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Dear Under 6000 Municipal Colleagues:

Here is the latest news regarding Clean Water and Wastewater Fund which has been amended to include funding for all rural communities.

As you know, the previous announcement only allowed money to communities with water and sewer systems. Your CAO would have received the letter by now.

The representatives of AMO and ROMA were not willing to leave the table without receiving a commitment to all communities.

As a result of this pressure from the AMO and ROMA reps, a new deal was presented that allows our OCIF as part of their 25% of a new commitment whereby the Feds are in for 50%, the Province is in for 25% and Municipalities 25%. And it's not by application.

The eligible programs must conform to the guidelines i.e. storm water remediation even for those with no systems.

As you can see, our Under 6000 Group has been able to work with ROMA and AMO as a consultation unit and we are not being ignored.

Please don't forget to consider the ROMA Conference in January. It is definitely "rural based" and will bring you together with all the rural municipalities.

If you wish to register but it's not in this year's budget, remember, you can register now and arrange for payment in the New Year.

Yours truly,

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