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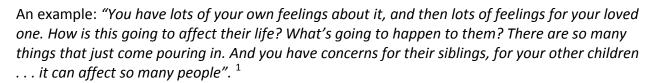
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			Midland Emergency Management Program		
5	14-Nov-14	Minutes	Committee	Meeting held November 18, 2014	
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			J. W. Tiernay, Excutive Director, Ontario Good		
7	14-Nov-14	Letter	Roads Association	Nominations of Board of Directors	
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This is National Addictions Awareness Week.

Did you know that friends and family members are deeply affected when a loved one has an addiction? The choices made by the person's behaviour can have far reaching consequences on the people around them.

Significant others may experience:

- Denial or attempts to cover up
- Self-blaming, shame, or a sense of responsibility to fix problems
- Fear for their safety
- Symptoms of anxiety and/or depression
- Financial stress
- Self-medicating as a means of coping



We see what we want to see.

Significant others find themselves coping with their loved ones choices. The impact can be detrimental. Let's offer support instead of criticism.

To get help for you or someone you care about, call 1-800-565-8603 or go to Connex. Many services ARE free and help IS available.





Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre
Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital

Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe County Branch

Addiction Outreach Muskoka Parry Sound

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care

Part of the Simcoe Muskoka Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy



Transportation Master Plan Update

Notice of Study Completion

The Study

The County of Simcoe Transportation Master Plan Update is intended to meet the goals and objectives of the County's vision for improving its transportation system and promoting mobility for all its residents and employers. The purpose of the study is to build upon and update the County's 2008 Transportation Master Plan. The study recommends an integrated multi-modal transportation system which will accommodate future population and employment growth to the year 2031 and beyond.

The Process

The Corporation of the County of Simcoe has prepared a Transportation Master Plan consistent with Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Master Plans are long-range plans that identify recommended infrastructure requirements for existing and future land uses with environmental assessment principles. While the Transportation Master Plan Update addresses need and justification at a broad level, more detailed studies related to some infrastructure components of the Transportation Master Plan Update are expected to be undertaken at a later date as part of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for other County and Local municipal infrastructure projects.

Public Information Centres were held in May 2013, June 2013, March 2014 and September 2014. The County's Transportation Master Plan Update incorporates comments received from the public, local municipalities and external agencies during the course of the study.

Comments

The Final Transportation Master Plan Update has been prepared to document the study process and conclusions. The Final Transportation Master Plan Update is available for review at the County Administrative Office, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON, L0L 1X0 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or at www.simcoe.ca.

The County affirms that anyone with an interest in the Master Plan has the opportunity to be involved and to provide input. Representatives from the County and its consultants are available to provide further information about the study or the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Please forward comments or questions to Debbie Korolnek at the telephone number and address below:

Debbie Korolnek, P.Eng.

General Manager, Engineering, Planning and Environment County of Simcoe 1110 Highway 26 Midhurst, ON, LOL 1X0

Phone: 705-726-9300

Email: debbie.korolnek@simcoe.ca

This Notice was first issued on October 30, 2014.

All information will be maintained on file for use during the study. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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Report of the Meeting of the Midland Emergency Management Program Committee held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Midland Fire Dept. Headquarters.

Present: Kevin Foster, Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management

Shawn Berriault, Director of Public Works Pat Leclair, Manager of Water/Wastewater Bryan Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation Dave Bressette, NSSRC Operations Manager

Jamie Galloway, Town Engineer Marc Villeneuve, Treasurer

Phil Marley, President & CEO, Midland Power Utility Corp. Ricki Ambedian, Treasurer, Midland Power Utility Corp. Tanya Feyr, SMDHU Emergency Mgt. Co-coordinator Kelly Magnusson, SMDHU Emergency Mgt. Manager

Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Mayor Gord McKay, Chair

Laura Lee, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Carolyn Tripp, CAO

Tom Toole, Deputy Fire Chief/Alt. CEMC

Ron Wheeldon, Inspector, Midland Police Service Rick Dalziel, Manager of Maintenance Operations

John Smith, Mgr. Huronia Airport

1. MINUTES

Review of the May and June 2014 agenda briefings.

2. EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT UPDATE

K. Foster and BFL (Town's insurer) met with County Reps. on July 10th. BFL is going to change some wording. BFL is concerned about the waiver rights. Midland is the only municipality that has not signed the agreement.

3. EMERGENCY GENERATOR

The generator connection has been completed. The generator is stored in Midhurst. There are concerns that the generator may not be able to be transported in an emergency to Midland. K. Foster will follow up with Carolyn Tripp, CAO.

4. SMDHU PRESENTATION

K. Magnusson reviewed the Simcoe Muskoka Vulnerable Population Response Plan.

T. Fehyr reviewed the Extreme Heat Planning. Following is the link to these plans.

http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/Environment/weather/extremeheat.aspx

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- i. Ontario Integrated Seasonal Vigilance Bulletin
- ii. Emergency Preparedness and Notification System

6. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

7. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, at 11:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Committee dispersed at 12:10 p.m.

B. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Kevin R. Foster, Director of Fire Services (Fire Chief) and Emergency Management

Report of the Meeting of the Midland Emergency Management Program Committee held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Midland Fire Dept. Headquarters.

Present: Tom Toole, Deputy Fire Chief/Alt. CEMC

Pat Leclair, Manager of Water/Wastewater Bryan Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation

John Smith, Mgr. Huronia Airport Barb Anderson, Recording Secretary

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1. MINUTES

Review of the report for the meeting of Emergency Management Program Committee held on July 15, 2014.

2. <u>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE</u>

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference. No changes were suggested.

3. EXERCISE

The Committee was given a table top exercise titled 'Midland Tornado Exercise'. This exercise consisted of 6 scenarios.

Scenario 1 – Thunderstorm Watch

Scenario 2 - Thunderstorm Warning

Scenario 3 - Tornado Warning

Scenario 4 - Red Alert for a tornado warning

Scenario 5 - Power Outage

Scenario 6 - Assessment of damage

Members discussed what action should be taken for each scenario. Two items were noted that should be discussed at future meetings. 1) Should there be an EOC alternate location at the new Public Works/Parks depot when it is built? 2) Should there be a siren system in place to warn citizens of an impending emergency?

4. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Letter from Georgian Bay General Hospital

The Town of Midland received a letter from G.B.G.H. President and CEO, Karen McGrath, regarding concerns that sometimes there is limited communications with the hospital during interruptions in services. The hospital would like to be close to the top of the list for those who will be notified of power or water interruptions or other potential emergencies that could impact the hospital.

Members of the committee would like to see a follow-up with the hospital with regards to inviting a representative from the hospital to attend the EMPC meetings.

5. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 11:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Committee dispersed at 11:15 a.m.

B. Anderson, Recording Secretary	T. Toole, Deputy Fire Chief/Alternate CEMC

Report of the Meeting of the Midland Emergency Management Program Committee held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Midland Fire Dept. Headquarters.

Present: Mayor Gord McKay, Chair

Carolyn Tripp, CAO

Jamie Galloway, Town Engineer

Tom Toole, Deputy Fire Chief/Alt. CEMC Bryan Peter, Director of Parks and Recreation

Ricki Ambedian, Treasurer, Midland Power Utility Corp.

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Pat Leclair, Manager of Water/Wastewater

1. MINUTES

Review of the report for the meeting of Emergency Management Program Committee held on Oct 21, 2014.

2. ANNUAL REVIEW

The Committee reviewed the Annual Municipal Maintenance Checklist. All items have been completed for this year.

3. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

- i. Ebola Virus
- ii. Letter to CEMC's

4. NEW BUSINESS

Alternate location for EOC

At the annual exercise it was noted that another alternate location for the EOC should be considered. Currently it is the Council Chambers. It was suggested that possibly an alternate EOC centre could be located in the new Public Woks building. J. Galloway made note of this to consider.

5. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

6. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With no further business to discuss, the Committee dispersed at 11:25 a.m.

B. Anderson, Recording Secretary

T. Toole, Deputy Fire Chief/Alternate CEMC

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DATE: October 2, 2014

LOCATION: Midland Public Library Boardroom

PRESENT: U. Schmid, V. Nihill, M. Pearce, B. Gorski, J. Swick, L. Campbell, N. Pape,

B. Desroches, Z. Pendlebury

REGRETS: G. Griffith, Recording Secretary

GUEST:

STAFF: B. Molesworth, CEO

ITEM #	ISSUE	ACTION
1.	Call to Order	
	Meeting brought to order at 7:00 p.m.	
2.	Approval of the agenda	
	Moved by B. Gorski Seconded by N. Pape That the Agenda be approved as circulated.	CARRIED
3.	Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting	
4	There being no concerns Moved by: B. Desroches Seconded by: M. Pearce That the Minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2014 be approved.	CARRIED
4.	Business arising from the minutes	
	B Molesworth reported that Ms. M. Downey had spent several hours at the Library reviewing the Circulation Desk and the Information Desk and the various work stations and that she had made several recommendations, some of which staff have been implementing already, and some of which will require more study and, if implemented, funding. The staff were very involved in the discussion and the report is being reviewed by them for discussion at the next staff meeting. B. Molesworth suggests that a consensus as to which recommendations should be given priority should be established, costing developed and a review by the Board done before any further steps be taken.	

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4.	Business a	arising from the minutes - continued	
	4.2	B. Molesworth is in receipt of the Mayor's report on the two meetings held on this issue. It touches on the main points that were discussed and makes several recommendations including more co-operation between agencies and more funding for Community Outreach. B. Molesworth feels this is the most important and is glad to see it included but is not sure what will happen next. Z. Pendlebury said the report had been presented to Council and that there had been some discussion but that funding is required to follow up on the recommendations. The initial program began with \$100,000.00 and, currently, the County contributes \$25,000.00 with some money coming from other sources. She reports that there are some new initiatives being developed at the County and elsewhere and that they should be explored by the new Council.	
	4.3	Budget 2015 B. Molesworth presented the first draft to Council and the consensus seemed to be that the Library will proceed with the 2% increase. There was discussion by Councillors regarding the number of capital items being deferred by the Library and other departments and the fact that Barrie had tried to hold taxes to zero recently and ended up increasing taxes dramatically in subsequent years to catch up. J. Swick thought that the reporting he'd seen suggested that some critics were blaming high debt costs for Midland's high taxes and were pointing specifically to the Library and the Sports Centre. U. Schmid said she'd been surprised at how large the amount owed the Town in back taxes was and suggested it represented the level of hardship experienced by some homeowners. Z. Pendlebury said that some of the people in arrears are not in financial difficulty – they just withhold payment.	

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4.	Business arising from the minutes - continued	
	The World Remembers The Friends have bought the monitor and stand, the trial software has been sent, \$250.00 has been raised from the Wyevale Memorial Committee and a letter requesting assistant has been received by the Legion and discussed but a decision deferred to their October meeting. The teacher at MSS responsible for this unit of study is suggesting a co-operative effort employing the research done is previous years on the men from Midland who served and the teacher at St. T's is eager to participate as well. A curator at the John McCrae museum will be speaking at the Library on Oct. 23 and will present to selected classes at both High Schools on the 24 th .	
5.	Approval of the accounts Copies of the cheque registers for August and September were distributed. B. Gorski asked about the Master Card annual fee There has been no response to questions as yet. The expense incurred by the credit card were itemized. N. Pape asked if the Yellow Pages charge was annual and was told it was. He also questioned the \$6,000.00 credit charge, which was on the Town's card because the Library had not received its card at the point. This amount was for the Zinio electronic magazine renewal which will be paid for through donations from the Friends and the Garden Tour Committees.	es
	Moved by: Z. Pendlebury Seconded by: V. Nihill That the accounts for the months of August and September , totalling \$34,767.03, be approved.	CARRIED
6.	Reports of Board Committees	
	6.1 Finance Committee B. Gorski distributed the Financial report to the end of September and pointed out that the Library stands at 75%	

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6.	Reports of Board Committees – continued		
	revenue still expected. In respensive some fees were raised and revenues will meet its target but roulikely not. The lower room rent being closed on Monday night. U. Schmid asked about the Sulexplained that when the Library contractor to plough and sand, transferred that payment to the staff could park on First St. Other	om rentals and memberships will al revenues may be due in part to opport to Parking. B. Molesworth had a staff parking lot it paid a but once the lot was built on, it	
	the price of the monitor and sta contribution to hardcover maga they are having a hard time find	zine subscriptions. They do say ling sufficient volunteers to staff osing to reduce those hours from	
	and G. Griffith has started revie	Town's new Procurement by-law wing it and making suggestions requirements so there is no date	
7.	New business		
	Library, might be useful for new	n advance. Z. Pendlebury r illustration, that demonstrated n spending was on the part of the Council members. ch before and would certainly be	

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7.	New busin	ess – continued B. Desroches questioned the use of the word 'refereed'. She suggested 'reference'. B. Molesworth explained he was suggesting the information Libraries offer is 'refereed' by experts, not posted online without research but thought, if it was confusing, it could easily be rephrased.	
		Moved by: V. Nihill Seconded by L. Campbell That B. Molesworth forward the amended version to the Clerk for inclusion in the Orientation package for new Councillors.	CARRIED
		In reference to the new Council, J. Swick asked how a new Board would be established. All members resign at the end of Council's term and those members who wish to serve again write to Council saying so. Council will be advertising for volunteers for all their Boards and Committees so anyone not currently serving may also indicate a willingness. If more volunteers submit their names than there are places, Council will appoint from the list as they see fit	
8.	Informatio	n	
	8.1	Librarian's Report The report was distributed. B. Molesworth displayed a poster advertising this year's IFOA event which will be on Oct. 29. Assistance with ticket sales on the evening will be appreciated. An author is coming in co-operation with the IFOA to present at both High Schools on Nov. 7. There was also a poster announcing the presentation by Bev Dietrich of the John McCrae museum on Oct. 23. There will be promotional material for 'The World Remembers' soon. B. Molesworth circulated a photograph of furniture being created by the Keebee Play company as part of a tender for a large installation at several Libraries in Toronto. Keebee proposes to install it in MPL so they can take pictures as part of their tender presentation. We may keep it afterwards. This company has	

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8.	been very generous to the Library and we will suggest to them that there be a release to the paper to mark the gift.	
	There have been two meetings of the new Cultural Committee, the creation of which was one of the recommendations of the report submitted to Council earlier this year. They are preparing a draft budget, including salary costs for a director, the hiring of which was another important recommendation. Much is still to be done.	
9.	Adjournment	
	B. Desroches moved adjournment at 8.11p.m.	
	Chairman of the Board Chief Librarian	

October 28, 2014

To the Head & Members of Council:



Working for Municipalitie

Pursuant to Policy B-008 of the Ontario Good Roads Association, the Nominating Committee shall report to the Annual Conference its nominations for 12 directors. The following members of the Board will automatically serve on the 2015-2016 Board of Directors in the following capacity:

President Rick Champagne, Councillor, Municipality of East

Ferris

1st Vice-President Robert Burlie, Manager, Road Operations, City of

Toronto

Immediate Past President Tom Bateman, P. Eng., County Engineer, County of

Essex

Those nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be selected from OGRA's municipal membership pursuant to the requirements for geographic representation contained in Section 12 of the Constitution, and so far as possible meeting the criteria established in Policy B-008. A full copy of the Constitution can be viewed on the OGRA web-site:

http://www.ogra.org/AboutOGRA/Constitution.aspx

The following incumbent Directors have put their name forward wishing to continue to represent their respective Zones:

North (3 to be elected)

Luc Duval. Director of Public Works & Engineering

City of Timmins

Rick Harms, Project Engineer City of Thunder Bay

Southwest (2 to be elected)

Chris Traini, County Engineer County of Middlesex

South Central (3 to be elected)

Ken Lauppé. Manager, Road Operations – East, City of Brampton

Southeast (3 to be elected)

Michelle Hendry, Director of Public Works, City of Kawartha Lakes

Rick Kester, CAO City of Belleville

Toronto (1 to be elected)

One vacancy exists the **Northern** Zone, **Southwest** Zone, **Southeast** Zone and **Toronto**.

Two vacancies exist in the **South Central** Zone.

The Northern Zone consists of the municipalities in the Districts of Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin Island, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming; municipalities in and including the District of Muskoka and the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Southwest Zone consists of the municipalities in and including the Counties of Brant, Bruce, Elgin, Essex, Haldimand, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, and Perth, the municipality of Chatham-Kent, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

The South Central Zone consists of the municipalities in and including the Counties of Dufferin, Grey, Simcoe, and Wellington, and municipalities in and including the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel and York, and the City of Hamilton.

The South East Zone consists of municipalities in and including the Counties of Frontenac, Haliburton, Hastings, Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Northumberland, Peterborough, Prescott and Russell, Prince Edward, Renfrew, and Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes and Ottawa.

Any member of Council or a permanent full time staff from an OGRA member municipality interested in being considered as a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors must complete the attached Nomination Consent form and submit it along with their résumé to the attention of the Chair of the Nominating Committee by no later than December 19 2014. Fax your information to 289-291-6477, e-mail to info@ogra.org or mail to OGRA, 1525 Cornwall Road, Unit 22, Oakville, Ontario L6J 0B2

The Nominating Committee will meet in November to recommend a slate of Directors to the membership. The members of the Committee are:

Chair:

Joanne Vanderheyden, Immediate Past President

Members:

Luc Duval, OGRA Director

Alan Korell, OGRA Past President

Any questions regarding the Nomination process or serving on the Board of Directors can be directed to the undersigned at joe@ogra.org.

Yours truly,

J. W. Tiernay,

Executive Director

c: Joanne Vanderheyden, Chair, Nominating Committee

Ontario Good Roads Association Board of Directors Nomination and Consent Form



We hereby nominate the following to the Board of Directors of the Ontario		
Good Roads Association for the 2015/16 term of office:		
Name of Candidate		
Name:		
Position:		
Municipality:		
Moved by:		
Seconded by:		
(Candidates must be nominated by two eligible members of OGRA. A resolution of Council is acceptable but not mandatory)		
Candidate Consent		
The candidate nominated above must sign below indicating they consent to the Nomination and agree to let their name stand for office.		
I, hereby consent to the Nomination (Name of Candidate)		
to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Good Roads Association.		
Signature Date		

Submit completed form and candidate's résumé by fax or e-mail to the attention of Joanne Vanderheyden, Chair, OGRA Nominating Committee

Fax: 289-291-6477 E-mail: info@ogra.org



Legislative and Planning Services Office of the Regional Clerk 1151 Bronte Road Oakville ON L6M 3L1

Email: RegionalClerk@halton.ca

VIA EMAIL

November 19, 2014

Mike Wallace, MP, Burlington
The Honourable Lisa Raitt, MP Halton
Terence Young, MP, Oakville
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Eleanor McMahon, MPP, Burlington
Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP, Halton
Kevin Flynn, MPP, Oakville
Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Brad Woodside
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, Jayson Myers

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, November 19, 2014, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: "Buy American" Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

WHEREAS cities and communities across Canada support free and fair trade between Canada and the United States:

AND WHEREAS bilateral trade between Canada and the United States amounts to over \$600 billion per year in economic activity, significantly contributing to Canada's long-term economic competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS many of the most important supply chains and industry linkages that fuel our respective economies are inexorably linked;

AND WHEREAS provisions, such as 'Buy American' requirements, which serve to inhibit this important economic partnership directly affects the economic prosperity of our country, our businesses and our communities;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills and Halton Region showed leadership in 2009 by passing resolutions calling on the Federal, Provincial and municipal governments of Canada to push back against unfair U.S. legislation;

AND WHEREAS organizations like Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters estimate that thousands of manufacturing jobs are continuously at risk from continued Buy American provisions being proposed across the United States;

AND WHEREAS Halton companies were directly impacted as jobs were lost due to the Buy American provisions being inserted into projects receiving federal and municipal funding;

AND WHEREAS Canadian cities and communities are committed to open and fair trade with American governments and businesses;

AND WHEREAS recent agreements between Canada and the United States have recognized the critical economic linkages between our two countries, fostering secure, predictable trade and investment environments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all municipalities be requested to express support for free, fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Canada and support the principle that any restrictive 'Buy American' provisions in U.S. legislation are contrary to that spirit of free trade;

AND THAT the Region of Halton call on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to support and work with the Government of Canada, the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and other stakeholders in their efforts to urge the United States Congress and state governments to abstain from the use of 'Buy American' provisions;

AND THAT FCM be requested to write to the U.S. National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors urging them to also support the spirit of this resolution and the spirit of free trade, so that businesses and industries on both sides of the border can compete for contracts in the fairest and most efficient manner:

AND THAT the Regional Chair write to the Prime Minister, the leader of the Opposition and the leader of the Liberal Party advising them of Regional Council's position and enclosing a copy of Regional Council's resolution in this regard;

AND THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Regional Council's resolution to all Ontario municipalities requesting that they endorse and support Halton's position and to Halton MP's, MPP's, FCM and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters for their information.

As per the above resolution, please accept this correspondence for your information and consideration.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kielt

Kathy Kielt

Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of Council & Committee Services

c. Karyn Bennett, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services

From: AMO Communications [mailto:communicate@amo.on.ca]

Sent: November-17-14 4:54 PM

To: Laura Lee

Subject: Policy Update - What Happened Today

November 17, 2014

AMO Members' Update - What Happened Today

2014 Fall Economic Statement Highlights

Below are highlights from the Minister of Finance's **fall economic statement**.

The 2013-14 provincial deficit is \$10.5 billion. The Province's total revenue projection for 2014–15 is \$509 million **lower** than the 2014 Budget forecast. The 2014–15 total expense outlook is \$208 million lower than projected in the 2014 Budget. We will continue to monitor the provincial fiscal projections on behalf of AMO members as reduced revenues may result in additional program reductions or other actions as the Province works to balance its budget by 2017-18.

Also of note for the municipal sector:

Provincial Land Tax

Municipalities Ontario

Today's statement reaffirms the government's commitment to bring forward proposals for implementation in 2015. Provincial land tax is the tax paid in the unincorporated areas of northern Ontario that are outside municipal boundaries.

Power Dam Special Payment

The planned reduction to the Power Dam Special Payment Program for 2015 will be deferred. Municipal representatives have been in discussion with provincial officials on this issue. Affected municipal governments and AMO have called on the provincial government to cancel the proposed \$4.4 million cut to these payments. Failing that, options are being explored to reintroduce the municipal taxation of power dam properties.

The 2015 deferral removes an immediate financial risk to over 100 municipalities for the short term. Continued advocacy for 2016 and beyond is required to minimize the municipal fiscal impact of this proposal. AMO has secured a commitment to look at cumulative impacts that provincial decisions such as this bring to the sector. **Contact:** Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 323.

Infrastructure - OCIF announcement

The government today announced \$50 million in formula allocations for eligible municipalities under 100,000 population, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula-based Component Allocations, providing three years of stable support for municipalities. Announcements for the other \$50 million in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) project applications and the Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund are anticipated in the coming months. OCIF will be reviewed in the future with a view to moving toward full formula allocation.

The Ontario government pledged \$29 billion over ten years in its 2014 Budget for transit, highways, and other infrastructure projects - \$15 billion in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), and \$14 billion outside will support priorities such as GO Transit and Regional Express Rail, as well as highway expansion. Many projects were announced during the Ontario election. BCF infrastructure funding under the National Component is also available for application. AMO is awaiting the announcement of the BCF Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component in Ontario. Members will be advised immediately when this Fund is announced.

Contact: Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, creid@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 334.

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