

Town of Bracebridge Council Correspondence

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From: Lori McDonald, Clerk

Date: September 26, 2012

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TO: Mayor G. Smith and Members of Town Council

FROM: L. Broere, Director of Culture and Recreation

DATE: September 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Summer 2012 Events and Special Promotions

On June 6, 2012, Council ratified motion 12-GC-160 regarding an action plan to address an anticipated 2012 Budget shortfall in the Culture and Recreation Department. The Staff Report outlined a number of actions to be taken by the Department to address the potential shortfall in membership revenues.

Although a number of cost containment initiatives have been undertaken, this memorandum has been prepared to provide Council with an up-date on several special events and activities that took place over the past summer to help promote interest and awareness of the Sportsplex and the programs offered by the Culture and Recreation Department.

Boston Pizza Climb Up and Win Contest

The local Boston Pizza franchise strongly supported the participation of climbers on the Rock climbing Wall during July and August at the Bracebridge Sportsplex by providing a chance for participants to win a pizza party. The professionally designed posters and banner and the fantastic prize provided by Boston Pizza helped encourage families to participate. The unique contest helped to increase the participation of new and repeat climbers. In total there were 450 entries during the contest reflecting a 9% increase in climbing participants compared to 2011.

Lilibird Challenge

The Department and Lilibird Home Décor and Gift Shop partnered to provide the motivation and encouragement to patrons at the Bracebridge Sportsplex to stick to their fitness routines over the summer. Patrons were encouraged to attend aquafit and land-fitness classes during the period of July 23rd to September 16th. Participants received a free ballot each time they attended a class for a chance to win a beautiful gift basket from Lilibird's. There were over 500 entries in the draw and many people responded to the contest with enthusiasm and interest.

The Culture and Recreation Department is grateful for the support of local businesses like Boston Pizza and Lilibird in helping to make our community stronger, healthier and more physically active.

Facebook Promotion to Win a Personal Floatation Device

For the first time, the Culture and Recreation Department offered a contest on Facebook as part of the Department's annual education program to remind people of the importance of wearing a PFD. The contest, which ran from May 1st to 17th was focused on promoting new "Likes" of the Town's Facebook page through the give-away of a personal floatation device (PFD). The give-away was a part of the Department's annual education program to remind people of the importance of wearing a PFD as part of the National Lifejacket Day promotion. The contest generated a number of new "Likes" of the Town's Facebook page and helped to generate more traffic to the Town's website. For example, there were 188 page views per day at the beginning of May compared to 316 page views per day toward the end of the contest. Staff feels the contest was worthwhile and will be targeting future Departmental promotions using Facebook.

Summer Ultimate Challenge

The most comprehensive special promotion offered between June 23rd and August 31st was the Summer Ultimate Challenge that focused on selling 10 & 25 passes with the added value of over \$20.00 in Sportsplex coupons. Current members and each person who purchased the passes were signed up for the Ultimate Challenge. The Challenge included being assigned to one of two teams that competed in racing across the country. Team members earned kilometres for their team through their participation in daily exercise. In total there were 137 passes sold and a large number of participants in the Challenge.

Participants were treated to weekly motivation tips from their coach; fun physical activity challenges; and a wrap-up party that recognized participants. Staff feels the Challenge was well received by patrons and are considering the program for 2013.

The overall goal of the promotions undertaken by the Department's staff over the summer was to help generate new memberships; retain current members; and to provide education around the importance of daily physical activity. The summer is a challenging time to encourage people to sustain their physical activity levels indoors however with the creative promotions that staff worked hard at, their efforts helped educate and encourage people to stay active.

Department staff to be congratulated for their extra efforts includes Fyonna Vanderwerf Recreation Programmer Fitness/Climbing and Christine Cousins, Deck Supervisor.

Please contact me at 645-3037 if you would like any additional information regarding any of these initiatives.



L. Broere, Director of Culture and Recreation



MEMORANDUM
Public Works Department

TO: Mayor Graydon Smith, Members of Council
FROM: A. Stacey, C.E.T., Engineering Technologist
COPY: J. Sisson, CAO
DATE: September 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Request for Private Access to Kerr Park

This memorandum has been prepared to up-date members of Town Council regarding the status of the Private Park Access Policy stemming from a request by Mr. McClacherty for permission to install a private access into Kerr Park.

On June 6, 2012, Council ratified motion 12-GC-163 as follows:

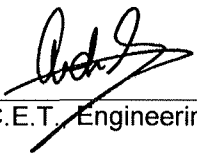
1. "That request from Mr. McClacherty for permission to install a private access into Kerr Park as outlined in his letter dated February 8, 2012 attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report PW014-12 be deferred.
2. That staff in the Public Works Department, in consultation with members of the Town's Management Team, develop a draft Policy Regarding Residential Park Access to municipally owned/managed lands and report back to General Committee."

As member of Council are aware, the Kerr Park lands are owned Trans Canada Pipelines Limited (TCPL). The Town manages the Park through a lease agreement with the company. Any agreement with Mr. McClacherty for direct access into the park from his property will require the approval of TCPL. Additionally, any Policy developed related to access to the TCPL lands needs to be approved by the company.

Staff have been in contact with Trans Canada Pipeline Limited and they have indicated some initial reservation with allowing a private access into Kerr Park. They have also indicated that they will need to seek legal counsel prior to providing the Town with a formal response. Although the Public Works Department was originally anticipating bringing forward a Staff Report on October 2, 2012, the report can only be finalized after receiving a clear response from TCPL.

Staff anticipates receiving a formal response from Trans Canada Pipeline Limited in the near future. Staff plan to bring a report forward for consideration by General Committee on October 23, 2012.

Please contact me at (705) 645-5264 ext. 240 if you have any questions or if you require any further clarification regarding this matter.


A. Stacey, C.E.T., Engineering Technologist



Community Living - South Muskoka

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Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 0A1

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August 28, 2012

Thank you for your past sponsorship of Community Living South Muskoka's golf tournament. As you are aware, past golf tournament proceeds have been dedicated to the development of our farm Morrison Meadows on Fraserburg Road in Bracebridge, Ontario. Community Living South Muskoka has decided not to host a golf tournament this year, however, we still need your help and support.



Community Gardens raised planting beds

Community Living South Muskoka believes that the Government of Ontario will never have enough resources to meet the needs of the developmentally disabled. If we want to provide additional services and supports we must find other ways to financially sustain ourselves and become a valued contributing member of our community. With this goal in mind Community Living South Muskoka purchased a 35 acre farm on the outskirts of Bracebridge in 2007 called Morrison Meadows. We wanted to create employment opportunities for the individuals we serve, and

become an outdoor recreational space for our community to enjoy and see individuals with a developmental disability as capable, friendly, teachers, partners and community leaders. The cost of this project is not funded by the Ministry. We have worked with our local farmers and have grown corn and pumpkins for the past two years.

With the funds raised in our community over the past few years we have constructed a barn, enhanced our parking, built a children's play area that includes a 3 wheel bike race track, potato sling, a train, installed a solar array to sell power back to Ontario Power Generation and developed 10 community garden beds. We have also partnered with the District of Muskoka and have developed 7

kilometers of trails for walking, hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Morrison Meadows is also available for use by local community groups.

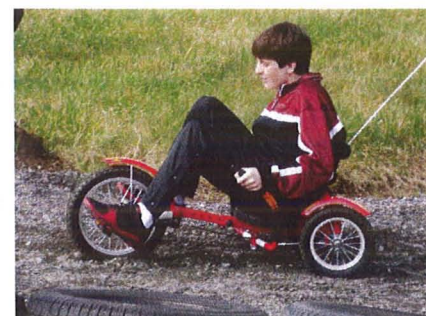
Every September we host our annual Fall Harvest Days. The event is open to the community and we welcomed over 100 families last



Pumpkin planting at Morrison Meadows



Getting a sparkly tattoo at Fall Harvest Days



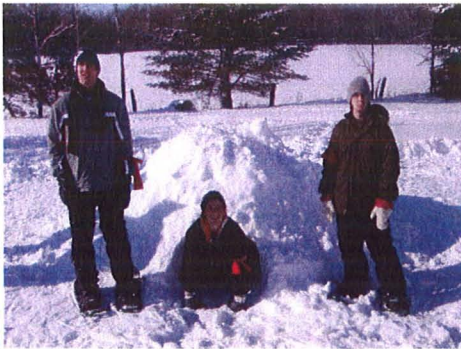
3-wheel bike race track

year to enjoy a day at the farm, participate in games and activities, campfires, wagon rides and pick their own pumpkins. Community Living also opened the farm to local kindergarten classes to enjoy the activities at the farm and pick their own pumpkins. We have also partnered with the schools to host the Muskoka Mud Run at the farm where 700 school children and their families enjoyed a day of fun, competition and activities. This year's event will be hosted over two days.



Enjoying a tractor train ride during Fall Harvest Days

During the winter months we operate Snowdrifts which teaches local school children winter survival skills and snowshoeing. Community Living South Muskoka staff and the developmentally disabled individuals we employ show children how to build quinzees, start a campfire without matches, and enjoy the trails on the farm.



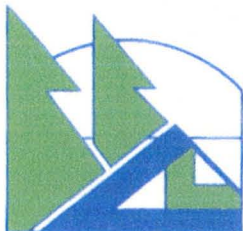
Learning winter survival skills at the Snowdrifts school program

How can you help? We are looking for your involvement in any of the following ways:

- Sponsor the entrance fee for four local families in need to attend the Fall Harvest Festival the weekend of September 22, 23 or September 29, 30 in the amount of \$100. Your name will be placed on our sponsor board located on the barn at Morrison Meadows.
- Become a sponsor of the Fall Harvest Festival for \$250. We will provide signage at the event of your sponsorship and recognize your sponsorship in our marketing material if your firm desires. In addition your name will be placed on our sponsor board located on the barn at Morrison Meadows.
- Sponsor a cedar bench for \$350 to be placed along the trails for people to enjoy while they rest during their use of the 7 kms of trails. A plaque will be attached to the bench to recognize your sponsorship as well as your name will be placed on our sponsor board located on the barn at Morrison Meadows.
- Become an annual sponsor of Morrison Meadows and assist with the future capital developments on the farm. Future capital developments include accessible washrooms, furnace for the barn, pavilion to host community events, an outdoor kitchen, and an outdoor skating rink.
- Donate your time, equipment or other services

Attached is a sponsorship form for you to completed and return to us at your earliest convenience.

Community Living South Muskoka is very excited about this project, however, we cannot do it all alone and hope you will be able to support us in any way you can. Please check out our website at www.morrisonmeadows.com.



Community Living - South Muskoka

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Organization/Individual: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate your sponsorship level by checking one of the boxes

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- ☐ Donate your time, equipment or other services.
- ☐ Other: \$ _____

A charitable donation receipt will be issued for your contribution.

Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

SEP 17 2012

His Worship Graydon Smith
Mayor of Bracebridge
100 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, Ontario P1L 1R6

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me your correspondence of July 13, 2012, regarding the federal government's decision to eliminate the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP).

Our Government recognizes the importance of promoting an integrated and resilient approach to emergency management. Emergency management is a shared responsibility between all levels of government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and individual citizens. We also recognize that most emergencies in Canada are managed by municipalities or at the provincial or territorial level. As such, the Government of Canada has supplemented provincial emergency preparedness since 1980 by investing over \$175 million in emergency planning, training and specialized equipment through the JEPP. Please note that JEPP funding remains in place for projects submitted for consideration in 2012-13.

Moving forward, our Government is developing a long-term National Disaster Mitigation Program through engagement with provinces and territories, recognizing that mitigation can lessen the impact of natural disasters and reduce the costs associated with these events. In addition, Budget 2012 will provide funding of up to \$99.2 million over three years to assist provinces and territories with the cost of permanent flood mitigation measures undertaken for the 2011 flood season.

Canada

Please be assured that Public Safety Canada remains committed to working with provinces and territories to ensure the safety and security of all Canadians.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vic Toews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Vic" written in a large, sweeping loop.

Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.
President of the Treasury Board and
Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario

Mr. Norm Miller, M.P.P.
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September 17, 2012

His Worship Graydon Smith
Mayor
The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge
1000 Taylor Court
Bracebridge, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Smith:

Thank you for writing to share your views on the boundaries of the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund. I welcome and appreciate your input on this matter.

I am extremely pleased that Bill 11 was recently passed in the Ontario legislature — making the Eastern Ontario Development Fund permanent, and creating the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund.

As you know, for several months prior to the passage of this bill, we held many discussions and meetings to hear the important views of mayors and wardens. We are now in the process of determining the specifics of the program. My ministry will work to release all the pertinent details of the two funds as quickly as possible.

Once again, thanks for your letter and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Duguid'.

Brad Duguid
Minister

c: Councillors, Town of Bracebridge

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

September 18, 2012

Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Introduces "Ability to Pay Act, 2012"

Issue: Arbitration Process

Background:

On September 12, 2012, a Private Member's Bill was introduced which contains the PC Party of Ontario's proposed changes to the current arbitration system.

The *Act* highlights three key points:

- An arbitrator's decision must factor in specific economic and budgetary factors, like the taxpayers' ability to pay, when making decisions and to explain those decisions in writing;
- Establish a panel of independent arbitrators to decide public sector cases within three months; and
- Dedicate an "Ability to Pay Division" that would publish data and comparative information on compensation, as well as proactively disclose all arbitration decisions.

The *Act* is expected to go to the second reading on October 4, 2012. For more detailed information on the Bill, please visit the Ontario PC's website. The Bill is available at <http://www.ontla.on.ca>. AMO is analyzing the Bill and will keep members informed of this and its on-going status.

Earlier this year, the government wrote municipalities indicating that during the current legislative session it would re-introduce its arbitration provisions that were originally contained in its Budget Bill. Those provisions were not extensive and did nothing to clarify the ability to pay criteria. At this point, we are not aware of the government's plans, whether to work with this Bill or introduce its own.

AMO and others believe that the clarity on ability to pay is important to re-balancing the process in a way that supports accountability and transparency of decisions made by arbitrators since their decisions impact municipal costs, budgets and taxes. Arbitration continues to be an important issue to AMO and its members. Arbitration awards are contributing to ever rising emergency services costs across Ontario, rising faster than other municipal services, the cost of living and the rate of inflation. These disproportionate increases stretch municipal budgets and draw funds away from other vital programs and services.

For more information, visit "Advocacy" at www.amo.on.ca.


AMO Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, MTurner@amo.on.ca or 416-971-9856 Ext. 318.

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Canadian Construction Association's industry leaders forum explores future construction leadership

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With ongoing industry changes, choosing the right leaders to advance construction is top of mind at this year's Construction Industry Leaders Forum. "[We hope to discuss] what are the changes today in some of the leadership requirements and needs and how do we assess leaders; do you develop within or do you have to go outside?" said John Schubert, chair of the Canadian Construction Association, the conference host.

Canadian infrastructure crumbling

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According to a recent industry report card, over half of Canadian municipal roads require significant repairs a quarter of the nation's wastewater plants are in need of serious upgrades. The Canadian Infrastructure Report Card, released by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in partnership with the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, the Canadian Construction Association and the Canadian Public Works Association looked at infrastructure in more than 120 major municipalities.

Trans-Canada faces Texas landowners in court over pipeline

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Trans-Canada Corp. shouldn't be allowed to use eminent-domain laws to seize land to build the southern leg of its Keystone XL Pipeline near Beaumont, Texas, lawyers for property owners told a judge. A recent Texas Supreme Court decision may give the landowners the right to prevent Trans-Canada from taking land for the pipeline, Terry Wood, an attorney for Texas Rice Land Partners, said at a hearing in state court in Beaumont.

Metrolink approves \$320 million tunnel contract

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Ontario government agency Metrolinx has announced that its board of directors has approved a \$320 million construction contract for a tunnel on a light rail transit project in Toronto. The contract to bore a 6.2-kilometer tunnel underneath Eglinton Avenue was awarded to Crosstown Transit Constructors, a consortium comprised of Kenny Construction Co., Kenaidan Contracting Ltd., Obayashi Canada Ltd. and Technicore Underground Inc.

McGuinty, Ontario government creating jobs and building a stronger economy

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Ontario is creating 70 jobs by improving Highway 401 in Stormont County. More than 19 kilometers of Highway 401 between Upper Canada Road and Moulinette Road will be repaved, making travel easier and safer for families and businesses. Construction is targeted for completion by the end of this year.

Oh, how Canada backs a new Detroit-Windsor bridge

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Jack Lindsay writes, "Why is Canada so hot to build a bridge across the Detroit River that its government has offered to pay all of Michigan's share of the costs? Is there some dark, hidden agenda? Manuel Moroun wants you to think so. He is the billionaire owner of the Ambassador Bridge, which opened in 1929 and carries more than \$100 billion in heavy automotive components across the border every year."

100 years of Canada's long and winding road

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On Sept. 21, politicians and dignitaries will meet in Revelstoke, B.C., to mark the 50th anniversary of the official opening of the Trans-Canada Highway. They'll give speeches in town, then drive to the top of the Rogers Pass, to the place in the mountains where Prime Minister John Diefenbaker declared Canada's national road to finally be complete.

\$1.5 billion to be cut from roads, transit and rail in 2013 unless Congress acts

September 18, 2012, 3:23:09 PM

Preliminary estimates released by the White House indicate funding for highways, transit and rail programs in 2013 will be cut by about \$1.5 billion on Jan. 2 if automatic budget cuts take place as scheduled. Cuts to all US Department of Transportation programs could exceed \$2 billion.

Province defends tolling the Trans-Canada Highway

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As opposition grows to the tolls on the new Port Mann Bridge, many cry foul that they have to pay to drive on the Trans-Canada Highway. It's one of the longest highways in the world — over 8,000 kilometers long and travels through every province — but it's not illegal to toll the Trans-Canada Highway.

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Local Government Week 2012 will be happening Oct. 14 to Oct. 20

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We encourage municipalities and schools to plan activities for Local Government Week that will promote in children and youth a better understanding and awareness about the operations and services of their municipality, and foster responsible citizenship and stewardship of their local communities.

Visit the Local Government Week web pages on amcto.com for information, activity ideas, resources and posters.

AMCTO New EnAbling Change Accessibility partnership with the ADO and new Project Manager announcement

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AMCTO is pleased to announce the launch of a partnership with the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario over the next 18 months on the implementation of the Integrated Accessibility Standards for the broader public sector.

Ontario Liberals go to 'all-out war' with teachers

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

War was declared between Ontario's teachers and the normally teacher-friendly government of Dalton McGuinty. The Liberals passed legislation that mandates a two-year wage freeze, as well as halving sick days and banning teachers from striking. In response, the province's teacher unions asked members to stop running extracurricular activities and coined new 'McGuinty Mondays,' telling teachers not to attend school meetings on the first day of the week.

Blink and you might miss Toronto parking signs that spell out 3-hour limit

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According to the City of Toronto's report of parking ticket activity, 2,833,787 tickets were issued in 2011. Parking on a city street for more than three hours (bylaw No. 2) garnered 118,828 tickets — or 4.19 per cent of the overall total. The report does not indicate how many of those tickets were contested, but if all of them were paid, the city would have made more than \$1.7 million off bylaw No. 2.

Sudbury to vote on store hours

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

Sudbury residents will soon be asked to weigh in on the ongoing debate over store hours in the city. At a recent meeting, city council voted to hold a referendum on the issue and let the voters decide, when they go to the polls in 2014. However, Mayor Marianne Matichuk was the lone dissenting voice in the vote. Scrapping that city bylaw altogether was a key platform plank for her in the last election, but she has repeatedly said it's a decision that should be made by council.

Ontario tweaks green energy rules

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Ontario's new rules for green energy projects should prevent solar farms from sprouting up on vacant residential lots, like one did in Alvinston more than a year ago. The revised rules followed a review launched last fall of the province's Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program for awarding contracts to buy electricity from green energy projects. One change is to not allow new ground-mounted solar energy projects on residential property, or next to it.

Energy group pushes hydro privatization

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Watch for a new debate on privatizing local hydro utilities, thanks to a set of proposals from Ontario's broadest energy sector lobby group. Ontario's local hydro utilities — and the municipalities who largely own them — need more capital to update aging infrastructure, argues the Ontario Energy Association (OEA). And it maps out a strategy that, it says, would shrink the number of local utilities in the province while tapping private capital to renew outdated equipment.

Tree-cutting bylaw proposed in Orangeville

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

Orangeville council hasn't put the 'chop down' on a proposed tree-cutting bylaw yet. On town staff's to-do list for some time now, the brainchild of the Orangeville Sustainability Action Team (OSAT) may become law within town limits, assuming consultations with the public go smoothly. Given the headaches caused by Dufferin County's often criticized tree-cutting bylaw, some members of Orangeville council were apprehensive about regulating the cutting or removal of trees on private property.

Ontario will ban teens from tanning beds

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

Ontario will ban the use of tanning beds by people under the age of 18 to protect them from skin cancer, Premier Dalton McGuinty recently announced. "There's a strong consensus among the scientific community, people who work on the front lines, that we need to do something about young people who are getting access to tanning beds," McGuinty said after touring a cancer clinic at a Toronto hospital.

Group home location bylaws pit Ontario cities against human rights watchdog

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Ontario's top human rights watchdog warned it will actively challenge 'discriminatory' bylaws that restrict the location of group homes, but one prominent critic says the Ontario Human Rights Commission is treading clumsily into an area better left to local decision-makers. Barbara Hall, the OHRC's chief commissioner, said local governments discriminate against people with addictions and mental health issues when they uphold laws saying two group homes cannot be within a certain distance of one another.

McGuinty asks teachers to continue extracurriculars

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

Ontario teachers shouldn't pull out of extracurricular activities because they're angry with the government for imposing new contracts and taking away their right to strike, Premier Dalton McGuinty said. Teacher-supervised activities outside the classroom are important to both students and families, and teachers know that "in their heart of hearts," he said after touring a Toronto college. "What I can't accept would be any decision on the part of teachers to withdraw services that are in fact part and parcel of what kids have come to expect from Ontario's great teachers".

McGuinty calls on Ontario public-service workers to accept wage freeze

September 19, 2012, 8:17:59 AM

The Ontario government plans to introduce legislation that would freeze wages for all workers who bargain collectively in the public sector. Just after the governing Liberals' new law freezing wages and banning strikes for the province's elementary and secondary teachers came into force, Premier Dalton McGuinty confirmed that he now plans to target other public-service workers.

In Ontario schools, parents seek veto on sexuality teaching

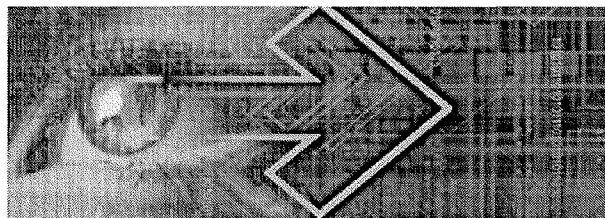
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A group of conservative Christian and Muslim parents in Ontario want schools to notify them before their children are taught about sexuality, birth control, 'environmental worship' and occult practices. Just days after Ontario passed an anti-bullying law that promotes acceptance of diversity, the parents began distributing a four-page form letter to their children's elementary schools in and around Toronto. Titled 'Choosing to Remain in the Public System,' the downloadable form asks that parents be advised prior to their children's exposure to sex education and discussions about homosexuality, transgender issues and abortion.

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September 20, 2012

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- Arts makes cent\$ at the 2012 Counties, Regions & Single Tier Symposium.
- Connections Energy Symposium will Spark Change December 6, 2012.
- LAS helps you lower your group benefits costs.
- Access the new Municipal Resource Directory!
- OMKN collaborates with Parks and Recreation Ontario on Customer Survey Tool.
- 2011 Financial Information Returns now available on MIDAS.
- Career opportunities with the City of Cornwall and Town of Aurora.

Provincial Matters

The new policy applies to the operation of unlicensed private gas wells drilled prior to June 27, 1997. To help operators obtain a license, the Ministry of Natural Resources is offering an incentives program to ensure compliance. Information is available on the Ministry's [website](#) or by calling 1-888-990-0902.

The Minister of Infrastructure, Bob Chiarelli, has announced the first phase of the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy, including \$8.25 million for asset management by small, rural and Northern municipalities. To access this funding, municipalities must apply by October 22nd, 2012.

Ontario is planning to introduce a bill that supports, promotes and celebrates the good things grown and made in Ontario.

A Private Member's Bill was introduced and received First Reading: *Bill 121, Ability to Pay Act, 2012*.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Over 10.9 million Ontarians attended an arts, heritage or cultural event/facility in 2010. Simply put Arts makes cent\$, learn more at the 2012 Counties, Regions and Single Tier Symposium Oct 25 & 26 at Blue Mountain.

What we do today impacts tomorrow. Sessions at the 2012 Connections Energy Symposium look to Spark Change. With topics ranging from energy policy and programs; to how we think, learn and communicate; to customer connections, this is an event you can't afford to miss.

LAS

Continue to be frustrated by ever-rising group benefit costs? LAS' Group Benefits Consortium Program offers average savings of 12% at time of enrollment and very competitive renewal rates. Members also have full flexibility related to plan design to accommodate any collective agreement requirements. Request a no-obligation quote from LAS today to see what you can save.

Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network (OMKN)

A key new tool for CAOs and City Managers, the Municipal Resource Directory (MRD), consolidates information on programs and services targeted to municipalities in one convenient document.

Parks and Recreation Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network, has created a unique resource to help municipalities ensure success in parks and recreation service delivery.

Municipal Wire *

The 2011 Financial Information Returns are now available to Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) users. MIDAS is a web-based tool that provides access to the FIRs and Municipal Performance Measure Program (MPMP) schedule data for all Ontario municipalities.

Career Opportunities

City Clerk – City of Cornwall. Please submit resumes by October 15, 2012 to: The Corporation of the City of Cornwall/File #12-39, 360 Pitt Street/P.O. Box 877, Cornwall, ON K6H 5T9. Email: hr@cornwall.ca, Fax: (613) 930-7417.

Labourer/Seasonal (Roads) (November 2012 - April 2013) - Town of Aurora. Please forward your resume to: Human Resources, Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Box 1000, Aurora, ON, L4G 6J1, or, email to: hr@aurora.ca by September 25, 2012.

About AMO

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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

September 20, 2012

Ontario Government Announces Compensation Related Freeze

Issue: AMO has confirmed that today's announcement exempts municipal government and local boards.

Background:

Today, Ministry of Finance announced a proposed cap on compensation for its executives and to put in place a two-year pay freeze for managers who are eligible for performance pay. Managers across the Ontario Public Service (OPS) would see a three-year freeze.

These measures apply to the Ontario Public Service, government agencies and the broader public sector. Municipalities and local boards are excluded from the scope of the announced measures.

For more information, please see the [announcement](#). Municipal and local board exclusion is noted under 'Quick Facts'.

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

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Capping Executive Compensation and Freezing Pay for Public Sector Managers

September 20, 2012 2:00 PM

McGuinty Government Taking Strong Action to Control Spending, Eliminate Deficit

Ontario is proposing to cap compensation for its executives and put in place a two-year pay freeze for managers who are eligible for performance pay. Managers across the Ontario Public Service (OPS) would see a three-year freeze.

These measures are being introduced because the government believes everyone has to do their share to help eliminate the deficit. Ontario has already asked some of its partners, like teachers and doctors, to take a two-year pay freeze.

Under the plan, executive pay would be permanently capped at no more than double the Premier's salary -- \$418,000 per year. Public sector managers would not earn any more money for the next two years than they did last year. The amounts shown on T4 slips would not be able to increase, except under special circumstances such as a mother returning from maternity leave. The freeze would also decrease future pension expenses.

The McGuinty government is taking strong action to achieve its fiscal targets by reducing costs while protecting front-line services. This announcement builds on the restraint initiatives that the government has implemented since 2008.

QUICK FACTS

- Compensation costs account for the majority of Ontario-funded program spending, either paid directly through the OPS or as part of the government's transfer payments to universities, hospitals and other public-sector partners.

- The proposed freeze on compensation for managers in the OPS would save the government approximately \$12 million this year.
- To eliminate the deficit while protecting the health and education services families most rely on, the McGuinty government's plan requires strong management of current and future compensation costs, including wages, benefits and pensions.
- These measures apply to the Ontario Public Service, government agencies and the broader public sector. Municipalities and local boards would be excluded from the scope of the announced measures.
- The 2011-12 Public Accounts revealed that the province's results for the 2011-12 fiscal year were \$3.3 billion ahead of the plan projected in the 2011 Budget. This marks the third consecutive year in which the province has improved on its fiscal projections.

LEARN MORE

- Read a Long Term Plan for Public Sector Compensation
- Read how the McGuinty government remains on track to eliminate the deficit by 2017-18.
- Read the 2012 Ontario Budget.
- Read the Addendum to the 2012 Ontario Budget: Report on Expense Management Measures

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ontario.ca/finance

"The McGuinty government respects the hard work of our public sector employees. These measures are necessary to help us meet our fiscal targets and we are asking everyone to do their share. More than half of government costs go to wages and benefits — this pay freeze would help us protect public services and jobs."

– Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance

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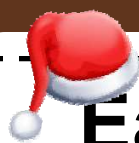
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BRACEBRIDGE
The Heart of Muskoka

AT THE PLEX

October - December 2012



Easy Holiday Shopping

**TOWN OF
BRACEBRIDGE
CULTURE AND
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

**INCLUDED IN
THIS EDITION:**

**EASY HOLIDAY
SHOPPING**

**NEW FALL
PROGRAMS**

**HOW PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY
EFFECTS
MENTAL HEALTH**

**FESTIVAL OF
THE LIGHTS**

**HOLIDAY
CRAFT SALE**

**EXTENDED
WEIGHT ROOM
AND
SUPERVISED
PLAY AREA
HOURS**

**FACILITY
CLOSURES:**

Oct 8

Dec 25 & 26

Jan 1

Mark your calendars! The Town of Bracebridge Culture and Recreation Department is ready to celebrate its sixth annual Easy Holiday Shopping event, on December 1st to the 31st, 2012 at the Bracebridge Sportsplex.

Memberships, 10-passes or 25-passes are easy gifts for your family and friends and they will help ensure they start off the new-year on the right track. Ask the friendly front desk staff at the Bracebridge Sportsplex about the various membership options and payment plans that are available. Complete your easy holiday shopping, with complimentary gift wrapping, while you grab a warm beverage from the on-site Oliver's Coffee.

Not sure what to get? Festive Gift Cards are

available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100, or any other amount you wish. Gift cards can be used for any activities offered by the Town of Bracebridge Culture and Recreation Department from public swimming, memberships, personal training to rock climbing and everything in between. Gift cards are also a great option for grandparents to purchase swimming lessons for their grandchildren, a spouse buying a membership for their partner looking to get back in shape, or a great gift for a friend to take a class or workshop together.

When you spend \$50 or more at the Bracebridge Sportsplex during the December 1-31st time period, you will receive a free coupon book valued at over \$20.00.

The coupon book has valuable passes in it to attend a variety of activities at the Bracebridge Sportsplex and the Bracebridge Memorial Arena free of charge.

Enter to win!

The Town of Bracebridge Culture and Recreation Department is giving away six 10-passes as part of this special promotion. Throughout December, when you purchase a membership, program registration, gift card or any merchandise item, you will be entered in a draw to win a 10-pass.

Join us for this special month of holiday shopping and program registration!



Extended Hours!

Supervised Play Area:

Mon	8:45 - 12:00 pm; 4:45 - 7:30 pm
Tues	9:00 - 1:00 pm; 4:45 - 7:45 pm
Wed	10:00 - 12:00 pm; 5:00 - 7:45 pm
Thurs	8:30 - 12:30 pm; 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Fri	9:00 - 11:45 am

Weight room:

Mon to Fri:	6:30 - 8:30 am; 4:30 - 9:00 pm (Friday close at 8:00 pm)
Sat:	9:00 - 4:00 pm
Sun:	12:00 - 5:00 pm

Town of Bracebridge Culture and Recreation Department
705-645-3037 www.bracebridge.ca

PUBLIC SWIMMING

Wednesday
(\$2 special)
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Saturday
2:00 - 3:30 pm

Saturday
(\$2 special)
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Sunday
2:00 - 3:30 pm

YOUTH DANCES!

Bracebridge
Sportsplex
6:30-10:00 pm

October 19
November 16
December 21

What's New at the Bracebridge Sportsplex?

Fall brings many welcome changes, kids go back to school, leaves change colours and the weather starts to turn cooler. The Bracebridge Sportsplex has many exciting new opportunities this fall that you can add into your routine.

New classes added to the membership schedule:**Saturday Fitness Classes**

Get your Saturday morning off on the right foot
Power Yoga 10:15 - 11:15 am

Pre-registration required for the following classes:**Family Swim Lessons**

Have all of the children in your family in the pool at the same time
Tuesdays starting October 16 4:45 - 5:30 pm (Saturday family swim option is still available)

Lunchtime classes

Sneak a workout in on your lunch hour. Starts October 2, pre-registration required.
Yoga (Tuesdays) 12:10 - 12:50 pm
Muscle Fit (Thursdays) 12:10 - 12:50 pm

LTR—Long Term Results

Set your own goals, become comfortable with various fitness techniques and receive nutrition advice. Register today.
Mondays starting October 15, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

45+ Hockey Circuit Training

Improve your on-ice performance this fall. Register today.
Wednesdays starting Oct 10, 7:00—8:00 pm

Sunrise Bootcamp

Wake up with a full body workout. Pre-registration required.
Tuesdays starting Oct 9, 6:30 - 7:30 am

Fit for Life 60+

A healthy aging program for those 60+, partnered with the Arthritis Society. Register today.
Mondays starting Oct 15, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

DrumFIT

Combine music, dance and rhythm using drum sticks, exercise balls and creativity. Register today.

Preschoolers (2 - 5 yrs) Fridays starting October 12, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Kids (5-9 yrs) Wednesdays starting October 10, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

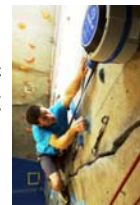
Trick Skipping

Wednesdays starting October 10, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

For more information on any of our programs, check out our Fall/ Winter leisure guide or speak to our friendly front desk staff.

NEW**Auto Belay System****Climb 6 Days a week!**

The newest way to climb and it's at the Bracebridge Sportsplex! It's an automatic device used to climb without a person belaying. Perfect for a quick climb workout or to try something fun and new, the feeling is like no other. Try it today!



Bracebridge Festival of the Lights

Friday November 30, 2012

6:00 pm

Birds Mill Mews, Downtown Bracebridge

- Children's Entertainment and Activities
- Fireworks
- Bonfire
- Hot Chocolate
- Photo's with Santa

And stay for Santa's Moonlight Shopping Party



Come on out to the Bracebridge Sportsplex on Thursday Dec 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm to get your free photo with Santa! Do some holiday shopping at the same time and give the gift of physical activity.

Recreation and Mental Health

Mental health disorders pose a significant public health burden and are a major cause of hospitalization and disability. Regular physical activity can reduce the severity of many mental health disorders, enabling individuals to better cope with their daily lives.

Studies have shown that people who participate in sports clubs and organized recreational activity enjoy better mental health, are more alert, have a sense of value, belonging and attachment and more resilient against the stresses of modern living.

Participation in sport and recreation activities can result in significant mental health benefits including:

- Reduced Depression
- Relieves Stress
- Improves Self esteem
- Reduced Anxiety
- Increased Life satisfaction

Is your family not worth taking the time out for yourself to improve your own health?

For more information visit the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario at www.ontario.cmha.ca

Take the power of Zumba, add in the best instructors in Muskoka and the strength of a great cause and you have:

Zumba-tthon!

Thursday Oct 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Help decrease food poverty and make a difference in our community now! Suggested \$10 donation or a bag of food to support the Manna Food Bank.

**Child care is available from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Check out our Youth Appreciation Days

Wednesday Oct 24 6 pm - 9pm &
Saturday Nov 24 10am - 12pm

- Wii gaming
- Swimming
- Free snacks
- Loads of Fun



Follow us on Twitter and Like us on Facebook!

Get the latest updates on programs, events and what's happening in the world of healthy living right here in your community.



@bbsportsplex



Town of Bracebridge,
Muskoka



Haunted Climb-a-ween

Saturday Oct 27
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



Get your scare first on the wall! Treats and tricks for all climbers. Ages 7 and up

Did you Know that the Bracebridge Sportsplex has Day Camps offered on all Public and Catholic Elementary School PA Days as well as over Christmas and March Break?

Each camp will feature swimming, games, crafts and exciting themes such as Shipwrecked, Sherlock Holmes, Ice Age and Pirates of Muskoka, just to name a few.



Register today to reserve a spot.

CHRISTMAS BREAK DROP-IN ACTIVITIES DEC 27 - 31, JAN 2-6

ACTIVITY	DATES	HOURS	LOCATION
Climbing and Bouldering	Jan 2 – 5	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Bracebridge Sportsplex Climbing Wall
FREE Tim Horton's Skate	Dec 27 – Jan 2	1:00 – 2:40 pm	Bracebridge Memorial Arena
Public Skate - Pay as you go	Jan 3 – 6	1:00 – 2:40 pm	
Public Swim	Dec 27 – 31*, Jan 2 – 6	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Bracebridge Sportsplex Pools & Waterslide
Weight Room Workout	Dec 24 – 31*, Jan 2 – 6	6:30 am – 9:00 pm (Fri-Sun: reduced hours pg.12)	Bracebridge Sportsplex Weight Room
Walking / Running Track	Dec 24 – 31*, Jan 2 – 6	6:30 am – 9:00 pm	Bracebridge Sportsplex Indoor Track
FREE Tim Horton's Skate	Dec 31	6:00 – 7:00 pm & 7:30 – 8:30 pm	Bracebridge Memorial Arena

*Facility closes at 4:30 pm on Dec 24 and Dec 31. Facility closed Dec 25, Dec 26, Jan 1.

Connections Energy Symposium Program Preview



Energy policy and programming in Ontario is never boring. 2012 has certainly been no exception and many other changes look to have an impact in 2013.

The Details

Date:

December 6, 2012

Location:

Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel & Conference Centre
801 Dixon Road

Hotel reservations:

Reservations can be made directly with Sheraton Reservations at 1.800.325-3535 quoting code AML06A. The room rate is \$143 per night for a traditional room.

The Sessions

The Symposium starts with a morning of plenary sessions:

Energy Prices - how will consumers manage? This session will look at how you can leverage the economics of electricity, energy storage and natural gas fuel alignment to help consumers understand the complexities of the industry and more importantly their own bills.

Train your Brain with Brian Thwaites. Give that three-pound organ inside your head an adjustment you'll never forget. This memorable and entertaining performance demonstrates how learning to use your brain better will significantly enhance the way you think, learn and communicate.

The Tracks

Track 1 - People

The People track focusses on the human element of energy planning, monitoring and measurement.

Topics include:

- LAS Energy Consulting Service
- Facilitated Networking have your questions answered by your peers and other experts in the field.
- Connecting with Customers

Track 2 - Places

The Places track looks at the physical structures we work in and with and how to make use of renewables, green building and DE solutions.

Topics include:

- Green Building Requirements and the Green Policy Hub
- Micro-Tri Generation of Electricity: A Showcase of Ryerson's CUE Projects

Track 3 - Assets & Resources

The Assets/Resources track features presentations around CDM, energy efficiency and programming and leveraging current resources in a cost effective manner.

Topics include:

- Union Gas Incentive Program
- Networking Support Groups & Funding Resources for Energy Planning
- and more...

Register

Space is limited at the Connections Energy Symposium. Last year was a record sell out - don't miss out get your registration in today.

Register online at www.las.on.ca or via the attached registration form.



Register Today



SHERATON TORONTO AIRPORT:
801 DIXON ROAD
DECEMBER 6, 2012

CONNECTIONS ENERGY SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

Mail with payment or fax to 416.971.6191 or register online at www.amo.on.ca

Energy policy and programming in Ontario is never boring. 2012 has certainly been no exception and many other changes look to have an impact in 2013. Connections aims to equip municipal, utility, and other broader public sector partners with the information and tools they need to comply with regulatory obligations, avoid cost increases, save money and protect the environment. Cost-saving measures, leading and cutting-edge technologies, and ideas for consideration will be presented at the 2012 Connections Energy Symposium on December 6 at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel. Feed your need to learn and **spark change**.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Title _____

Municipality/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Special Requirements (dietary, health, other...) _____

Conference Registration Fee: fees below are subject to a 13% HST charge.

Early Bird Rate

By October 19, 2012

MEMBER NON-MEMBER*

\$ 225 \$ 240

Regular Rate

After October 19, 2012

MEMBER NON-MEMBER*

\$ 240 \$ 265

Symposium Full Rate

*Non-member rate includes Provincial and Federal Government.

Payment must be made in full prior to the conference. Please note the Conference Organizer's reserve the right to refuse entry to any delegate as it deems fit.

Payment Summary: Registration Fee \$ _____ + 13% HST = \$ _____

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We will be presenting an interactive panel at the Symposium, to assist us in the preparation of this could you please answer the following questions:

What specific project, policy, or program that you have undertaken has been the most successful? _____

What specific project, policy, or program would you like to learn more about? _____