September 30th of every year. AMO board members have approved the 2015 Gas Tax annual report. The report will be sent to the federal government and distributed to the 443 Ontario municipalities for which AMO administers the Fund, Ontario MPs, and federal opposition leaders.

AMO Contact: Chris VanDooren, Gas Tax Manager, cvandooren@amo.on.ca, ext. 410.

National Housing Strategy Consultation

Affordable housing is essential for prosperous and healthy communities. The federal government has signaled its re-engagement in housing with a commitment to develop a National Housing Strategy. In Ontario, housing is a municipal responsibility unlike other provinces and territories. Given this, it is essential that AMO has a well-considered voice in the development and implementation of the national strategy. AMO's response will comment on the federal

government's proposed vision, principles, themes and outcomes as outlined on the federal website: Let's Talk Housing. Comments from municipal governments, District Social Service Administration Boards, and individuals are invited up until October 21st.

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Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Presentation

Tom Teahen, President and CEO of the WSIB, provided the Board with an overview of the WSIB's priorities, claim rates for PTSD and presumptive for firefighters, its current funded position and projection for fully funded status, as well as costs and premium rates for municipal government (Schedule 1 employers) who unlike all other employers will not see rate decrease in 2017. These expected increases are attributed to the implementation of Bill 163, *Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act (Posttraumatic Stress Disorder)*, 2016.

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Health Task Force

The Board approved the establishment of a new AMO Health Task Force to provide advice to the Board on positions and advocacy strategy related to health policy issues. Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor (Ottawa) will chair the task force, with Mayor Graydon Smith, Bracebridge, acting as Vice-Chair. The Province is transforming aspects of the health care delivery and as a co-funder of significant health programs – public health, land ambulance, long-term care, AMO believes it should be involved in any policy or program review with the Province. There needs to be a better discussion on the long-term fiscal sustainability of health care services and the appropriateness of funding some of these services on the municipal property tax base.

AMO Contact: Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, mjacek@amo.on.ca, (416) 971-9856 ext. 329.

Federal Consultations on National Accessibility Legislation

Consultation on new national legislation to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities has begun. The Board approved responding to the federal consultations noting that national legislation to increase accessibility for persons with disabilities should apply only to areas of federal jurisdiction and not the broader public sector in Ontario, including municipal governments, which is covered by provincial legislation and regulation.

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Bill 14, An Act to Prohibit Door-to-Door Sales of Certain Products

A Private Member's Bill, if passed, would enact a province-wide ban on the door-to-door sale of certain household energy products but could bring impacts to municipal governments. In particular, the Board is concerned with the lack of clarity regarding the responsibility of enforcing a provincial ban. This would be a new unfunded mandate and unacceptable.

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LAS Updates

One Investment Program High Interest Savings Account (HISA) has surpassed \$180 million. The effective rate at the \$150 million level is 1.1%. LAS/CHUMS is negotiating a new effective rate and will notify municipalities as soon as possible.

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October 4, 2016

Arbitrated Settlement with the OPPA

An arbitrated decision has been reached between the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police Association (OPPA). Over three hundred small municipal governments across Ontario use the services of the OPP and this award will have significant budgetary impacts for these municipal governments against a backdrop of limited municipal revenues.

Although of no solace to those small municipal governments facing new fiscal impacts, the salary award is in line with the Toronto Police Service contract, which reduced the previous salary rate increases to less than 3%, which was generally the previous pattern. As fire services have been holding up the police sector as its comparator, it will be interesting to see where fire services land in the arbitration process.

The accumulated arbitrated wage settlement for the OPPA's increases, by calendar year, are as follows:

2015: 2.65% 2016: 1.95% 2017: 1.90% 2018: 1.75%.

For comparison, previous wage settlements for the OPPA were:

2011: 5.075% 2012: 0.0% 2013: 0.0% 2015: 8.55%.

The October 3rd arbitrated settlement, among other issues, also:

- Delays salary progression from 4th to 1st class officers by two months (with a cumulative impact);
- Provides for posting renewal incentives, (up to \$30,039 for 4 years);
- Eliminates pay in lieu of vacation;
- Reduces overtime banking for civilian employees (from 100 to 40 hours); and
- New employees (effective January 1, 2017) will not be entitled to termination pay.

The settlement also provides for the establishment of a committee to examine shift scheduling. Shift scheduling had been identified by the Auditor General in multiple reports, as a key opportunity for efficiency improvements of up to \$10 million. It remains to be determined whether the shift scheduling committee will deliver any service efficiencies. Other service efficiencies identified in the Auditor General's value-for-money audit of 2012 include updating the staff

deployment model to better balance workloads between detachments; assigning more corporate service functions to civilians, and improving the management of overtime costs.

Billing

On September 8th, the OPP wrote to municipalities advising of the salary rate estimates upon which 2017 Annual Billing Statements would be made. Those estimated rate increases for 2015 to 2017 were:

2015: 1.50% 2016: 2.64% 2017: 2.54%.

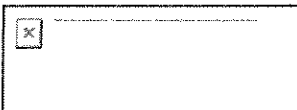
In addition, the OPP advised estimate to actual cost reconciliation for 2015 and 2016 would not be completed until the 2018 Annual Billing Statement. In other words, if municipalities were billed more than originally estimated in 2015, it could take three years for that difference to be reconciled. In addition, the differences between the arbitrated settlement and the estimated future increases also needs to be reconciled. AMO will be pursuing this rather one-sided accounting and billing system. Service systems should be much more responsive.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Renfrew County Municipal Clerks & Treasurers
FROM: Jeff Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer
DATE: September 6, 2016
SUBJECT: 2016 Tax Rate Summary Information

Please find attached the following information that was presented to County Council at their August 31, 2016 session:

2016 Tax Rates Summary: Attached is a summary identifying the 2016 general use tax rates for municipalities within Renfrew County. The source of this data is the Online Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system.

2016 Taxable and PIL Levy by Levy Type: Attached is a report summarizing the source of the 2016 County of Renfrew levy by municipality and by assessment class. Also included is a row at the bottom of this report identifying the percentage of total taxation received from each assessment class. The source of this data is the Online Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system using the general tax rate for upper and lower tiers, excluding any "special area rates" (street lights, etc.).

2016 Levy Summary Report: Attached is a chart that identifies the real budget impact on ratepayers in each municipality based on the lower tier tax rates adopted by each municipal council. The Online Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system multiplies the adopted general tax rates by the current value assessment totals in each property class and then calculates the estimated taxation after applying the correct tax ratios and discount factors. The enclosed report uses the "net budget impact" column to sort the data from highest to lowest in terms of percentage. The negative values at the bottom of the list for Madawaska Valley Township indicate that they will raise less levy dollars in 2016 than they did in 2015.

2016 Tax Impact Summary Report: Attached is a chart that compares the total taxation levy raised by property class for upper tier, lower tier and education taxes in 2016 vs 2015. The Online Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system multiplies all adopted tax rates (general and special area) by the current value assessment totals in each property class and then calculates the estimated taxation after applying the correct tax ratios and discount factors. Also included is a row at the bottom of this report identifying the % of total taxation received each year for upper tier, lower tier and education purposes.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.
Thank you.

Renfrew County 2016 Tax Rates Summary

Type	Residential		Multi-residential			Commercial			Industrial			Large Industrial		Pipelines
	Occupied	FAD Phase I	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Excess Land	Vacant Land	FAD Phase I	Occupied	Excess Land	Vacant Land	Occupied	Excess Land	
Tax Rates	1.000000		1.943600	1.814700					2.914949			3.636605		1.332800
Education- New Construction														
Education	0.00188000	0.00065800	0.00188000	0.01180000	0.00826000	0.00953831	0.00826000	0.00065800	0.01180000	0.00767000	0.00767000	0.01180000	0.00767000	
Upper General	0.00345406	0.00120892	0.00671332	0.00626809	0.00438766	0.00438766	0.00438766	0.00120892	0.00992395	0.00645057	0.00645057	0.01238083	0.00804764	0.01171969
Lower General	0.00589710	0.00206399	0.01146160	0.01070147	0.00749103	0.00749103	0.00749103	0.00206399	0.01579443	0.01026638	0.01026638	0.02144542	0.01339352	0.00785965
Lower General	0.00810360	0.00283626	0.01575016	0.01470560	0.01029392	0.01029392	0.01029392	0.00283626	0.02362158	0.01535403	0.01535403	0.02946959	0.01915523	0.01080048
Lower General	0.00690993	0.00241848	0.01343014	0.01253945	0.00877762	0.00877762	0.00877762	0.00241848	0.02014209	0.01309236	0.01309236	0.02512869	0.01633365	0.00920955
Lower General	0.00597390	0.00209086	0.01161087	0.01084084	0.00758858	0.00758858	0.00758858	0.00209086	0.01687191	0.01096674	0.01096674	0.02104890	0.01368179	0.00796201
Lower General	0.00925891	0.00324062	0.01739562	0.01680215	0.01176150	0.01176150	0.01176150	0.00324062	0.02553572	0.01724822	0.01724822	0.03310519	0.02151837	0.01234028
Lower General	0.00328353	0.00114924	0.00638188	0.00595863	0.00417104	0.00417104	0.00417104	0.00114924	0.00957134	0.00622137	0.00622137	0.01194092	0.00776160	0.00437629
Lower General	0.00250208	0.00087573	0.00486305	0.00454053	0.00317837	0.00317837	0.00317837	0.00087573	0.00729345	0.00474074	0.00474074	0.00909909	0.00591441	0.00333478
Lower General	0.00532844	0.00186495	0.01035636	0.00966953	0.00676867	0.00676867	0.00676867	0.00186495	0.01507225	0.00979696	0.00979696	0.01880473	0.01222308	0.00710175
Lower General	0.00651400	0.00227990	0.01266061	0.01182096	0.00827467	0.00827467	0.00827467	0.00227990	0.01898798	0.01234219	0.01234219	0.02368884	0.01539775	0.00868186
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Lower General	0.00621250	0.00217438	0.01207482	0.01127382	0.00789167	0.00789167	0.00789167	0.00217438	0.01810912	0.01177093	0.01177093	0.02259241	0.01468507	0.00828602
Lower General	0.00317871	0.00111255	0.00617815	0.00576841	0.00403789	0.00403789	0.00403789	0.00111255	0.00903117	0.00587026	0.00587026	0.01126702	0.00732356	0.00423659
Lower General	0.00879987	0.00307996	0.01710343	0.01596913	0.01117839	0.01117839	0.01117839	0.00307996	0.02501535	0.01625998	0.01625998	0.03120842	0.02028548	0.01172847
Lower General	0.00531974	0.00186191	0.01033945	0.00965374	0.00675762	0.00675762	0.00675762	0.00186191	0.01550678	0.01007941	0.01007941	0.01934580	0.01257477	0.00709015

2016 Taxable and PIL Levy from 2016 Return Roll by Levy Type

Using Actual rates on July 5, 2016 3:27PM EST.

	Residential		Multi-Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Large Industrial		Pipelines		Farm		Managed Forests		Total
	Occupied	FAD Phase I	Occupied	FAD Phase I	Excess Land	Vacant Land	Occupied	Excess Land	Vacant Land	Occupied	Excess Land	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	
Admaston/Gromley Township, 4742	1,398,311	0	0	0	40,435	0	7,660	0	0	0	0	201,176	129,661	0	2,135	0	1,779,803
Annaprior Town, 4702	5,943,859	271	584,032	0	1,226,879	25,263	148,862	1,388	8,067	154,235	0	21,390	1,358	0	0	0	8,135,790
Bonnechere Valley Township, 4738	2,830,388	0	45,862	0	181,780	1,611	22,060	922	0	0	0	0	27,525	0	4,807	0	3,126,354
Brudenek, Lyndoch and Raglan Township, 4719	1,064,779	0	8,627	0	83,345	971	17,218	861	0	0	0	0	12,322	0	2,457	0	1,210,641
Deep River Town, 4796	3,352,698	0	121,947	0	1,497,734	5,162	20,180	1,052	0	286,684	0	0	96	0	256	0	5,345,224
Greater Madawaska Township, 4705	2,527,011	0	0	0	81,053	584	1,308	0	104	0	0	0	2,192	0	2,785	0	2,615,188
Head, Clara & Maria Township, 4798	119,860	0	0	0	81,073	0	2,142	1,451	0	0	0	0	319,355	0	83	0	527,257
Horton Township, 4746	1,720,522	0	11,351	0	101,888	413	23,754	666	485	0	0	0	194,364	20,982	805	0	2,076,856
Kilakee, Hagarty & Richards Township, 4731	2,119,761	0	13,825	0	116,989	0	2,430	0	0	0	0	0	7,233	756	756	0	2,262,460
Laurentian Hills Town, 4782	2,088,679	0	5,769	0	362,545	1,748	32,811	0	0	0	0	582,827	352	1,772	1,772	0	3,078,705
Madawaska Valley Township, 4766	3,146,345	15	11,306	0	680,618	3,225	22,712	141	145	42,249	1,780	0	31,029	1,101	1,101	0	4,150,729
McNabi/Braaside Township, 4726	3,329,062	0	22,805	0	275,603	465	21,936	243	129	0	0	0	1,898	1,865	1,865	0	4,347,037
North Algona Wilberforce Township, 4769	3,864,462	0	5,254	0	95,945	417	12,873	157	4,529	0	0	185,395	41,968	1,552	4,752	0	4,231,092
Peiawawa Town, 4779	2,447,068	0	0	0	133,975	237	26,825	518	0	0	0	0	27,021	0	746	0	6,737,931
Peiawawa Co, 4780	4,244,286	0	412,836	0	1,973,591	2,324	34,466	1,224	314	0	0	0	146,779	231,318	18,086	0	48,728,822
Renfrew Co, 4780	31,292,209	103	1,023,049	0	5,808,205	39,478	316,064	8,057	10,821	287,093	2,942	1,559,422	0	0	0	0	7,540,269
Renfrew Town, 4768	4,759,116	0	471,114	0	2,001,469	23,488	152,291	1,917	5,920	56,518	152	23,596	616	150	150	0	7,540,269
Whitewater Region Township, 4753	3,579,382	0	23,346	0	304,796	8,298	53,779	1,330	767	53,728	1,358	116,687	145,795	1,511	1,511	0	4,302,862
Total	79,516,728	345	2,765,225	4,684	14,846,103	85,814	907,402	19,945	31,801	910,507	6,821	3,555,942	741,507	45,569	104,154,823	0.0%	100.0%
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McNab/Braeside Township, 4701	4,247,037	3,888,193	358,844	9.23%	0.86%	8.37%		
Bonnechere Valley Township, 4738	3,126,354	2,873,989	252,365	8.78%	0.71%	8.07%		
Admaston/Bromley Township, 4742	1,779,803	1,634,207	145,596	8.91%	1.05%	7.86%		
Greater Madawaska Township, 4706	2,615,188	2,402,974	212,214	8.83%	1.80%	7.03%		
Brudenell Lyndoch Raglan Township, 4719	1,210,641	1,126,802	83,839	7.44%	0.80%	6.64%		
Horton Township, 4746	2,076,856	1,930,710	146,146	7.57%	1.24%	6.33%		
Petawawa Town, 4779	6,737,931	5,951,347	786,584	13.22%	7.49%	5.73%		
Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards Township, 4731	2,262,460	2,127,458	135,002	6.35%	1.02%	5.33%		
Renfrew Town, 4748	7,540,269	7,143,996	396,273	5.55%	0.38%	5.17%		
North Algona Wilberforce Township, 4769	2,631,092	2,497,392	133,700	5.35%	0.76%	4.59%		
Head Clara Maria Township, 4798	527,257	505,813	21,444	4.24%	0.29%	3.95%		
Laurentian Hills Town, 4792	3,078,705	2,947,816	130,889	4.44%	0.70%	3.74%		
Deep River Town, 4796	5,345,224	5,142,360	202,864	3.94%	0.55%	3.39%		
Amprior Town, 4702	8,135,790	7,706,672	429,118	5.57%	2.42%	3.15%		
Renfrew Co, 4700	40,728,822	38,697,262	2,031,560	5.25%	2.25%	3.00%		
Laurentian Valley Township, 4766	4,150,729	4,033,746	116,983	2.90%	1.46%	1.44%		
Whitewater Region Township, 4758	4,302,982	4,252,626	50,356	1.18%	1.18%	0.00%		
Madawaska Valley Township, 4726	3,657,683	3,658,014	(331)	-0.01%	1.24%	-1.25%		

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Melinda Reith, Head, Clara & Maria

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September 8, 2016

Add your voice to *What's Next Ontario?*

The looming fiscal gap facing Ontario's municipalities for the next ten years was a major theme of this year's AMO conference. You've shared your challenges and we've documented a \$3.6 billion annual gap if we are to close the infrastructure gap and provide for future operating needs. How can the gap be narrowed? This fall add your voice to the municipal conversation about possible solutions.

Between Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day, AMO will be hosting as many discussions with as many municipal elected officials as we possibly can. Invitations are going randomly to at least one elected official in every member municipal government across the province to attend one of thirteen, small, face to face, regional meetings being held this fall.

We will also be hosting a series of webinars from September 26 to October 12 to enable as many other members the opportunity to participate directly in What's Next Ontario? We encourage all elected officials to participate. Webinar signup details can be found [here](#).

Additional background material regarding What's Next Ontario can be found [here](#):

Add your voice. This is an opportunity for us to work together to determine the direction for our own fiscal future.



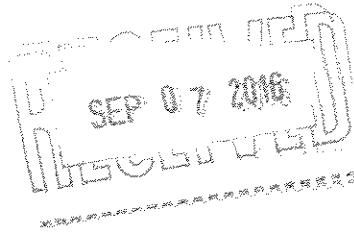
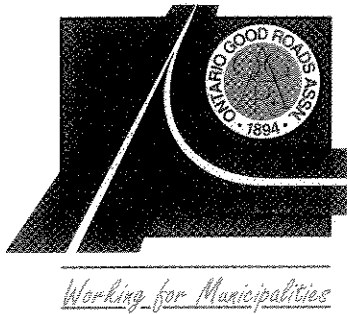
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August 30, 2016

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Attention: Mayor & Members of Council

Re: OGRA Conference, February 26 – March 1, 2017, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

OGRA has received numerous letters from municipalities endorsing a resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding ROMA's decision to end the OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference partnership. OGRA would like to take a moment to set the record straight.

The OGRA Board of Directors was surprised and disappointed by ROMA's unilateral decision to revert back to running a separate conference, thus ending a very productive, 17 year partnership that served Ontario municipalities well. The Combined Conference was a major success that strengthened both organizations. OGRA remains open to re-establish the Combined Conference partnership with ROMA because that is the best way for both organizations to serve their municipal members.

That said, we also want to take a moment to assure you that the 2017 OGRA Conference will continue to offer a diverse cutting edge program for our delegates. We can confirm that:

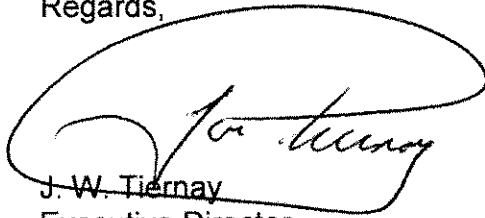
- A number of world class keynote speakers have confirmed their attendance;
- The concurrent sessions will cover the wide spectrum of municipal issues and will continue to be both thought-provoking and applicable to OGRA's municipal members;
- For the third consecutive year, OGRA will convene the Small Town Forum;
- OGRA's Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum will also be held for the third straight year;
- OGRA intends to hold a Ministers' Forum and are in discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the scheduling of delegations during the

- conference. The fact that the OGRA Conference will be held later in February when the legislature is sitting, will no doubt facilitate Provincial participation;
- The trade show will be substantially enhanced;
- Additional meals will be included in the basic registration fee; and
- Registration fees will be unchanged from 2016 rates.

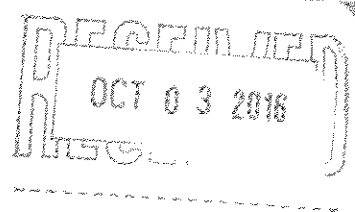
Should you or any members of your council have any questions, I would encourage to you contact us.

On behalf of the OGRA Board of Directors, we hope to see you at the 2017 OGRA Conference in Toronto, February 26th – March 1st, 2017.

Regards,



J. W. Tiernay
Executive Director



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September 27, 2016

Dear MELINDA REITH,

In follow up to August's Renewable Energy Development Helping Hand release we thought we would unclutter some of the provinces plans in our September Release and present an FAQ.

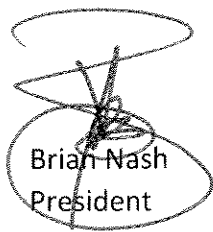
In the past month we have seen the following papers released:

- Provinces Climate Action Plan
- Renewable Energy Development in Ontario: A Guide to Municipalities
- Grid Modernization in Ontario

There is a lot of great information in these papers. We have done our best to simplify it all, bringing the highlights forward without the clutter.

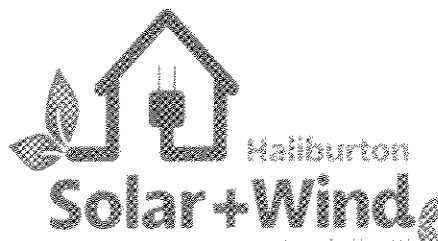
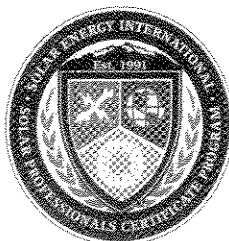
For Municipalities, opportunity abounds and we want to do our best to keep you informed. This is our second Renewable Energy Development Helping Hand release and we hope you benefit from it.

Sincerely,



Brian Nash
President

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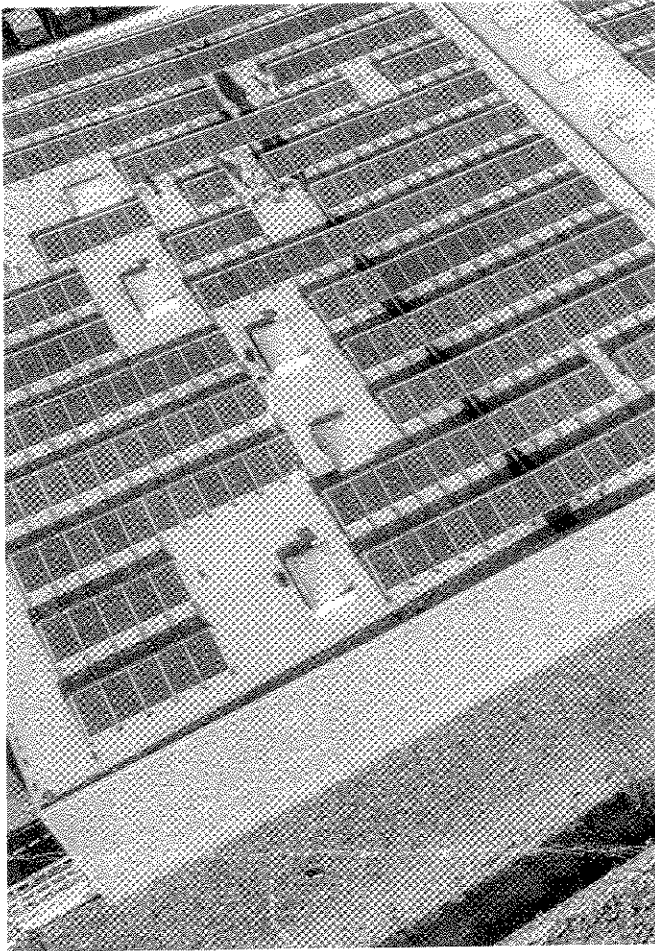


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Renewable Energy Development in Ontario

September 2016

A helping hand for municipalities



Mention the phrase "smart grid" to just about anyone outside the energy industry, and you may be faced with puzzled looks and a vague reference to high technology.

But in reality, it just describes a new way to deliver an old product – in this case, electricity. And with the province releasing its revised Long Term Energy Plan this fall, the upgrading of Ontario's grid will be front and center.

And as the province's junior partners, municipalities will be expected to help turn that plan into reality.

Two central Ontario townships in Haliburton County aren't waiting. They are well into the planning process, assisted by Brian Nash and his local green energy company, Haliburton Solar + Wind.

Dysart et al township undertook the creation of an Environment Green Energy Committee in 2011. Its mandate is to "seek, develop and promote opportunities in the field of alternative energy for residential, commercial and municipal buildings, and landfill sites."

As a member of that committee, Nash was "very proactive in assisting the Municipality with its energy goals and objectives providing expert opinion on matters of Provincial Policy, and regulatory framework," says Tamara Wilbee, CAO of the township of Dysart et al.

"Brian's passion and commitment also played a key role in our public awareness and educational programs," says Wilbee.

Pam Sayne, Energy Task Force Chair and councillor at the Township of Minden Hills, had a similar experience. Their Green Energy Task Force came into being just last year.

In that case, Nash provided realty-based feedback on proposed policies, technology and the regulatory framework that renewable energy projects must follow. The task force is responsible for recommending township policy to assess whether renewable energy projects should be approved – and if any should be partially or wholly owned, hosted or controlled by it.

Their timing couldn't have been better.

Ontario has one of the oldest electrical grids in the developed world. Pickering's nuclear plant is the oldest nuclear generator in the world, while more than 63 per cent of Ontario's transmission structure is 40 years or older. And that system relies mainly on large centralized generating stations connected to high-voltage transmission lines that are, in turn, joined to low-voltage distribution wires that deliver power to homes, businesses and institutions.

"Many electricity assets are approaching their end of life and must be replaced," says Nash.

That sobering reality, however, is being faced while developments in information technology and automation raise exciting possibilities for a reconfigured electrical grid.



What is a Smart Grid?

A smart grid is the application of information technology to improve the functioning of the electricity system and optimize the use of natural resources to provide electricity.

There are six primary objectives:

1. Operate low carbon distributed generation (i.e. smaller scale decentralized solar, wind and hydro power generators);
2. Use consumption data to conserve electricity with the aid of the next generation of smart appliances and equipment;
3. Change variable prices and shift consumption patterns to manage peak electricity demand;
4. Improve service reliability and minimize disruption from power outages;
5. Advance the use of electric vehicles and the transition to the electrification of transportation; and
6. Connect electricity storage technology to optimize use of low carbon generation.

"Today's consumers often demand sophisticated benefits from the electricity system such as being able to operate their energy-intensive appliances when prices are low, charging their electrical cars and selling stored electricity back to the grid," says Nash.

A modern electricity ratepayer must have a flexible platform that allows consumers as well as technological innovators to participate in it.

"Smart grids redefine the way electricity consumers are connected to the system that serves them," says Nash.

Information technologies are not only putting more information into the hands of consumers, they also offer more control, opening up new possibilities where consumers decide how much to use or sell depending on what the price is.

"Our electricity grid is the backbone of our social and economic life," says Nash. "Ontario is building a smart grid because the way society produces and consumes electricity is changing."

At the same time, opportunities for municipalities across the province are opening up.

How will Ontario's pursuit of a smart grid affect municipalities?

The revenue opportunities for municipalities are substantial. By getting involved in energy projects, they can secure their energy future and the revenue earned is kept in the communities and not sent off shore to private equity investors.

"When it comes to the development of renewable energy projects, municipalities are able to play a number of different roles," says Nash.

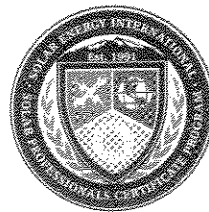
For instance, municipalities can:

- Develop projects and benefit from project revenues;
- Create an Energy Cooperative and sell bonds or shares to finance projects;
- Partner in a project with a developer, a cooperative, an aboriginal community, a public sector entity and benefit from project revenues;
- Act as a Project Site Owner allowing renewable energy projects to be located on municipally-owned properties in return for lease payments or other benefits.

How does the upcoming Climate Action Plan Implementation affect municipalities?

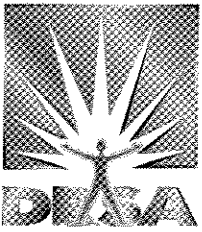
"This is big," says Nash. The Municipal Act and The Planning Act are both going to be opened up – all for the purpose of ensuring land use planning proposals can support greenhouse gas pollution reductions. The idea is to give municipalities the tools, ways and means to implement local policies that contribute to provincial targets. Some of the required targets include electric vehicle charging stations in surface parking areas, setting green development standards (construction), setting minimum parking requirements, and the creation and implementation of a Community Energy Plan.

Nash is optimistic the plan is achievable: "While there is long transitional journey ahead with unforeseen challenges, there is a world of opportunity waiting."



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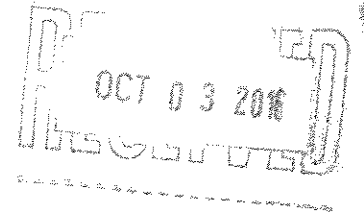
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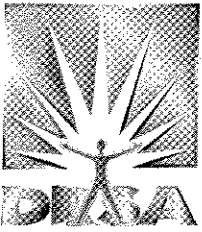
Dear Ms. Reith,

I am writing on behalf of the Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair (RCRSTF), a program of the Deep River Science Academy (charitable registration number 119229615RR0001), to request a donation to support the 2017 fair so we can continue to bring this wonderful opportunity to students across Renfrew County.

Each year we host the Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair where students present science and technology based projects. Those projects are judged and prizes are awarded for experimentation, innovation and study. Students with the most innovative, creative and well-presented projects are then selected by a judging panel of community members to represent Renfrew County at the Canada Wide Science Fair. We are grateful to have sponsors that reward scientific thought in our students, both at the Regional Fair and at the Canada Wide Science Fair. Thank you for the role you play in that support.

In addition to exhibiting the great science projects of the youth of Renfrew County, the fair also has interactive, educational exhibits for the students, including building activities hosted by Professional Engineers Ontario and hands-on experiments.

Renfrew County sent 3 student finalists to the 2016 Canada Wide Science Fair in Montreal this past May. **We are proud to say that one of our finalists, Zwetlana Rajesh (Grade 9, Pembroke) won a gold medal for her project "Testing the Acceptance of Phantom Limb in Non-Amputees", an absolutely stunning project that looked into the neuroscience of phantom limb syndrome and its possible medical uses.** At this weeklong event, free to the students thanks to generous support of donors, the students



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presented their projects and participated in workshops and activities with high-performing students from across Canada. And it would not be possible without sponsorship from organizations and people such as you.

The 2017 fair will be held Saturday, April 8th at the Petawawa Civic Centre, and is open to Grades 6 to 12 for projects and open to all to attend. Anyone with an interest in seeing the future scientists of Renfrew County is welcome to attend.

We would like to invite you to become a sponsor of the 2017 RCRSTF and have enclosed a funding schedule of sponsorship levels to assist you in your consideration.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you at any time. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like more information on the Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair and the ways in which you can help make it a success in 2016. You can also view our website at <http://rcrsf.ca/>, contact the fair organizers directly at info@rcrsf.ca or call me at 613-602-3789.

Respectfully,

Aidan Leach

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To all of our CPAC cohorts and friends in the County who attended the August 17 meeting in Cobden regarding the MTO grant application that was discussed there..

This is an update to the meeting that you or a representative from your municipality or agency may have attended.

We wanted you to know that our Committee has submitted the final grant application to MTO to request funding to support a County - wide community educational programme called - Leave The Phone Alone. We have been assured that it has been both received and forwarded for consideration.

As explained in Cobden, if we are successful with a grant award, our plans include an interactive computer simulator presentation to all 4000 Grade 11 and 12 students (prospective new drivers) in all 11 Renfrew County High Schools, an educational presentation conducted by OPP Community Services Officers - targeted at all Grade 4 and 5 students in the County and a community outreach programme targeted at the public at various public events.

The 3 OPP Detachment commanders have all lent their support to do focused patrols during our designated presentation times and dates. We have been assured that we have the support of the Deep River Police and will make contact with the Military Police From Garrison Petawawa as well.

The focus of all these efforts will be to hilite the hazards of driving while distracted. As you know, driving while distracted has now surpassed driving while impaired by alcohol as the leading cause of fatalities in Ontario. You may recall hearing that the number of deaths related to driving while distracted

are set to surpass those from last year and over the last long holiday weekend, the OPP issued over 300 traffic tickets to those caught driving distracted.

As someone who took the interest to be involved, we want to let **you** know that we'll keep you apprised of the status of the grant approval process and dates for the project's roll-out in the days ahead.

While hopeful that our application will be a successful one, we know you can appreciate that we have no control over the time that the application will take for review or how fast we can proceed. Since so much of the planned activity is dependent upon receipt of the grant money, we cannot responsibly proceed until we are assured that the money is available

We appreciate the support and understanding that you have already given to the project both in theory, in principle and in practice with your generous donations.

We look forward to working with you in addressing this serious traffic safety issue and in partnering with you and other interested citizens in your community.

Best regards

Treena

Treena Lemay, Chair

Town of Petawawa Police Services Board

On behalf of the Committee

Sent on behalf of the Renfrew County Police Committee by:

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September 30, 2016

Key Highlights from AMCTO Board of Directors Meeting – September 23rd 2016

At their meeting held in Timmins ON on September 23rd 2016, the AMCTO Board of Directors considered and approved a series of reports and recommendations some of which will have an impact on current and future AMCTO members and on the programs and services provided by the Association. Further details regarding key decisions made can be found in the sections which follow.

Annual Indexing of AMCTO Fees for Membership, Programs and Services

The Board received an information report regarding the annual indexing of fees as per the Board-approved process. AMCTO fees for membership, programs and services will be increased by 1.58% effective January 1st 2017.

During their review of the Report, Members noted that the Association must continue to be mindful of the pressure on municipal training budgets. With this in mind, the Board expressed interest in having the Association explore options for pricing (sliding scales, program bundling, multiple registration discounts, etc.) that might help to offset these municipal budget pressures.

Based on the discussion, Staff were directed to research various training and education fee payment structures and to undertake some member/customer survey work regarding perceptions on fees, program value, etc.

Next Steps on Board Governance

Members discussed the process to-date regarding the Board Governance review and noted that some concerns have been expressed regarding the Association's engagement with the membership on the various recommendations put forward by the consultant. Members also noted that it was important to move forward with some of the key elements of the Review.

The Board agreed that the following two recommendations from the Board Governance Review would be pursued as Strategic Initiatives for 2017 and that any recommendations arising from the consideration of these two Strategic Initiatives requiring amendments to the Association's Constitution & By-laws be brought back to the Board for consideration in time for their inclusion in the 2017 Annual General Meeting:

- The development of qualifications that a Vice-President must meet and whether the position should be elected by the general membership;
- The potential use of electronic voting technology to facilitate the election of the Zone Director and/or Zone Executive members;

The Board also recommended that the Association establish a Working Group to assist and advise on the member engagement process for these two Strategic Initiatives.

Proposed 2017 Strategic Objectives

Subject to the availability of funding through the 2017 Operating Budget, the Board approved a series of Strategic Initiatives to be pursued during 2017. These initiatives were:

- Implementation of the Board governance recommendations identified by Board as priorities for 2017;
- Completion of the member engagement strategy initiated in 2016;
- Implementation of expanded marketing activities focused on encouraging applications for AMCTO's individual and municipal award programs;
- Finalizing the review of the Executive Diploma in Municipal Management program and amending the content to reflect the Municipal Management Competency Framework requirements;
- Continuing the implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS) for AMCTO's continuing education programs;
- Implementation and monitoring of the first year of the AMCTO Mentorship Program;
- Launching and monitoring of the first year of the new Accredited Ontario Municipal Clerk (AOMC) accreditation program;
- Developing a longer-term research strategy based on the outcome of AMCTO's 2016 pilot research program;
- Continuing the exploration of opportunities for multi-association collaboration and cooperation initiated through 2016 Association Summit;
- Developing a multi-year AMCTO technology plan.

The Board also noted that the current Strategic Plan will be coming to an end in 2017 and discussed the plans for proceeding with the development of a new Strategic Plan.

Review of Professional Development Program Pricing and Voucher Programs

The Board reviewed a report on the Association's current model for determining the pricing for professional development events and also examined the various AMCTO Voucher programs that are currently in place.

Based on the Report, the Board approved recommendations to:

- Retain the current "modified cost-plus" approach to the pricing of professional development programs;
- Continue the current approach of charging a 25% premium on professional development program prices for non-members;
- Retain the current AMCTO voucher programs except for the Municipal Service Award voucher program.

Zone Matters

During this discussion, it was noted that the northern Zones have expressed some concerns regarding the availability of training opportunities and the resulting costs for travel and accommodation. It has been suggested that the Association might want to explore Train the Trainer opportunities for certain events so that they can be offered more easily in Northern Ontario.

It was also noted that most Zones have substantial surplus funds on-hand and may wish to use those funds to help with events where attendance numbers might lead to event cancellation.

Board members were also made aware of Staff concerns regarding the need to ensure that individuals appointed to the Zone Executive are eligible for appointment. Zone Directors agreed to assist in this matter and also requested

that the Association send out an annual memo to the Zone Executive prior to the Spring meeting which summarizes the qualifications for appointment to the Zone Executive.

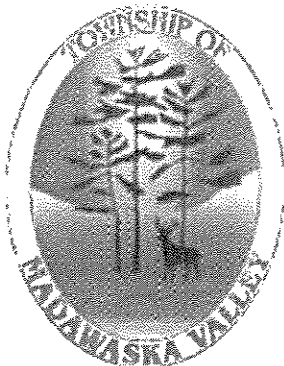
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Moved by: Mayor Love

15-0310-16

Seconded by: Councillor Archer

03 October 2016

BE IT RESOLVED

WHEREAS: The safety of victims of sexual violence and/or domestic violence should be a priority for all levels of government in Canada, and

WHEREAS: The intent of a certificate of parole is to set out the conditions under which an inmate may be granted parole, and

WHEREAS: By signing a certificate of parole the inmate indicated that they agree to abide by the conditions contained therein; and

WHEREAS: The electronic monitoring of parolees convicted of an offence of sexual violence and/or an offence of domestic violence would facilitate compliance with the conditions of parole and provide some peace of mind for the victims of these crimes,

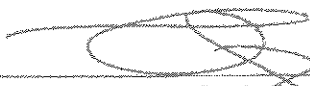
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley supports the changes to the parole system proposed in the Private Member's Bill put forward by the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, and submitted as Bill 21, An Act to amend the Ministry of Correctional Services Act in respect of parole,

AND THAT a copy of this resolution of support be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Orazietto, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrew Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in the Province of Ontario; and

THAT a copy of this resolution of support be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and to all Ontario municipalities for consideration.

X-CARRIED.



Craig Kelley, CAO/Clerk

October 6, 2016

Dear Clerks:

AMO Seeks Council Resolution

On behalf of the AMO Board, I would ask you to place the attached resolution on council's next agenda along with this letter.

AMO wants every council to be involved in the *What's Next Ontario?* project. There is a looming fiscal gap facing Ontario's municipalities. *What's Next Ontario?* is about recognizing the gap and seeking sector support for closing it. The response has been impressive, but there's more to be done! We've boiled down the essence of the challenge we face in the next ten years to a one-page resolution. We urge every council in Ontario to adopt the resolution, and reply to AMO by December 1, 2016.

What does it say? We know Ontarians see infrastructure as the number one challenge facing their community. We know that even if we raise property taxes and user fees by inflation (1.8%), we will still be \$3.6 billion short to fix the infrastructure gap, every year for ten years. This is what we need to address. As elected officials, how do we deal with this challenge? What is the best approach? Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country. How high is too high?

We could finance this gap by increasing property taxes. It would require property tax revenue increases of 4.6% annually for 10 years, sector-wide. And, what happens if the federal or provincial governments pull back on future commitments? We know that could mean property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% annually for 10 years, sector-wide. How might these numbers translate locally as an annual rate increase?

The attached resolution is a starting point. Thank you for bringing this to your council's attention. My e-mail address is on the resolution and I look forward to receiving council's support.

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor,
mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 Ext. 323.

Yours sincerely,



Lynn Dollin
AMO President

WHAT'S NEXT ONTARIO? RESOLUTION

WHEREAS recent polling, conducted on behalf of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario indicates 76% of Ontarians are concerned or somewhat concerned property taxes will not cover the cost of infrastructure while maintaining municipal services, and 90% agree maintaining safe infrastructure is an important priority for their communities;

AND WHEREAS infrastructure and transit are identified by Ontarians as the biggest problems facing their municipal government;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases, shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$3.6 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS the \$3.6 billion average annual need would equate to annual increases of 4.6% (including inflation) to province-wide property tax revenue for the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation also presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments are fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS if future federal and provincial transfers are unfulfilled beyond 2015 levels, it would require annual province-wide property tax revenue increases of up to 8.35% for ten years;

AND WHEREAS Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, the fiscal health and needs are a challenge which unites all municipal governments, regardless of size;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its work to close the fiscal gap; so that all municipalities can benefit from predictable and sustainable revenue, to finance the pressing infrastructure and municipal service needs faced by all municipal governments.

Please forward your resolution by December 1, 2016 to:
AMO President Lynn Dollin amopresident@amo.on.ca.

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September 28, 2016

Lisa Thompson, MPP
Huron-Bruce
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Toronto, ON, M7A 1A8

Dear Ms. Thompson:

**RE: Municipal Resolution on Supporting Agricultural Experts in
 Their Fields
 Motions
 11.1, Belleville City Council Meeting, September 26, 2016**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of September 26, 2016, the following resolution was approved.

"WHEREAS, Ontario-grown corn, soybean and wheat crops generate \$9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ontario farmers are stewards of the land and understand the importance of pollinators to our environment and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is implementing changes to ON Reg. 63/09 that would prevent any Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) from carrying out a pest assessment if they receive financial compensation from a manufacturer or retailer of a Class 12 pesticide; and

WHEREAS, Ontario's 538 Certified Crop Advisors who are capable of and willing to conduct pest assessments will be reduced to 80 should the proposed changes to the definition of professional pest advisor be implemented in August 2017 and

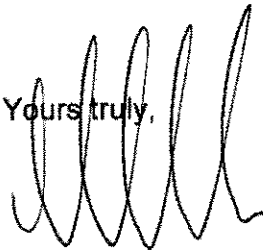
WHEREAS, the reduction in CCAs would force corn and soybean farmers to terminate the relationships that they have built with experts that understand their unique crop requirements, soil types, and field conditions, placing undue delays on planting crops;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Belleville supports the efforts of the Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce to eliminate barriers to employment opportunities for CCAs, and allow Ontario farmers the freedom to engage in business with the expert of their choice; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament, municipalities, and AMO."

I trust this is sufficient.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a final flourish, positioned above the printed name.

Matt MacDonald
Acting Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

LEGAL MATTERS

POINTS OF INTEREST FOR MUNICIPAL LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS



EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC FROM MEETINGS

The Region of Niagara's CAO issued a *Trespass to Property Act* order against a resident who recorded Council meetings without permission and persisted in questioning a specific councillor even after being asked to stop.

Council was never given the opportunity to consider the notice; rather the decision to issue the order was made solely by the Chairman of the Regional Council and the CAO based on the refusal by the resident to discontinue his filming. The order prohibited the resident from entering the regional headquarters of the Region and effectively prohibited him from attending any further Regional Council meetings.

The court found that the resident's Charter rights of freedom of expression and assembly were infringed, and that he had the right under the Charter to physically attend and participate in council meetings that were open to the public, provided he did not engage in violent or threatening behaviour.

The *Municipal Act* provides a remedy under section 241 to expel a resident who is exhibiting improper behaviour; however this was not undertaken by the Region. Ultimately, the no trespass order was found to be invalid and of no force and effect.

The proper course of action in our view would have been a clear letter to the resident setting out the conduct that was not permitted, with an explanation that failure to comply would result in his being expelled pursuant to section 241. If the resident failed to comply, the Mayor then would have authority to have him expelled. By making a blanket order to effectively eliminate his rights to participate in the political process, the Region went too far. ■

NO APPEAL MEANS NO APPEAL

Section 34(19.1) of the Planning Act provides that there is no appeal in respect of a by-law that gives effect to official plan policies authorizing secondary suites.

We recently represented a municipality that passed a by-law amending its zoning to remove one area of the municipality from the Secondary Suite Policy Area due to servicing constraints. The amendment also added a new area of the municipality to the Secondary Suite Policy Area, subject to a holding provision. The by-law was appealed by a developer who had purchased a series of lots prior to the passage of the by-law with the intention of building homes on the lots with secondary suites within each of the dwellings.

The municipality brought a motion that the appeal was statute barred according to s. 34(19.1). The developer argued that eliminating the area from the Secondary Suite Policy Area did not give effect

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COUNCIL POLICING COUNCIL

Municipalities should be aware of their ability to control their own process and implement a variety of appropriate procedural and other measures when a councillor engages in improper conduct, in addition to integrity commissioner investigations. A recent resolution passed by the Council in Wawa is an example of the type of discipline a council might impose in order to regulate councillor behaviour.

Based on the recitals contained in the resolution, it appears a councillor and her husband brought a complaint against the CAO, who in turn brought a harassment complaint against both of them. The investigator found that the councillor and her husband, "did in fact harass [the] CAO in an effort to obtain a personal benefit to avoid paying municipal taxes or avoid enforcement of their municipal tax arrears."

Council found that the councillor's behavior was in breach of her oath as a councillor and against the best interests of the municipality and imposed a series of measures to address her behavior, including:

- only being permitted to communicate with staff through a single e-mail address;
- being prohibited from entering the municipal building except to pick up mail, attend meetings or with the express approval of council;
- being removed from all committees;
- not being eligible to be appointed deputy mayor.

The full text of the resolution can be found on our blog, along with a more detailed analysis of the law permitting council to regulate councillor behaviour.

When implementing any measure to deal with improper councillor conduct, council should turn its mind to the purpose of the measure and whether or not it would be classified as a penalty. If it is a penalty, the measure must be one of the two permitted sanctions outlined in section 223.4(5).

With regards to other remedial measures, council has a broad discretion to tailor the remedy to the particular situation, but must take care to ensure the remedy is reasonable and justified. The Divisional Court in the Rob Ford case specifically stated that "other remedial measures" are available to council to carry out its objectives. Examples endorsed by the Court included an apology and requiring a return of improperly appropriated municipal property. So long as the remedial measure is not a "penalty", council can pass resolutions to control the behavior of its members. The recent example from Wawa shows the extent to which councils might go to express displeasure over one of its members' behavior. ■



WHEN BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR ISN'T A GOOD IDEA

The Ontario Court of Appeal recently resolved a 20 year dispute between neighbours with respect to the ownership and possession of a parcel of land.

The registered owner of an island claimed possessory title over a beach and isthmus which provided land access to her island. The island owner did not effectively exclude the mainland owner from his land. Even though the island owner used the beach and isthmus as an owner would, this did not effectively exclude the mainland owner from his property. Without this, a claim of adverse possession could not be successfully pleaded.

There was also no prescriptive easement over the beach area, as recreational use of an area was not "reasonably necessary" for the better enjoyment of the island property. Silence on the part of the neighbour in this respect did not amount to acquiescence, but was merely 'neighbourly goodwill'. However, the island owner had acquired a right-of-way over the isthmus that ran to the island. Seasonal use of a piece of land for a cottage property was sufficient to establish a prescriptive easement for the pathway. Silence on the part of the mainland owner in this case was not simply 'good neighbourliness', but was acquiescence to the use of the path for this purpose. This prescriptive easement was granted for foot traffic only and did not extend to vehicles because there was no evidence of continuous vehicle traffic over this land. The evolution of the easement from travel by foot to travel by vehicle would substantially and significantly alter the burden on the mainland owner.

These principles do not apply to an unopened road allowance, but for all other municipally owned property, claims in adverse possession or for a prescriptive right-of-way may be possible. ■

DETAILS, DETAILS

The OMB ordered the City of Ottawa to amend its Official Plan Amendment in the Centretown Area to eliminate several policies that the Board found overly prescriptive. The Board found a maximum height provision to be too prescriptive and that it would lead to hardship for developers when design or construction considerations required variations in height that would necessitate an official plan amendment or revisions to the design. The Board preferred a standard that had flexibility built in.

The evidence at the hearing confirmed that rigid performance standards were not appropriate in this context and that for heritage buildings the primary guidelines should be the heritage conservation district plan.

The City appealed the decision and the Divisional Court upheld the Board's decision.

The Divisional Court noted however, that the Board's decision should not be interpreted as signalling a general rule against prescriptive wording in an Official Plan, but rather was relevant to the particular circumstances of the amendment. The court ultimately found that the Board's decision was grounded in good land use planning, and there was insufficient evidence to doubt the legal correctness of the Board's decision.

In order to have prescriptive policies upheld, there must be a sound land use planning rationale. Generally, the Board is looking for detailed performance standards to be implemented through zoning, unless the standard is so fundamental to the principles of land use planning that it needs to be enshrined in the Official Plan. ■

REGULATING COMMUNICATION TOWERS

The Supreme Court of Canada recently dealt with whether a municipality may regulate the siting of a radio communication antenna system. The municipality of Chateauguay took the position that the location of the tower put the health and well-being of people living near the location at risk and took steps to expropriate land in a different location for the tower and established a "notice of reserve", which prohibited all construction on the property in question for two years. When this notice was due to lapse, the city renewed it a further two years, which prompted Rogers Communications to pursue legal action.

The Court found that the notice of a reserve by the City was beyond its powers because it constituted an exercise of the Federal power over radio communication. The purpose and practical effect of the notice of a reserve was to prevent Rogers from installing its tower on the property. Even if the notice of a reserve addressed the health concerns raised by the City's residents it would still clearly "constitute a usurpation of the federal power over radio communication".

The Court found that the siting of an antenna system is part of the core of the federal powers over radio communication and that the notice of a reserve significantly impaired the federal government's core power over radio communication and that therefore the reserve notice was inapplicable. The expropriation was permissible, but the municipality went too far in restricting the preferred site. ■

FREE-RIDERS BEWARE

Cottage roads are often maintained by local residents who form volunteer committees and organizations for the benefit of all property owners on those roads.

A local Brockville Area Private Road Association sued one of its members for refusing to pay dues for the upkeep of a private cottage road. The non-paying member argued that they had not paid their dues since 2008 because there were no receipts provided, they were not satisfied with the maintenance, they received no notice of association meetings and there was no private road liability insurance.

The Small Claims Court Judge was unimpressed with these arguments and found the member was in the wrong. Since the association was only formed in 2013, it was understandable that some processes took some time to develop – receipts were now available on request and the association was developing a better meeting notification system. The judge held that it was illogical to argue that payment was withheld because the maintenance or liability coverage was substandard. Obviously, the withholding of funds would make it more difficult for the association to maintain roads and purchase insurance policies. The court held that the non-paying residents were unjustly enriched, but unfortunately for the road association, the claim was limited to two years. The recovery for non-payment of upkeep fees prior to that period was barred by the Limitations Act.

This case highlights the well-known problem with private road associations; those who enjoy the benefits but refuse to pay. There is little a municipality can (or should) do about these private disputes. Legal tools exist to solve the problem, but they require co-operation of the members, which as this case illustrates is not always possible. ■

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to secondary suite policies as required under section 16(3), which it argued only speaks to requiring policies that *permit* secondary suites. The developer maintained that interpreting section 34(19.1) in a way that sheltered by-laws that reduced opportunities for secondary suites ran contrary to the intent of the legislature. In their view only by-laws that increased secondary suite opportunities could be sheltered from appeal.

The Board agreed with our argument that section 34(19.1) does not distinguish between by-laws that increase opportunities for secondary suites and those that decrease such opportunities. Amending a secondary suite by-law to add, remove, or modify areas where secondary suites are permitted are all methods by which a municipality *gives effect* to its policies, and are therefore all methods that are sheltered from appeal under section 34(19.1). The Board ruled that the legislation leaves it open to municipalities to determine appropriate locations and standards for secondary suites within its planning policies and declared that the developer's appeal was statute-barred pursuant to section 34(19.1) of the *Planning Act*. ■

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