

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

AGENDA - September 9, 2013

MEETING - Council Chambers , Civic Centre

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COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 87) 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Prayer
- 1.3 Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting
- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

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Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes: *

- 5.1 Session No. 107 dated August 26, 2013.

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REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: K.M. Lawson

SUBJECT: Town of Fort Frances
Council Meeting - Monday, September 9, 2013
Consent Agenda Items

1. Items referred from Committee of the Whole:
See individual reports.
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- requester will be advised of Council's proclamation.
3. Advertising request dated August 25, 2013 from Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum re: 32nd Annual Induction Dinner Souvenir Program.
- will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.


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September 5, 2013





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August 22, 2013

To Mayors and Councils,

We are writing to ask that you and your Council endorse a day of recognition for the many people who work providing care to children in your community. This year will mark the 13th Anniversary of our Awareness Day which recognizes the education, skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Staff.

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and our other labour partners representing child care workers across Ontario are asking that Wednesday, October 30, 2013 be proclaimed as *Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day* in accordance with the attached resolution.

Many groups are recognized by way of Municipal Resolution. Such a day allows the community to recognize the work of various groups and to acknowledge the contributions they make in the lives of community members.

Many children, families and communities benefit from the work of child care workers. Child care also contributes to the economic life of communities. Research shows the many economic benefits accrued from affordable, accessible high quality child care. These benefits come from the number of people employed in the child care industry and because the availability of child care allows parents to work and to contribute to the economic life of society.

Even if your Council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in and celebrate this special day. We ask your Council to sponsor public announcements, display our posters and distribute our buttons. Many municipalities also organize events and contests for the day or have Councillors or the Mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres within the municipality. A list of ideas and examples is attached.

We hope that your proclamation of this day of appreciation, or your active support, will encourage and promote a day of community recognition for child care workers. Please fax the attached order to request posters and buttons to help you raise awareness and celebrate.

Please advise us of your participation in this day of recognition so that we can acknowledge your community's role in celebrating child care workers across Ontario on October 30th. Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Sarah Declerck, by mail: CUPE, 80 Commerce Valley Drive East, Markham, Ontario, L3T 0B2 or by fax at 905-739-3999.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Hahn
 President, CUPE Ontario
 cc: CMSMs/DSSABs

Sheila Olan-MacLean
 President, OCBCC

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13th Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day October 30, 2013

Ideas to Recognize the Day

- ☆ Support the resolution declaring October 30th Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.
- ☆ Distribute buttons and posters – visit www.childcareontario.org for an order form for free materials including posters and buttons.
- ☆ Host an appreciation breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- ☆ This year our theme “Let’s Rethink Child Care: Together We Can Make It Better” invites child care advocates to actively participate in a National multi-year campaign to put child care back on the agenda. The first step is for municipalities, schools, child care centers, workers, parents and other child care advocates to host a “kitchen table conversation”. Please visit the campaign website at www.rethinkchildcare.ca to learn more about how to host a “kitchen table discussion”.

Municipalities

- ☆ Encourage local Councilors to tour a child care centre or early learning program to learn more about the work of ECE’s. Event could also generate media coverage in local papers.
- ☆ Take out an ad in the local newspaper.
- ☆ Take nominations from local child care centres for outstanding staff to be recognized by the Mayor through a letter, announcement or event.
- ☆ Distribute information on the day to all centres and agencies with child care staff.
- ☆ Organize a community-wide celebration to recognize individual staff or centres and programs.

School Boards

- ☆ Encourage school board trustees to tour an early learning program to learn more about the work of ECE’s. Event could also generate media coverage in local papers.
- ☆ Arrange to have the day announced on the school PA with the morning announcements.
- ☆ Notify parents in advance. Set up a “Wall of Fame” for parents to help in writing words of thanks to each of the staff. Laminate afterwards for the staff to keep.
- ☆ Notify other staff in the school and host an event with cake or dessert in the staff room.

Local Child Care Centers, Boards of Directors

- ☆ Distribute carnations to staff working in child care centres.
- ☆ Start the day right with a breakfast. Distribute buttons and posters and certificates of appreciation to all staff.
- ☆ Have the board of directors take the staff out for dinner and an evening of fun.
- ☆ Host an afternoon tea party (with desserts provided by parents) for all the staff and children.
- ☆ Host coffee, tea, and treats from 4:00 pm. to 7:30 pm. to accommodate staff finishing shifts.
- ☆ Give each staff member a certificate of appreciation.
- ☆ Have the board of directors send out a notice to each family and ask that they contribute a fruit, jam, tea, to fill a basket for all the staff.
- ☆ Have the Board of Directors provide homemade cards and chocolates.
- ☆ Make a bulletin board with posters and place the certificates of appreciation on the board.
- ☆ Host a Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day event with a guest motivational speaker and refreshments.
- ☆ Set up a "Wall of Fame" for parents to help in writing words of thanks to each of the staff. Laminate afterwards for the staff to keep.
- ☆ Have the board of directors send a letter to all families and board members accompanied by a cut-out of a hand. Ask parents to write a note to staff on the hand as a way of "giving the staff a hand" for a job well done. Then display the hands in the centre.
- ☆ Put up a big poster with the staff's 'bios' and photo and have the parents sign a message on it.
- ☆ Distribute cards hand made by children and parents.
- ☆ Send staff a letter from the board thanking them for their commitment to children and families.
- ☆ Make a donation on behalf of the staff to a shelter for women and children in your community.
- ☆ Host a pizza lunch for the staff.
- ☆ Have the Board of Directors host an evening of celebration for all staff in honour of Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.
- ☆ Have community businesses sponsor the day and give discounts and gifts to all staff or provide door prizes for appreciation events, or gift bag items.

This is just a short list of activities - there are many things you can do to recognize and celebrate the valuable role child care staff play in the lives of children, families and communities. Please contact the OCBCC for further information, posters, buttons and certificates of appreciation.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

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Email at andrea@childcareontario.org

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13th Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

October 30, 2013

Resolution

Whereas years of research confirms the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas Many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

Therefore Be It Resolved that October 30, 2013 be designated the 13th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

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**Child Care Worker and Early Childhood
Educator Appreciation Day
October 30, 2013**

Materials Request Form
Materials are Bilingual (English / French)

- Please send the following items:

Number of Buttons _____

Number of Posters _____

A template Certificate of Appreciation will be automatically sent with each request.

Quantities are limited so please order only what you need! PLEASE PRINT!

Name: _____ Tel.# _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Return this form by Mon October 21 to:

Fax: 416-538-6737

Mail: OCBCC, 489 College St., Suite 206, Toronto, ON M6G 1A5

E-Mail: info@childcareontario.org



Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame and Museum

219 May Street South Thunder Bay Ontario P7E 1B5

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e-mail: nwosport@tbaytel.net www.nwosportshalloffame.com

August 25, 2013

Mayor Roy Avis
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Ave
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9



Dear Mayor Avis & Council,

On Saturday September 28th, 2013, at the Valhalla Inn Ballroom, the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame will be inducting it's newest Honoured Members. We have enclosed a listing of our 2013 Inductees for your review. We are in the process of putting together our commemorative **32nd Annual Induction Dinner Souvenir Program** and are contacting the **Town of Fort Frances** to invite you to again be a part of it. The Souvenir Program is a keepsake for the Inductees, their families and friends and those patrons who attend the dinner.

Part of the Souvenir Program is used for congratulatory messages in the form of advertisements. We currently have the following formats available and have enclosed samples of each for your review.

Full Page Advertisement - \$500

- *opportunity to congratulate the 2013 Inductees with a full page advertisement
- *acknowledgement of your support on the Induction Dinner Video

½ Page Advertisement - \$250

- *opportunity to congratulate the 2013 Inductees with a ½ page advertisement
- *acknowledgement of your support on the Induction Dinner Video

Don't miss this opportunity to congratulate the 2013 Inductees and show your support of our region's proud sports heritage. Reserve your spot by filling in the enclosed program advertisement form and returning it to our office. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Diane Imrie
Executive Director

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame 32nd Annual Induction Dinner & Ceremonies

"An evening in honour of sports excellence"

Saturday, September 28th, 2013 ~ Valhalla Inn Ballroom

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Athletes

Andrea Cole - Swimming

Tony Hrkac - Hockey

Katie Weatherston - Hockey

Builders

Brian Mallon - Curling & Golf

Brian McLean - Bowling

Team

1991 Canadian Open Lightning Sailing Crew
Jim Cameron, Janice Allard-Cameron, Charlie Spence

Share in a celebration of our region's proud sports heritage. Reserve your tickets today ~ seating is limited.

Number of tickets required _____ @\$80 (\$40 Tax Deductible)

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Seating Request: _____
(Seating is pre-arranged, so please indicate your request and we will accommodate you as best we can.)

☐ Cheque

☐ MasterCard

☐ Visa

☐ Cash

Card Number _____ Card Expiry Date _____

Authorized Signature _____

Send orders to: Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame 219 May St S Thunder Bay ON P7E 1B5

Phone (807) 622-2852 / Fax (807) 622-2736 / e-mail: nwosport@tbaytel.net

www.nwosportshalloffame.com



Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

32nd Annual Induction Dinner

Saturday, September 28th, 2013

32nd Annual Induction Dinner ~ Program Advertising

Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Ave
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

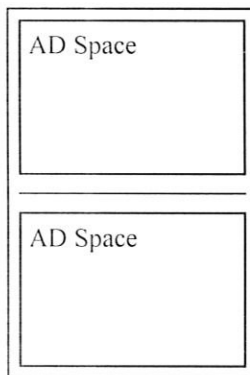
We have a variety of ways for you to congratulate the 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees, and show your support of our region's proud sports heritage....

Advertisement Options: please indicate your selection:

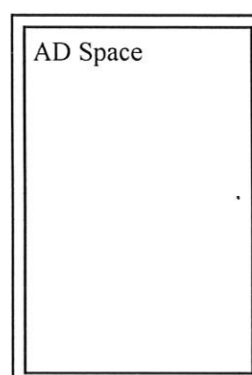
A INDUCTEE PAGE



B HALF PAGE



C FULL PAGE



n/a ~ Inductee Page (\$125)

___ ~ 1/2 Page (\$250)

___ ~ Full Page (\$500)

_____ Please Invoice me at the address above

_____ Payment enclosed

_____ Logo and/or ad copy enclosed

Please fill in and return to: Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame
219 May St S
Thunder Bay ON P7E 1B5

phone: (807) 622-2852 fax: (807) 622-2736 email: nwosport@tbaytel.net

Thank you for your support!



Proudly congratulates

Alex Dampier

and all of the 2012 inductees upon their induction into the
Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame



Congratulations

Bill Selman

and all the

2012 Inductees

upon their induction
into the

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

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THE NEWSPAPER OF THE NORTHWEST

Tonight's EVENT SPONSOR

wishes to
congratulate

all the

2011 Inductees

on their induction into the

Northwestern Ontario
Sports Hall of Fame

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**BY-LAW NO. 43/13**

(Being a By-Law to rescind By-Law #10/13 and deem Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 on Plan SM-122 to no longer be lots on a registered plan of subdivision pursuant to Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended).

WHEREAS Section 50(4) of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 (the "Act") gives Council the authority to pass a by-law to designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, to not be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of subsection (3) of Section 50 of the Act; and

AND WHEREAS Plan SM-122 was registered more than eight years ago; and

AND WHEREAS on April 18, 2013 Council enacted By-Law #10/13 deeming lots 1 to 5 on Plan SM-122 not to be lots on a registered plan of subdivision so as to enable a portion of lot 5 to be added to and consolidated with those lots.

AND WHEREAS on September 9, 2013, Council approved the recommendation of the Municipal Planner, supported by the Planning and Development Executive Committee, that because the owner of Lot 1 will not be acquiring a portion of Lot 5, By-Law #10/13 be rescinded and a new by-law enacted to deem the other lots that will be acquiring a portion of Lot 5.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. That lots 1, 2, 3 and 5 on Plan SM-122 are deemed not to be on a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of subsection 3 of Section 50 of the Act.
2. That previously enacted by-law #10/13 be and is hereby rescinded.
3. That this By-Law shall come into full force and take effect upon the passing thereof, subject to the provisions of Subsections 28, 29 and 30 of the said Section 50 of the Act.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY PASSED in open Council this 9th day of September 2013.

R. Avis, Mayor

K. Lawson, Deputy Clerk

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Culture and Sport

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AUG 23 2013

His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre
259 Scott Street
Fort Frances, ON P9A 1G8

Dear Mayor Avis:

Re: Community Museum Operating Grant 2013-14
File Number: 2013-06-1-13097804

I am pleased to inform you that a grant of \$21,519 has been approved for your museum under the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) program for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Your funding includes museum pay equity funding in the amount of \$600. Funding through the CMOG program helps to strengthen the capacity of organizations to meet heritage sector goals and challenges in the context of government priorities.

The Ontario government is committed to a strong culture sector. Museums play a significant role in contributing to lifelong learning and the creation of vibrant, creative communities. The Ministry is pleased to be able to continue its support for community museums. This annual funding will help museums across our province to protect and interpret Ontario's heritage.

For further information about your grant obligations, please contact your Museum and Heritage Programs Advisor:

- Elka Weinstein at 416-325-4561 or by email: elka.weinstein@ontario.ca
- Cathy Blackbourn at 416-314-4531 or by email: catherinelee.blackbourn@ontario.ca

Our government values your dedication to the cultural community in Ontario and I wish you success in your activities.

Yours truly,

Michael Chan
Minister



"Hon. Bob Chiarelli"
<LTEP@Ontario.ca>

30/08/2013 04:29 PM

Please respond to
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To <town@FORT-FRANCES.COM>

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Subject Update - Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan Review

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August 30, 2013

His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
Town of Fort Frances

I would like to thank you again for your participation in the review of our 2010 Long-Term Energy Plan. Due to significant interest, I am pleased to announce that we will provide additional opportunities for consultation and engagement.

Roundtables followed by public open houses are scheduled on September 3 in Burlington and September 10 in Sault Ste. Marie. Sessions will also be held on September 10 in Kenora and September 12 in Whitby.

To RSVP for a roundtable session, [please click here](#) or call 1-855-440-4041.

Once you confirm your attendance, we will send further details about the time and locations of these sessions.

I look forward to working with you as we review Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan.

Sincerely,

Bob Chiarelli
Minister



"Gillon, Jane (MNDM)"
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04/09/2013 09:27 AM

To "Gillon, Jane (MNDM)" <jane.gillon@ontario.ca>
cc
bcc
Subject Boosting Investment, Creating Jobs in the North - NOHFC program review

Hi All

Please see the attached New Release for information on the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) program review.

Applications for current NOHFC programs will be accepted until September 30, 2013.

Revised programs are scheduled to be launched by the end of October 2013.

I will share additional information with you as I receive it.

Jane

Jane Gillon

Northern Development Officer

Regional Economic Development Branch

Northern Development Division

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

☎ Office: 807-274-5320 | Mobile: 807-276-4290 | Fax: 807-274-4438

✉ 922 Scott Street | Fort Frances, Ontario | P9A 1J4

Email: jane.gillon@ontario.ca | www.mndm.gov.on.ca

I am not always at my desk as I am often meeting with clients. I check my email often and will get back to you as soon as I can.

If your matter requires my immediate attention, please try me on my cell phone at (807) 276-4290. Thanks and have a great day.



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NEWS

Ministry of Northern Development and Mines

Boosting Investment, Creating Jobs in the North *NOHFC Aligning Programs with Growth Plan for Northern Ontario*

NEWS

August 30, 2013

Ontario is taking a coordinated, long-term approach to strengthening economic prosperity and stimulating innovation, entrepreneurship and business development in the North through a review of its Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) programs.

This review will strengthen [NOHFC](#) programs and help create jobs by focusing investment with the 11 emerging and priority economic sectors identified in the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario under the following themes:

- Private sector job creation
- Supporting northern community infrastructure
- Enhancing economic development capacity
- Stimulating commercialization, innovation and productivity
- Attracting and retaining talent

Investing in northern economic development is an important part of the Ontario government's [Growth Plan for Northern Ontario](#). A strong northern economy will help create a fair society and give the people of Ontario more opportunities for jobs and economic prosperity.

QUOTES

"The NOHFC has a proud past and our program review ensures it will continue to build a strong future. We listened to our northern stakeholders and I am confident that over the next two months we will put forward revised NOHFC programs that will help create a stronger, more diverse, sustainable and prosperous northern economy."

— Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and chair of the NOHFC

QUICK FACTS

- NOHFC will continue to accept applications under its current programs until Sept. 30, 2013.
- Revised NOHFC programs are scheduled to be launched by the end of October 2013.
- NOHFC is marking 25 years with the theme The NOHFC @ 25: Proud past, Strong future.
- Since 2003, NOHFC has committed more than \$890 million to about 5,800 projects, creating or retaining nearly 23,000 jobs in Northern Ontario.

LEARN MORE

Find out more about [NOHFC success stories](#).

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To
cc
Subject Protecting the OMERS Pension Plan.

Protecting the OMERS Pension Plan: What Does Tomorrow Demand from Us Today?

Attend a **NO-COST** special session prior to the start of AMO's 2013 Counties, Regions and Single Tier (CRST) Symposium to learn about *the Stark Realities of OMERS Sustainability*.

Contributions to the OMERS Pension Plan have grown by 40% in the last five years, reaching an all-time high, and yet the Plan faces a \$10 billion deficit. OMERS has a plan to address this deficit within the next 10 to 15 years, provided that its investment return targets are met and demographic assumptions do not change.

The long-term health of the OMERS Pension Plan is fundamental to the well-being of thousands of municipal employees. Municipal managers need to understand how it works and what the issues are. Municipal councils must ensure that the Plan's needs are funded in an affordable way for current and future taxpayers. We all have a strong interest in making sure that the OMERS Plan is affordable and dependable for generations to come.

A leading pension expert will outline the challenges that OMERS faces, so that employers and employees can be more proactive about protecting the health of the plan. All municipalities are urged to send representatives to this Special Session on OMERS.

This free 90-minute session will be held on October 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quality Hotel and Conference Centre, 1011 Bloor Street East, Oshawa, Ontario (immediately prior to AMO's Counties, Regions and Single Tier Symposium).

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Register today using the attached form.

"There's no cost to attend. It could be very costly for all municipalities if you don't." - Russ



Powers, AMO President MEPCO Form.pdf

Protecting the OMERS Pension Plan: What Does Tomorrow Demand from Us Today?

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- Russ Powers,
AMO President

Protecting the OMERS Pension Plan: What Does Tomorrow Demand from Us Today?

Registration Form

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per registrant. Please note this is a NO-COST session Please fax registration form to (416) 971-9372		
First Name		Last Name
Title		Municipality/Organization
Address		
City	Province	Postal Code
Phone	Fax	E-mail

For hotel guest room bookings, a rate of \$109.00 plus applicable taxes has been negotiated at the Quality Hotel, 1011 Bloor Street East, Oshawa, ON. To make a reservation please contact the hotel directly at (905) 576-5101 and ask for the AMO room rate.



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Subject What's on the program - AMO Counties, Regions and Single Tier (CRST) Symposium

**On the Horizon.
2013 AMO Counties, Regions, Single Tier (CRST) Symposium
October 24 & 25, 2013
Quality Hotel and Conference Centre, Oshawa**

Keynote speakers, topic driven panel discussions and tangible take home ideas round out the agenda at the 2013 Counties, Regions and Single Tiers (CRST) Symposium. This event will provide attendees with what they need to work best in this ever changing environment.

Taking a look at what's "*on the horizon* ", with sessions that include:

- How Attracting Immigrants Can Grow Prosperity in Ontario's Communities
- The Time for Housing Advocacy is Now
- Innovation in Energy and Waste Management
- Community Branding for Revitalization
- Innovative Housing Options that Adapt to Changing Demographics
- The Municipal Role in Social Service Delivery
- Youth and Civic Engagement
- Capital and Social Legacies from Major Sporting Events in Ontario's Municipalities
- Creating an Accessible Ontario
- Municipal Leadership, Public Opinion and Social Services in the Age of Austerity

Find out more about what the sessions will cover in the attached PDF. This Symposium sold out last year, don't miss out register today!

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October 24 (start time 11:30 a.m. EST*)

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2013 Counties, Regions and Single Tiers (CRST) Symposium

on the horizon

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Towards an Accessible Ontario

Join the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario for an interactive presentation that will give you a glimpse into the province's future. Learn about the Accessibility Standard for the Design of Public Spaces, which will influence how parking lots, paths of travel, service areas, public eating spaces, trails and playgrounds are created. Learn how the Standard for Accessible Employment is already making workplaces more inclusive. Finally, find out how the Information and Communication Standard is making Ontario's websites accessible to people of all abilities.

The Time for Housing Advocacy is NOW!

Across the province, communities are facing an affordable housing crisis. Rental markets are tight and social housing is under threat on a number of fronts. The session will discuss the urgent need for advocacy campaigns and spell out the actions that all stakeholders can do to solve the crisis in a collaborative manner.

Immigration and Prosperity Growth in Ontario

As many municipalities across Ontario face labour shortages, and demographic and economic challenges, attracting immigrants and ensuring their positive integration into welcoming communities can help reignite prosperity and develop strong communities. Yet attracting and welcoming new Canadians is not without challenges, and developing strong communities requires attention to fairness. In this session, Jean Augustine will discuss the importance of attracting and welcoming new Canadians, and what this means in the context of fairness.

From Idea to Reality: Energy from Waste

Durham and York Regions are in the process of constructing the first municipal energy-from-waste facility in Ontario in almost twenty years. The success of such initiatives relies on significantly on gaining public support through engagement. Hear how the project got off the ground and how smaller pilot projects are planned in Ontario. This session will include a study tour, please indicate on your registration form if you will be attending the on-site study tour.

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2013 Counties, Regions and Single Tiers (CRST) Symposium

A Love Letter to the City

A Newsweek article in 2011 identified Grand Rapids, Michigan as one of America's top dying cities. The community took exception to this report and decided to do something about it. They came together to create a 5,000 person lip dub video in May 2011, which went viral with over 4.2 million internet hits and currently holds the world record for largest lip dub. Come hear Mayor George Hartwell of Grand Rapids speak to the power of the vigorous community response and what the lip dub did to revitalize the community.

Youth and Civic Engagement

As the workforce ages and demographics continue to shift, it is increasingly important to empower the younger generation as they become community builders, innovators and leaders. Engaging youth in civic participation also introduces a fresh perspective and builds a culture of engaged citizens. From high school youth councils to mentorship programs, municipalities across Ontario are developing initiatives to engage youth in local decision-making and building a future of bright leaders.

Innovative Adaptive Housing Options For an Aging Ontario

As the population ages, municipalities will need to plan and prepare for the new demographic reality. Two key areas are long-term care and social housing. In his report, *Living Longer, Living Well*, Dr. Sinha recommended that a broader range of residential care options should be available for seniors in communities. The questions are:
Is there is municipal capacity to meet the need? and Will the investments by the provincial and federal governments be able to enact a new direction?

Sporting Legacies in Ontario

Major sporting events can bring temporary attention and prosperity to a municipality, but what about after the event has past? The plans for the 2015 Pan-Am Games in southern Ontario indicate that municipalities can capitalize on major sporting events to create capital and social legacies. Initiatives in the Greater Toronto and Niagara regions are set to become a vital part of the physical space of communities as well as a living legacy of the sporting events.

Pre-CRST Session to look at: *The Stark Realities of OMERS Sustainability*

The long-term health of the OMERS Pension Plan is fundamental to the well-being of thousands of municipal employees. This free 90-minute session will be held on October 24 at 10:00 a.m. immediately prior to the CRST Symposium. A leading pension expert will outline the challenges that OMERS faces, so that employers and employees can be more proactive about protecting the health of the plan. **You must register separately for this session. Register at www.mepco.on.ca or using the form attached.**

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For more details on these sessions, and the full program visit the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca

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September 5, 2013

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- Additional consultation on Long Term Energy Plan.
- AMO Meetings Councillor Training back by popular demand.
- Counties, Regions and Single Tier Symposium program to tackle important issues.
- AMO Media & Social Media Training Workshops filling fast.
- LAS Energy Planning Workshops filling up fast.
- Career opportunities with Kingston, York Region, Ingersoll, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Richmond Hill.

Provincial Matters

Long Term Energy Plan roundtables followed by public open houses, are scheduled on September 10 in Sault Ste. Marie, September 10 in Kenora and September 12 in Whitby. To RSVP for a roundtable session, please [click here](#) or call 1-855-440-4041.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Meetings to Meet Your Needs sessions have been added to the Fall AMO Councillor training schedule. Chairing and participating in meetings effectively places challenges and opportunities in front of you. Prepare yourself for successful meetings with this workshop. Space is limited, register today!

AMO's Counties, Regions & Single Tier Symposium will examine the changes and their impacts on housing, immigration, childcare modernization, social assistance and more. Find out what's "On the Horizon" at the 2013 CRST Symposium October 24 & 25 in Oshawa.

AMO's Media & Social Media workshops provide elected officials and staff the tools to communicate complex information in plain language, craft and deliver messages that stick, handle difficult conversations and navigate the world of social media. Don't miss out, register today!

Learn how to transform data into a workable and effective energy conservation plan. Attendance is approaching the limit in some locations so register for the LAS Energy Planning Workshop today to avoid disappointment.

Career/Employment Opportunities

Supervisor, Permits, City of Kingston. To apply and for more information, visit our [website](#). Your resume or application must clearly demonstrate how you meet the requirements of the position. Closing date: Sept 11, 2013.

Family Support Worker (2) - York Region. Both Temporary Full-Time. #14648: Approx. 6 months, Location: Richmond Hill. #14849: Approx. 12 months, Location: Newmarket. Please apply on-line by September 11, 2013 quoting competition #14648, #14849 or both.

Town Clerk - Town of Ingersoll. Applicants should submit a resume marked: "Application: Town Clerk" by 4:00 p.m., September 27, 2013 to Darell Parker, CAO, Town of Ingersoll, 130 Oxford Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 2V5; Fax: 519-485-3543; Email: dparker@ingersoll.ca.

Manager of Engineering Services - Whitchurch-Stouffville. This is a great opportunity to expand your

career horizons and make a difference on a results-oriented team, recognized for service excellence. Please forward your resume in confidence, identifying position applied for, by October 4, 2013.

Supervisor, Business and Technical Services - Richmond Hill. Reporting to the Director of Public Works, you will be an integral team player and supervise the Administration Section. Applications will be accepted up to 4:30 p.m., September 18, 2013. Apply online on our website at Richmond Hill.

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FCM Update

August 26, 2013

Update on FCM National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group

On Friday, August 23, FCM's **National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group** met in Montréal to review the federal government's progress on rail safety and to begin the process of making specific rail safety recommendations to the federal government.

After the meeting, FCM issued a **news release** outlining the following three priority areas:

1. Equip and support municipal first responders to rail emergencies:
 - Municipalities need to know what dangerous goods are being transported through their communities so local services can plan and respond effectively to emergencies.
 - Railways and federal agencies cannot plan for emergencies alone. Local governments and authorities must be involved as partners in emergency planning.
2. Ensure federal and industry policies and regulations address the rail safety concerns of municipalities:
 - At the local level, rail incidents can have significant impacts on public safety, the economy and the environment.
 - Municipal concerns must be included in federal government risk assessment and policy development on rail safety.
3. Prevent downloading of rail safety and emergency response costs to municipal taxpayers:
 - Third-party liability insurance systems must be strengthened to prevent the downloading of liability costs on municipal taxpayers, even in the event of bankruptcies.

You can help get our message out. On Twitter and Facebook, please share, "FCM's National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group calls for swift, concrete federal action on rail safety. bit.ly/176EDPt #CDNmuni".

These priorities will guide FCM's discussion with the federal government and the rail industry as we work together to improve rail safety. If you have any questions, please **contact me** or rail policy analyst **Daniel Rubinstein**, 613-907-6294.

Sincerely,

Claude Dauphin
President

Municipal leaders approve rail safety principles at first National Working Group meeting (29/07/2013)

OTTAWA, ON - Members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group held their first meeting this morning and approved guiding principles to address national municipal rail safety concerns.

"The federal government must work in close partnership with municipalities if it is going to effectively address rail safety," said FCM President Claude Dauphin. "Ensuring the safety of Canada's rail system is without question a federal responsibility, but it requires careful coordination with all other orders of government."

The following principles were agreed to as part of the first meeting:

- Ensuring the safety of Canada's rail transportation system must be a national priority and a clear federal responsibility.
- The government must respond to safety recommendations made by the Transportation Safety Board, and address previously identified safety deficiencies.
- Federal-municipal partnership is essential to ensuring rail safety.

On behalf of its 2000 member municipalities the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will use these principles to guide discussions with the federal government on rail safety issues with a direct impact on municipalities. FCM looks forward to working in closer partnership with the government on these issues and anticipates a meeting with the Minister of Transport in the near future

Going forward, the Working Group will continue to provide strategic input to FCM's work in this area and provides a mechanism for coordination of national concerns and perspectives. The group will reconvene in a few weeks to review progress made with the federal government and to begin identifying specific rail safety recommendations.

The working group is co-chaired by Mayor Doug Reycraft (Municipality of Southwest Middlesex), Chair of the Standing Committee on Municipal Infrastructure and Transportation Policy and Mayor Pauline Quinlan (Ville de Bromont), Chair, Quebec Caucus. Other working group members include Mayor Don Atchison (City of Saskatoon), President Bernard Généreux (Fédération québécoise des municipalités), Mayor Bernard Sévigny (Union des municipalités du Québec), President David Marit, (Chair, Rural Forum), Director Susie Gimse (Regional District of Squamish-Lillooet), Councillor Merrill Henderson (City of Moncton) and FCM President Claude Dauphin.

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Municipal leaders call for concrete federal action on rail safety (23/08/2013)

MONTREAL, QC- Members of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group called today for swift, concrete federal action on rail safety. The group met in Montreal to discuss rail safety and begin the process of making formal recommendations to the federal government.

"Today, municipal leaders have identified three priority areas in which we are calling for swift and concrete federal action to ensure the safety of Canada's rail networks, and the communities in which they operate," said FCM president Claude Dauphin.

FCM's Working Group identified the need for action in the following three priority areas, calling on the federal government to:

- Equip and support municipal first responders to rail emergencies;
- Ensure federal and industry policies and regulations address the rail safety concerns of municipalities;
- Prevent downloading of rail safety and emergency response costs to local taxpayers.

"The disaster in Lac Mégantic has clearly raised questions about the insurance system that should guarantee companies have sufficient coverage to cover all costs associated with rail emergencies," said Mayor Pauline Quinlan, co-Chair of the National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group.

FCM has met with Minister Raitt and Transport Canada has been in consultation with FCM staff to develop recommendations for the federal government to effectively address rail safety. Municipalities welcome Minister Raitt's approach to addressing this issue in partnership with municipalities.

"Canada's railway system plays an important role in supporting our economy, transporting 70 per cent of Canadian exports and providing thousands of jobs for communities across the country. We must ensure its safety for Canadians and our economy," said Mayor Doug Reycraft, co-Chair of the National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group.

Canadians rely on their local services during rail emergencies, and they expect those services to be properly equipped to respond. FCM is committed to continue working with Minister Raitt and Transport Canada to identify the federal and railway industry changes necessary to ensure the safety of Canadian railways. FCM will be meeting with Minister Raitt to follow-up on the working group's recommendations in the near future.

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Subject Regional Fall Conference Tentative Agenda

Good Morning,

Please find attached a tentative agenda for the Northwestern Ontario Regional Fall Conference taking place September 25 to 27. I will provide further information as it becomes available. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
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Tentative Agenda - Northwestern Ontario Regional Fall Conference

The following is an outline of the agenda confirmed as of September 5, 2013.

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Registration & After Business Networking	Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay
NOTE - 6:30 pm SNC Lavalin will conduct their Grand Opening at its office in Thunder Bay located at Suite 804, 34 Cumberland St. N. Thunder Bay. You will be invited to attend.		

Thursday, September 26, 2013 – All meetings held at the Victoria Inn

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast and Welcome Address	Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Keynote Address – Maria Meyers	
10:20 am to 11:15 am	College & University: Economic Impacts on our Communities, President Jim Madder, Confederation College. LU to confirm presenter	
11:15 am to 11:45 am	Immigration Portal – Stephanie Ash to present	
11:45 am to 12:00 pm	Bill Mauro, MPP Thunder Bay- Atikokan and Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing	
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch followed by a presentation from David Sword, Union Gas – Update on the Pipelines	
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	<p>NOMA Concurrent Session – Making Choices: Using Service Delivery Reviews to Improve Municipal Services and Better Manage Spending</p> <p><i>Municipalities are faced with making hard decisions now more than ever in maintaining service demands while making choices that ensure their financial integrity. This session will take a look at an overview of a six stage approach to Service Delivery Reviews as well as examine some examples of SDRs done by municipalities across the Region and Northern Ontario with an intent to reduce costs and find efficiencies.</i></p>	

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm	NOMA Concurrent Session – Overview of Shared Services for Municipalities Oscar Poloni, KPMG to present <i>An overview of shared services and what that means for municipalities in an effort to maintain performance while identifying ways of saving costs in order to operate more cost efficiently.</i>	
3:20 pm to 4:00 pm	Charles Cirtwell, CEO, Northern Policy Institute	
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Update from the North Superior Workforce Planning Board	
4:30 pm	Adjournment	
Free Time	Note: Confederation College is hosting the Partners Reception at the Valhalla Inn. For ticket information contact – Cheryl-Lyn.Lamers@confederationc.on.ca	
8:30 pm to 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite – Hosted by Unicon Benefits	Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay

Friday, September 27, 2013

7:45 am to 8:40 am	Buffet Breakfast and Presentation from Ontario Power Generators to recognize their 50 th Anniversary	Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay
8:40 am to 9:20 am	Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development & Mines	
9:20 am to 10:30 am	Keynote Address – George Borovilos	
10:45 am to Noon	Breakout session – Ready to Grow Priorities	
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Buffet Lunch – Hon. Greg Rickford has been invited to speak. Awaiting confirmation.	
1:30 pm	Closing Remarks	

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What's New?

AMO Conference Update

Many of Ontario's municipally elected officials gathered in Ottawa for the Annual AMO Conference between August 18th - 21st along with a number of political and administrative representatives from the Province. Several issues directly impacting the municipal sector were discussed and debated throughout the few days. Some of these items are highlighted below and the remarks from Ontario's Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing are available below for those not able to attend:

- [Premier of Ontario - Kathleen Wynne](#)
- [Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Linda Jeffrey](#)

Key legislative items arising from the AMO Conference included the following:

- Minister Linda Jeffrey indicated that there is "simply not enough run-way left" to undertake changes to the Municipal Election Act. Although AMCTO sought a series of [early reforms in 2012](#), we did not wish to see last minute changes that would create operational havoc for our members, as seen in December 2009.
- Attorney General John Gerretsen indicated that the issue of Joint and Several Liability could see movement over the next six months. AMCTO plans to monitor the progress on this file closely.
- Minister Jeffrey discussed how Municipal Asset Management Plans were critical tools for Ontario's municipalities. It appeared, the Minister was inferring a potential move to this becoming a mandatory requirement, as opposed to being tied to provincial infrastructure

funding as it currently stands. AMCTO will provide follow-up on this when more information becomes available and please do check out the related Asset Management article in the upcoming Municipal Monitor.

- This Fall MMAH is undertaking a consultation process to allow municipalities to provide feedback around land-use planning matters in an effort to make it simpler and more efficient. This includes the Ministry reviewing the process for land-use planning appeals at the OMB.

AMCTO will continue to monitor these issues and seek out appropriate partners in order to ensure the sector's professional interests are best represented.

Government Relations & Networking

Admittedly, I could learn a few things from our AMCTO Municipal Management Interns who were fortunate enough to schmooze with both Premier Kathleen Wynne and Commander Hadfield at the recent AMO Conference.

For those not (yet) following us on twitter, please view the tweeted picture with the [Premier](#) and [Commander Hadfield](#).

Legislative Matters

Government Statement on Exotic Animals

Following the recent tragedy in New Brunswick, three provincial ministries have gathered to evaluate "what rules are in place to avoid such tragedies in our own province". As responsibility for exotic animals in Ontario is a municipal responsibility, it will be important and appropriate that any multi-ministry discussion on the matter include municipal representation.

AMCTO plans to work with partners to ensure there is a strong operational understanding related to issues around the treatment and enforcement of exotic animals. Providing this understanding to government will be critical to ensure they fully appreciate the implications of any potential policy direction they choose to pursue.

For background information, please read the [Government's Media Release](#) from August 13th, 2013.

Ministry of Natural Resources - Invasive Species Discussion Paper

MNR has released its [discussion paper](#) on invasive species as a means to consult and seek feedback from stakeholders. The paper discusses several management tools along with the general policy direction and legislation. For those wishing to provide feedback, you can do so via the [EBR posting](#), which closes on [September 11th, 2013](#).

OAPSB Sessions

The Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB) is holding a seminar on OPP Municipal Policing on [September 26-27 in Toronto](#). The target audience includes municipally elected officials and staff. For more information on this event, please visit the [OAPSB website](#).

Regional Electricity Planning

The OPA/IESO regional electricity planning report titled "[Engaging Local Communities in Ontario's Electricity Planning Continuum](#)" has been released. This report incorporates some municipal consultations and was drafted over the summer. It has now been provided to the Minister of Energy and can be accessed [here](#).

Ontario Combining Emergency Management Ontario, Office of the Fire Marshal

The Ontario government recently announced that it is merging Emergency Management Ontario and the Office of the Fire Marshal into one organization; now called the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. Key focus areas identified for this new organization is to "work with municipal partners to deliver fire safety and emergency management programs and services" and "support municipal response efforts when called upon in an emergency".

For more information on this new organization, please read the government's [News Release](#).

Municipal Funding Programs

Ontario's Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program

The [MEP program](#) is a program designed to help municipalities better understand their local energy needs and conservation opportunities, set goals and develop implementation plans within their communities.

The program will provide successful applicants with funding for 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$90,000. The focus is placed on **supporting small and medium-sized municipalities** who have fewer resources to develop these plans.

The deadline for applications is November 29, 2013 at 12:00 noon.

Rural Economic Development (RED) Fund Renewed

The RED Program has been provided in response to municipal needs and will make up to \$4.5 million in available funding per year for three years. This funding is aimed at assisting rural communities in promoting and sustaining meaningful economic development.

For more information on eligibility, fund streams and the selection process, visit the Ministry of Rural Affairs [RED Program website](#).

Culture Development Fund

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has introduced a new Culture Development Fund with an annual allocation of \$3 million. This program seeks to strengthen cultural organizations within Ontario's communities. Interested municipalities can learn more about full program details and requirements by visiting the [Grants Ontario website](#).

Municipal Information / Resources

OMKN & AMO Best Practices in Local Food Guide

AMO and the Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network (OMKN) have released a guide on best

practices for municipal local food initiatives. Click [here](#) to access the guide or visit the [AMO website](#) for more background on the development of this guide.

MOL Website – Links to Newsletters

AMCTO in working with the Ministry of Labour (MOL) is happy to inform members of potentially useful materials concerning occupational health and safety in Ontario. As such, the Ministry wanted to inform AMCTO members of three newsletters which may be of benefit to members or those within your municipality who have responsibility for occupational health and safety. For those interested, please visit [MOL Website](#) and view the newsletters contained on the left hand column and subscribe to those you feel will be of value to your organization.

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Premier's Remarks at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference

August 19, 2013 11:30 a.m.

Hello, Bonjour, Ahnee, Bojoo. It's great to be back in Ottawa and here on the traditional territory of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe Peoples. Thank you, Russ, for that kind introduction.

It's wonderful to be here with all of you. I'm so pleased to be joined by so many outstanding members of my team. You will hear from some of them throughout the conference. I want you all to know how much I respect the work you do and how much I value your understanding of your communities. Our relationship is very important to me, and very instructive in the way I do my job and the vision of my government -- and that is what I am going to be talking about today.

Now, I realize that I am not the first person you've heard from today, and that this morning's opening speaker is a very, very tough act to follow. This year marks my eleventh visit to AMO, but I cannot compete with someone who has gone to space three times. I can't think of a better person to have chosen to open your conference than Chris Hadfield, especially as the theme of this year's event is "Inspiring and aspiring." Commander Hadfield inspired us all during his final mission to the space station, and he gave us something to aspire to as well. You may recall his one-of-a-kind musical performance. I was at the Science Centre with a room full of students when he did his final broadcast from the space station, and there was one lyric that stood out for me: "You can't make out borders from up here."

In that simple phrase, he reminded us just how interconnected we all are, when we focus on the wider perspective. He did it with the photographs he Tweeted as well, many of which showed our province lit up at night. From Kitchener-Waterloo, to Barrie, Ottawa and Windsor, you could see each municipality shining like the stars in a great constellation. He showed the brightness and the beauty of Ontario from where he sat, hundreds of miles above our province. As the first Canadian to command the International Space Station, Commander Hadfield saw your communities clearly, and how they relate in the big picture. I'm not in the space station, but as the first person to go from being Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to being the Premier of Ontario, I see those connections too.

Many of you may have worked with me in my previous roles with various ministries - from the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs --and

those roles have informed my perspective now that I hold this office. On many fronts I understand where you are coming from and what your needs are because I have listened to you and worked with you in every role I have held. I have not changed my priorities or my style of doing business since becoming Premier. Decisions based on evidence, community input and collaboration are the best decisions.

Today I will talk most about collaboration because it is a challenge, but evidence and community input inform my decision making. I have maintained my focus on finding collaborative solutions.

I firmly believe that strong relationships and open communication are the foundation on which we will create the best policies for your municipalities and the strongest province for all of our friends and families. That is why I will continue to build on the meaningful discussions we've had through our MOU meetings, and it's why I've been travelling extensively since I was sworn in last February.

I aspire to be the Premier for the whole province and that means recognizing that Ontario's 444 municipalities are an ecosystem, and that our province can only hope to succeed if each one of your municipalities can succeed and each one of your residents can prosper and thrive. We can't treat urban, suburban, rural or northern issues in isolation from each other, or say that one place or one demographic takes priority over another.

I want to build my relationship with Ontario's municipalities so that we can find ways to work together on our shared priorities. That's why I held the first cabinet meeting in the North in nearly 20 years in Sault Ste. Marie - thank you, Mayor Amaroso for hosting. It's why I have visited Mayor Brocanier in Cobourg and Mayor Laughren in Timmins, and toured Merrickville with Mayor Struthers so he can show me the issues that he is dealing with. I have met with Mayor Lehman of Barrie, Mayor Francis of Windsor and had breakfast with Mayor Watson here in Ottawa, so I understand their priorities and their concerns.

I have tried to get to as many of your municipalities as possible and to meet with people in communities across Ontario. This is what I need to do to figure out what you are up against, and what I can do to help. I know, for example, that because of the current state of our global economy, many of you are losing some of your tax base. That's a problem you face every day, and so my government is focused on building regional economies and creating jobs in all of your municipalities. My ministers and I have held jobs roundtables in many of your communities, and it is why we continue to invest in our successful regional development funds.

The Eastern Ontario Development Fund has helped create and protect more than 14,000 jobs in that region. And the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund supports more than 6,000 jobs.

From London to Belleville to Kingston, I have heard business leaders tell me again and again how vital these funds are to the health of the manufacturing sector. A company in Brockville is using this support to invest in new water treatment technologies so it can excel in the global marketplace. The technology they are building on was developed right here in Ontario. In Cobourg, a plastics manufacturer is hiring about 20 new employees with support from these funds. And in Peterborough, a major parts manufacturer is expanding its operations, creating more good, local jobs.

We want to see that kind of momentum take hold across every region and every sector in this province. That's why we are continuing to adjust the funds so they work well for you. Just on Friday, we announced that we are expanding the boundaries of these funds. We listened to the concerns of communities who felt they were slipping through the cracks of these programs, and adjusted the boundaries to address their needs. That is the relationship I want us to have. I am here to help your municipalities succeed by building on the strengths and priorities of your communities.

Ontario is defined by the strength of its people. Our best asset is our educated, innovative and diverse workforce, and every municipality needs to be able to tap into that strength and that savvy as it prepares for the future. In places like Ottawa and Kitchener-Waterloo, that means we're going to help build on your knowledge-based economies and make sure businesses can access the capital they need to innovate and fund new ventures. We are going to make sure young entrepreneurs have the right resources to turn their ideas into realities.

My government is going to promote local food across this province so we can support farmers, food processors and research in places like Perth, Leamington and New Liskeard. To address the needs of communities around the Ring of Fire, we're going to make sure that natural resource extraction comes with the critical programs and infrastructure necessary to support growth and create positive opportunities for the people who call that region home.

We are doing all of that because we know it will help address the issues you face every day. But I want to do more. When I'm in Windsor, and I hear that there's a shortage of 200 welders, I want to help train those people so that the city has the skills base it needs to remain a vital manufacturing hub for our province.

When I'm in Cornwall or Brockville, and I hear that local businesses need skilled mechanics or electricians, I am determined to make sure our young people know those are good, strong careers that will give them a solid future in those communities and other parts of our province.

When I'm in New Dundee and I hear producers talk about how they need more young farmers, I want to make sure we shine a light on the rich diversity of opportunities available for our young people in the agri-food sector. And I want to figure out ways to help young people get into agriculture even if they don't come from a farming family.

That is why we have launched our new Youth Jobs Strategy, to connect young people with good careers, and to build communities through economic opportunity and expansion.

We have challenges in this province - there are hills to climb. But the more time I spend in your municipalities, the more clearly I see the solutions. I am optimistic about the future because I see how much your communities have to offer. And because of that, I see my role as an advocate for your needs and your priorities. I want to work with you on our shared priorities. But I also want to take your experiences and insight, and work on your behalf with other levels of government.

I will be your voice outside of Ontario. That's why I attended the Great Lakes Governors meeting on Mackinac Island earlier this year. I know that declining water levels are having a negative impact on Ontario communities on the shores of the Great Lakes, and that their economies are hurting as a result. In addition, I know that we must be stewards of the quality of our Great Lakes. So I took my place at that table so I could be part of the government solution - so I could stand up for Ontario's needs.

I also brought the municipal perspective to the meeting of the Council of the Federation, which I hosted earlier this summer in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake. There, I met with my provincial and territorial counterparts and as Chair I led the conversation on the need for job creation, skill development and infrastructure investment in this province. Because those are the issues that will impact every part of Ontario, no matter the size of your municipality, or your location, or your predominant industries.

I believe it is my responsibility to fight for investment in this province, and I convinced my colleagues to join me in this shared cause to advocate to the federal government to dedicate funding towards strategic infrastructure in this country.

I know infrastructure is a big concern for you. I listened when you told me that municipalities need stable funding to address their pressing infrastructure needs. And that is why our government has launched a new, \$100 million fund this year, to help small, rural and northern municipalities pay for critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater projects. Municipalities will be able to receive support starting in October, and our government

will make this program a permanent source of funding, because that is what you told us you need. It's also why we made the gas tax permanent in our budget this year.

I heard you. I am working with you to improve our infrastructure. But the federal government also has a responsibility to act. For a bit of context, this year, Ontario plans to invest about \$13 billion in strategic infrastructure. The federal government plans to invest less than \$6 billion... in provincial, territorial and municipal infrastructure across the country. I think we can expect better.

We have seen this problem clearly this summer, through the impact of freak storms and in the terrible circumstances of Lac-Mégantic. We have to prepare our systems for extreme events, and we have to invest in our own safety. Your own asset management plans are a big part of this process - they tell us your priorities and allow us to work together to find solutions and smart investments.

Every member of my team is committed to working with you. We will fight to address your issues and we will not shy away from real debate. But we have to answer the right questions and address the real roots of our problems, rather than just making empty gestures or falling back on meaningless rhetoric. These real issues are not always glamorous or easy to sum up in a 30 second sound bite. They are not necessarily easy to solve. Progress on those solutions begins with practical programs that address your local concerns.

We want to cut red tape to attract investment across the province and create new jobs in your communities. To that end, we are moving forward with the Investment Ready Program. It is Canada's first province-wide "certified site" program. It shows companies around the world the places in your municipalities that are ready to be developed, giving them increased certainty about environmental concerns, utility lines and servicing access. In practical terms, it means businesses can quickly make more informed decisions, and help expansion projects get underway sooner. For municipalities, it provides another tool to promote your communities, attract new investment and foster growth.

Tomorrow, you'll hear from Linda Jeffrey, our Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. She will talk to you about additional parts of our plan to adequately respond to the changing needs of your communities, and to make sure that municipal planning tools are strong and effective. As we move forward, Linda and I rely on your input and your partnership. You know your communities' needs.

I appreciate your help on so many fronts: You helped us redesign the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to make sure it continues to meet the needs of Ontario's communities. We are

going to announce the details of the newly redesigned program in the fall - in time to support your budget planning process.

We also continue to rely on your valuable input on interest arbitration. I know this is an issue that is very important to you. Our government is determined to build a sustainable model for wage negotiations that is respectful of both collective bargaining and a fair and transparent interest arbitration process. Our Minister of Labour, Yasir Naqvi is committed to working with all of our partners to achieve that. I hope you will approach this process as openly as possible. It will take collaboration between you and your labour partners to solve this issue. But we have to stay focused on addressing the real issues, and building on the strong relationships that can help us navigate through these challenging times.

I really do believe that we can talk through many of our issues. It's what I've been doing since I took on this role: sitting down with stakeholders, labour partners and members of the Opposition to try and find a better way forward. What we do is so important - as municipal leaders, as ministry representatives, as a provincial government...but the way we do it is important, too. It is easy to be negative and to find points of conflict, but the reality is that we are in this together; we are on the same team. And my focus on collaboration and real, practical solutions is inspired by my belief in you and quite frankly, the way you do business. It's inspired by my belief in your communities and your constituents.

Our government understands that we cannot slash the services on which you rely to address our bottom line - that wouldn't be fair. That's why we're continuing to upload municipal costs.

We also know that investments in vital transit and transportation infrastructure can't place more pressure on your property tax base. We have to find real solutions because that is what the people of this province deserve.

This September, we will resume the legislature in our minority government. The political climate does not make it easy to introduce real progress, but I will not give up on what is possible. I am focused on governing and I am here to work with you and for you. I want to grow and innovate together and build Ontario's future on the strength of our communities. That is what Commander Hadfield inspired in me with those pictures... To think of the big picture, the view from above that shows how connected we all are.

Ontario is one province, filled with possibilities. And I am committed to working with all of you to make sure those possibilities are fulfilled. Thank you. Merci. Meegwetch.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
2013 Annual Conference

Remarks by the Honourable Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Tuesday, August 20, 2013
1:25 p.m.

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Thank you.

Thank you for coming to Ottawa to take part in this important annual event.

I want also to thank the AMO executive and staff who have worked over the last few months to put this conference together.

And I'd also like to thank Russ Powers, for his time and advocacy over the past year – and for his leadership at our regular monthly meetings.

I have been coming to AMO since I was first elected in the early 1990's but this is my first time up here at the podium as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I have to admit it's a little intimidating; but it gives me a different perspective.

Shortly after being made minister, I threw myself into the job and I went to as many spring conferences, meetings and AGMs as possible.

At each of those events, you shared with me your concerns and I appreciated your candour. It is clear to me that you truly care about the communities you represent.

And that's a passion we share. As a former city councillor, I know first-hand about the hard work every one of you puts into making your communities a better place to live.

I've learned over the years – it's a small world, so it's important to be respectful and to build strong relationships.

I've always believed that the best solutions start out with an honest conversation.

That is why our Government's relationship with AMO has been so productive. Both sides have never shied away from the big issues, or from giving difficult advice.

I will admit, it's not always easy to hear that a program isn't working but together we both make better decisions by taking the time to listen to each other.

It's because we both benefit so much from these conversations that today I am proud to sign a renewed Memorandum of Understanding.

Today's MOU renewal will ensure that these conversations continue. It will also allow us to build on the successes we have had in the recent past and to pave the way to a strong future.

I'm sure you will agree that one of our greatest shared successes is the uploading of social assistance benefits and court security costs that had previously been borne by municipalities.

As you know, this year alone, these uploads have already produced savings of \$1.4 billion.

These savings provide the fiscal room that you need.

We took action because you told us that it just wasn't fair – it wasn't reasonable to download costs to the property tax base.

So we took steps to restore fairness.

You also told us that you need strong roads and bridges, as well as the dollars to maintain them.

So we acted... by reconfirming our government's plan to invest \$35 billion in infrastructure over the next three years.

And then we committed to an additional \$100 million dollars for a roads and bridges fund for small, rural and northern communities across the province.

Because of that strong working relationship, we've been able to see real results on building code and fire safety improvements; on economic development and youth job creation; and on social service reform and waste diversion.

Our Government made these changes to assist you in making our communities more livable.

But we know there's more work to be done.

In particular, more needs to be done on the affordable housing file.

The simple fact is - Ontario needs more affordable housing. It creates jobs and it grows the economy.

When families have a home to call their own, they have improved health, education and employment.

In this country, far too many people spend the day unsure where they will sleep at night.

A recent report estimated that over 200,000 Canadians go homeless every year. In a prosperous country like Canada, **that's just shameful.**

In March, Ottawa announced a five-year renewal of the Investment in Affordable Housing program.

I'll admit I was afraid they might not even make that commitment.

But, despite this announcement, we still see a gradual withdrawal by the Federal government from their role in working with other levels of government on this file.

It's become clear that if action isn't taken, their commitment to affordable and social housing will evaporate over the next 20 years.

The reality is that a strong national economy depends on a healthy housing market that serves **all** Canadians.

This summer, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities issued a statement supporting our call for a long-term federal commitment on housing.

The need for housing is not just a municipal issue, it's not just a provincial issue and it's not just a federal issue.

It is a societal issue that all levels of government need to tackle; together!

To achieve our shared goals, I need your help - I need your help in convincing Ottawa and your local MPs to stay at the table and work with us.

But it is not just housing where we need to work together to make our communities more livable.

We need to work together to address our long-term infrastructure needs and we can't do this without an inventory of our assets.

In Ontario we know climate change is a significant issue. The effects of climate change can bring unexpected damage to our homes, our property and the infrastructure we rely upon.

Over the past year, communities across Ontario have been hit by devastating floods— from Thunder Bay and Wawa, to Huntsville, and Kawartha Lakes.

Upon hearing the news, my staff were on the ground working with municipal officials.

We committed up to \$18 million to help with the response and infrastructure repair costs for the municipalities hardest hit.

And we continue to work closely with the eight affected municipalities and their local Disaster Relief Committees.

I want to commend the efforts of all the first responders and public works officials for supporting their communities during an extremely difficult period.

I was able to see firsthand an Emergency Operations Centre in action in the town of Bracebridge and I was impressed with what I saw.

Disasters showcase the strength of our communities but they can sometimes expose gaps in our existing infrastructure.

They remind us that we've got to take stock and continually evaluate our roads, bridges and other structures.

It's all about planning ahead.

That's why our government places so much weight on asset management plans. I just can't stress enough how important it is for each municipality to develop a plan.

When our Government released the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy last year, a significant number of you took the time to prepare a comprehensive asset management plan.

I'm pleased that so many municipalities have taken advantage of the new resources, including \$9 million dollars in funding and staff resources to get these plans done.

I know there's a lot of work involved in completing these plans. But I think you'll agree –it's the right thing to do and there's a significant pay-off.

We're here to support you in your infrastructure planning, and, as we move forward, we will continue the push to get all levels of government moving in the same direction.

With sound asset management plans, all levels of Government will be better positioned to invest in the projects and priorities that will help you improve our communities.

We'll be better able to target our investments, which in the long run saves us all money.

In fact, I believe we have an obligation to ensure our children and grandchildren aren't left with aging or worn out infrastructure.

The global economic downturn has meant that all levels of Government have had to do more with less.

We're all doing our best to practice financial restraint.

Sharing services is one way to provide relief to our strained budgets.

Of course, I don't have to tell you, sharing services between municipalities is nothing new or unique.

The overwhelming majority of municipalities already have some sort of shared service agreement.

The benefits can be great: from cutting costs and increasing efficiency, to greater local autonomy for you to plan and achieve the priorities that you set.

I want to showcase a few examples where communities are being innovative:

The Peel Public Sector Network was developed by the Region of Peel, Mississauga, Caledon and Brampton – my hometown – to provide a high-speed fibre optic network to municipalities, hospitals and educational institutions.

The Network saves \$2.5 million annually and has won the Showcase Ontario Merit Award for delivering vital public services to the community in a cost-efficient, convenient and effective way.

This is a great example of inter-government collaboration and co-operation that saves money.

Another successful model is the Fire and Emergency Services Communications Centre of the City of Oshawa.

The Centre handles dispatch services for the City of Oshawa, the Municipality of Clarington, the Town of Whitby, the Township of Brock and the Township of Scugog.

Emergency services are an ever-increasing cost for municipalities.

The Oshawa centre is a state-of-the-art facility with industry-leading technology. If each municipality had put the dollars in to build this technology, it would have cost significantly more.

That kind of proactive, creative thinking naturally leads to the development and sharing of best practices for fire dispatch communications.

It also creates the potential for additional revenue sources.

And there are ways that we at the provincial government can help you too.

One example of improved financial planning that we have been working on, with the Municipal Finance Officers Association, is a program called the Costs of Development Model.

This program allows municipalities to compare the costs associated with different types of development, so that you can compare between low density and compact urban development forms.

With this program, you can get a better look at your overall planning picture by seeing the potential financial implications of planning decisions 10, 15 and even 20 years down the road.

We will be working with our partners to pilot this tool with a select group of municipalities, so stay tuned. We'll let you know when the tool will be available for your use.

My ministry wants to support you in delivering services and infrastructure more efficiently and we want to help you find the right tools and practices to do that because we know one size does not fit all.

We want to make the tools you have available more accessible, including ones you use for planning.

Over the years, we've brought in reforms to improve both the land use planning system and the Ontario Municipal Board.

We have worked together to bring forward an historic vision for land use planning through the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt.

But we've heard from you and we've heard from the public that the rules can sometimes be too complex and the delays and appeals can be frustrating.

This frequently contributes to conflicts between municipalities, developers and community groups.

Our government wants to address these concerns, and we're committed to improving the land-use planning and the decision-making process.

This fall, my ministry will begin a consultation process to enable municipalities, community groups, and stakeholders to give us feedback and help us develop solutions.

We want to make it simpler and more effective. We have heard your concerns and we will be reviewing the process for land use planning appeals at the Ontario Municipal Board.

We want to find ways to make our land-use planning system better, to foster better co-operation between municipalities, developers and community groups so they can work together to make those tough decisions.

Finally, I'd like to talk about the Development Charges Act and other costs associated with development.

Earlier this month, my staff and I hosted a forum on planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. We heard some great ideas on how we can improve the Development Charges Act.

I know that, as municipal leaders, you feel the current system limits your ability to recover all capital costs for some services and your ability to pay for vital infrastructure projects.

And I have heard from developers that they want more accountability and transparency.

Everyone who sits at the table wants more clarity when it comes to the costs government imposes.

We believe it's time for a refresh – it's time to be sure the system still answers all our needs.

This fall, we are going to begin the process to evaluate development charges to ensure it is still responsive to the changing needs of your communities.

We'll be contacting you to discuss such changes as section 37 and parkland dedication under the Planning Act.

And we will work with AMO to ensure that you, our municipal partners, stay engaged throughout the process.

If you know me, you know that I like to think I'm a good listener.

I want to hear from you – because no one knows the people in your communities better than you do.

You've fought for them through adversity, and I know we can – and will – work together on the challenges coming down the road.

As our local leaders, you will face the expected obstacles – like working to improve services while keeping costs down.

And you'll encounter unforeseen hurdles – like the ones mother nature sometimes can throw at us.

You need to be able to anticipate both, and as much as possible you have to look 10, 20 years down the road, and make plans for every contingency. I know it's not an easy task.

But I want you to know that your government stands with you. We will work with you and all of our province's communities.

Not just for today, but for the decades to come.

Thank you.



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August 23, 2013



VIA COURIER

TO: *ALL Clerks of Municipalities*

Union Gas filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (“the Board”) on July 31, 2013 seeking approval for a multi-year Incentive Regulation Mechanism that will be used to set Union’s regulated distribution, transportation and storage rates over the 2014 to 2018 period.

Enclosed is a copy of the application, as well as a copy of the Notice of Application in English and in French issued by the Board on August 14, 2013 under Docket No. EB-2013-0202.

Yours truly,

Chris Ripley
Manager, Regulatory Applications

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Union Gas Limited for an order or orders approving an incentive rate mechanism to determine rates for the distribution and transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2014;

APPLICATION

1. Union Gas Limited ("Union") is a business corporation, incorporated under the laws of Ontario, with its head office in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
2. Union conducts an integrated natural gas utility business that combines the operations of selling, distributing, transmitting and storing gas within the meaning of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act").
3. Union hereby applies to the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB"), pursuant to section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (the "Act") for an order approving a multi-year incentive rate mechanism ("IRM") to determine rates for the regulated distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective January 1, 2014. Union seeks an IRM pursuant to a comprehensive Settlement Agreement between stakeholders and Union:
 - (a) which applies to the base rates approved by the OEB commencing January 1, 2013 in EB-2011-0210, as adjusted to reflect the upfront productivity commitment of \$4.5 million and the annual \$3.152 million increase related to deferred taxes over the IRM term;

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- (b) in which the annual rate escalation is limited by a price cap index (“PCI”), where PCI growth is driven by an inflation factor (“GDP IPI FDD”), less a productivity factor of 60% of GDP IPI FDD;
 - (c) which exists for a 5 year term ending December 31, 2018;
 - (d) which has a provision for earnings sharing;
 - (e) which continues to pass-through routine gas commodity and other costs;
 - (f) which allows for non-routine cost adjustments for matters outside of the utility’s control, including criteria for non-discretionary capital projects; and
 - (g) which maintains the existing level of service to customers.
4. Union also applies for an order to establish the following deferral accounts effective January 1, 2014:
 - Normalized Average Consumption Deferral Account (179-XXX)
 - Tax Variance Deferral Account (179-XXX)
 - Unaccounted for Gas (“UFG”) Volume Variance Deferral Account (179-XXX)
 5. Union also applies to the OEB for such interim orders approving interim rates and accounting orders as may from time to time appear appropriate or necessary.
 6. Union further applies to the OEB for all necessary orders and directions to provide for pre-hearing and hearing procedures for the determination of this application.
 7. This application is supported by a comprehensive settlement agreement and supporting reports.

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8. The persons affected by this application are the customers resident or located in the municipalities, police villages and First nations reserves served by Union, together with those to whom Union sells gas, or on whose behalf Union distributes, transmits or stores gas. It is impractical to set out in this application the names and addresses of such persons because they are too numerous.

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DATED: July 31, 2013

UNION GAS LIMITED

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

**Union Gas Limited has applied for a multi-year rate setting mechanism.
Learn more. Have your say.**

Union Gas Limited has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for a multi-year Incentive Regulation Mechanism that will be used to set Union's regulated distribution, transportation and storage of gas rates over the 2014 to 2018 period. Under the proposal residential Customers of Union Gas in the Southern service area would see an increase of approximately 0.3% in their average annual bill while customers in the North would see a 0.2% decline in their average annual bill during the 5 year period. Other customers, including businesses, may be affected as well.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed incentive rate mechanism parameters have been established through a comprehensive Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") between Union Gas Limited and the ratepayer groups that participated in Union's last rates hearing. The Agreement establishes the formula for setting Union's rates for a five year period starting January 1, 2014 based on an annual adjustment tied to inflation less a productivity factor.

The Agreement will be presented to the Board at a public hearing. At this time, any other interested parties will be able to present any questions or concerns. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to accept all or part of the Agreement.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process. You can:

- review Union Gas Limited's application on the OEB's website now.
- sign up to observe the proceeding by receiving OEB documents related to the hearing.
- file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **September 10, 2013** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- at the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

The application relates to Union Gas Limited's rate setting approach for the 2014-2018 period. Our file number for this case is EB-2013-0202. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case please enter that file number at the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Union Gas Limited has applied for an oral hearing. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This rate hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO AUX CLIENTS DE UNION GAS LIMITED

**Union Gas Limited a déposé une demande pour un mécanisme de tarification pluriannuel.
Apprenez-en plus et donnez votre avis.**

Union Gas Limited a déposé une demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario pour adopter un mécanisme de régulation incitatif pluriannuel qui serait utilisé pour établir les tarifs de distribution, de transport et de stockage de gaz naturel sur la période de 2014 à 2018. Avec l'adoption de cette proposition, les consommateurs résidentiels de Union Gas dans le secteur de service sud verraient leur facture annuelle moyenne augmenter d'environ 0,3 %, tandis que les consommateurs du secteur de service nord verraient leur facture annuelle moyenne diminuer d'environ 0,2 % au cours de ces cinq années. Les autres types de clients, y compris les entreprises, pourraient également être concernés.

LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO VA TENIR UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

Les paramètres de cette proposition de mécanisme de tarification incitatif ont été établis au moyen d'un règlement extrajudiciaire (le « règlement ») entre Union Gas Limited et les groupes de contribuables qui ont participé aux dernières audiences sur la tarification de Union. Le règlement énonce la formule servant à établir les tarifs pour une période de cinq ans à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2014, selon un rajustement annuel calculé en fonction de l'inflation auquel on soustrait un facteur de productivité.

Le règlement sera présenté à la Commission à l'occasion d'une audience publique. Toute autre partie intéressée pourra alors poser ses questions ou faire part de ses préoccupations. À l'issue de cette audience, il appartiendra à la CEO d'accepter ou non l'ensemble ou une partie de ce règlement.

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

INFORMEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus. Vous pouvez :

- examiner la demande de Union Gas Limited sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant;
- assister à la procédure en vous inscrivant pour recevoir les documents de la CEO relatifs à l'audience;
- déposer une lettre de commentaires, lesquels seront pris en compte au cours de l'audience;
- devenir participant actif (« intervenant »). Inscrivez-vous avant le **10 septembre 2013**, faute de quoi l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de la présente affaire;
- examiner la décision de la CEO à l'issue de la procédure, ainsi que ses justifications, sur notre site Web.

APPRENEZ-EN PLUS

Cette demande concerne la méthode de tarification de Union Gas Limited pour la période 2014-2018. Notre numéro de dossier pour cette affaire est EB-2013-0202. Pour en savoir plus sur cette audience, apprendre comment déposer une lettre, devenir intervenant ou accéder à tous les documents relatifs à cette affaire, saisissez ce numéro de dossier sur le site Web de la CEO : www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre des relations avec la clientèle au 1-877-632-2727.

AUDIENCES ORALES ET AUDIENCES ÉCRITES

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences écrites et les audiences orales. Union Gas Limited a demandé une audience orale. La CEO décidera ultérieurement de traiter l'affaire par voie d'audience orale ou écrite.

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre apparaîtront dans le dossier public et sur le site Web de la CEO. Cependant, votre numéro de téléphone personnel, l'adresse de votre domicile et votre courriel n'y apparaîtront pas. En revanche, si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les renseignements de l'entreprise resteront publics. Si vous vous inscrivez pour agir à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu de l'article 36 de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).





Wednesday, August 28, 2013

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[Francais](#)**Check the status of your RfR**

Property owners who have filed a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) can now check the status of their request online at aboutmyproperty.ca.

Record Low Requests for Reconsideration Filed

At the close of the Request for Reconsideration (RfR) deadline (April 2, 2013), approximately 110,000 property owners had filed a RfR for their 2012 property assessment, representing only 2.2 per cent of the total number of assessed properties in Ontario – a 1.3 per cent decrease from the last Assessment Update in 2008.

"Requests for Reconsideration and Appeals filed with the Assessment Review Board (ARB) are key indicators of assessment quality and property owners' acceptance of their assessments," says Larry Hummel, MPAC's Chief Assessor. "MPAC is consistently receiving fewer RfRs suggesting that the majority of property owners are satisfied that their assessment values reflect the sales market in their neighbourhood."

This decline can also be attributed to increased outreach activities throughout the Assessment Update and to MPAC increasing online services and engagement through the re-launch of AboutMyProperty™.

Assessment Update Year	2008*	2012**
Total Number of Properties Assessed	4,684,257	4,926,916
Total Number of RfRs Filed	164,000	110,000
Total Value of Properties Assessed	\$1.81 trillion	\$2.17 trillion

*Assessment Update for the 2009-2012 property tax years

**Assessment Update for the 2013-2016 property tax years

>> [For more information about the 2012 Assessment Update, click here.](#)

Municipal Liaison Group Membership Broadened

As part of MPAC's commitment to transforming stakeholder relationships into partnerships, the Municipal Liaison Group – Assessment (MLG-A) membership has been broadened to better reflect the geographical diversity of Ontario municipalities.

Through regular meetings on property assessment matters the MLG-A continues to work with MPAC to identify assessment product and service improvements.

Calendar of Events

September 8-11
[Ontario Municipal Taxation and Revenue Association \(OMTRA\) Conference](#)
Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston

September 11-13
[Association of Francophone Municipalities of Ontario \(AFMO\) 24th Annual Conference](#)
Recreation Centre of West Nipissing

September 11-13
[Ontario East Municipal Conference \(OEMC\)](#)
Ambassador Conference Resort Hotel, Kingston

September 18-19
[Ontario Professional Planners Institute \(OPPI\) Conference](#)
The London Convention Centre, London

September 25-27
[Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario \(MFOA\) Annual Conference and AGM](#)
Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville

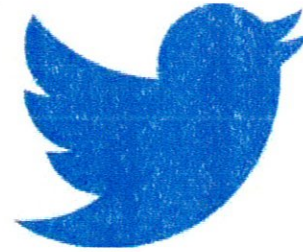
The MLG-A is comprised of representatives from municipalities and municipal associations from across Ontario, and supports MPAC's mandate to further strengthen the property assessment process.

Municipal Connect™ Enhancements

MPAC's Municipal Connect™ continues to grow with system improvements that allow municipalities to have a more comprehensive indication of the assessment-related activity for each property in their community.

The online portal now provides users with a variety of published change events such as Requests for Reconsideration and Assessment Review Board Appeals at the property level, in addition to Supplementary and Omitted Assessments. The expanded features allow users to view events for both the current and previous assessment cycle.

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MPAC at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference

MPAC representatives attended the 2013 AMO Annual Conference in Ottawa on August 18-21.



MPAC's Chair, Dan Mathieson, and President and Chief Administrative Officer, Antoni Wisniowski, discussed the results of the 2012 province-wide Assessment Update of Ontario's five million properties, and the progress of MPAC's four-year strategic plan (2013-2016).

MPAC staff were also on hand in the AMO exhibit hall sharing demonstrations of www.aboutmyproperty.ca – now available in French.

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His Worship Roy Avis
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Dear Mayor Avis:

Maintaining good relationships with the communities in which we operate is an ongoing priority for us all at CN. We are very proud of our role as a backbone of the North American economy, and we recognize that we have a responsibility to have open and direct lines of communications with you our neighbours on a variety of subjects of importance to you.

That is why we are pleased to send you this year's *CN in the Community* publication. The booklet describes some of the many ways that CN interacts with communities across its entire network, through meetings, discussions and support in the community through our sponsorships and donations, and how CN responds to questions and concerns that come in to the company through our Public Inquiry Line – a major point of contact between CN and the general public. We remind you that you may contact us at any time by phone at 905-669-3065 or by email at Lindsay.Fedchyshyn@cn.ca.

The need for open and continuous communication between CN and the communities along our network has been put into sharp focus with the tragic derailment and explosion of a freight train in Lac Mégantic on July 6, 2013. While this was not a CN train, the tragedy reinforced the need for all railroads to maintain ongoing dialogue with their neighbours. Since July 6, CN has reached out to civic and other leaders across Canada and the United States, sending information on how CN handles Dangerous Goods, how communities can obtain information on Dangerous Goods moving through their jurisdictions and how CN helps municipal agencies obtain emergency response training.

Over the years, CN has learned that communication is not a tap that you can turn on and off. Communication has to be a steady, two-way flow of dialogue between stakeholders. *CN in the Community 2013* is part of our ongoing commitment to communication with you.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Finn

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
Community Services Executive Committee
Minutes of Meeting



Date: Monday, July 4, 2013 **Session No.** 46

A meeting of the Community Services Executive Committee was held in the IFK Conference Room beginning 10:27 a.m.

Committee Members present: A. Hallikas – Chair; J. Albanese – Councillor; D. Kitowski – Councillor; J. Kabel – Manager of Community Services

CALL TO ORDER:

A. Hallikas called the meeting to order at 10:27 am. J. Kabel recorded the minutes of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 3, 2013 Community Services Executive Committee were approved as circulated.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (and general nature thereof):

NIL

ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL:

- a) Auquathlon Event at Pither's Point Park – September 8, 2013 (request received May 14, 2013 – Jeff Tilbury) – Community Services looked at the advice given by the other executive committees and insurance agent to compile six stipulations in a recommendation to Council for the event to function with as much due diligence and safety as possible for event organizers, participants, and the town.
- b) Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp Fee Schedule Changes – the committee made a recommendation to Council to authorize the adoption of two additional rental options for Kiwanis Sunny Cove Camp as a meeting space (only) with the following fee schedule: Half Day Use Meeting Space - \$75, Full Day Use Meeting Space - \$125.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) DSSAB Funding Agreement – A briefing note was discussed that outlined that the Fort Frances Children's Complex will benefit with as much as \$215,000 in additional funding for the current financial year position to upgrade existing infrastructure, have staff receive extra training to better serve our children, ease some of the extra cost burden incurred by parents currently, and potentially position itself to operate with less tax dollar input.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

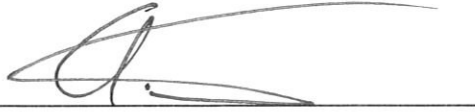
NIL

INFORMATION

- a) Next Meeting Date – TBD.

CLOSING

There being no further matters before the Committee at this time, the meeting was closed by
A. Hallikas at 10:37 am.

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Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'J. Hallikas'.

Manager (or Superintendent)/Secretary

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

Administration and Finance Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

A meeting of the Administration and Finance Executive Committee was held in the Committee Room – Civic Centre on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ken Perry, Councillor Paul Ryan, Mayor Roy Avis

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer, Jason Kabel, CS Manager and Darryl Allan, IT

REGRETS: Councillor Andrew Hallikas

Called to order 12.05 p.m.

1. **Non – Agenda:**

- 7. i) In-Camera Rainy Lake Hotel Property
- ii) Mayor Avis Espanola Travel & Per Diem Expenses

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof: Mayor Avis with regard to 7 i) Travel and per diem expenses to attend meeting in Espanola with Ministry of Finance and other municipalities participating in the reassessment working group.

3. **Paul Ryan – Ken Perry:** That the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. i) Jason Kabel/Darryl Allan **re:** Telecommunications Review – the Committee recommended that Council authorize entering into an agreement with Telcom Enterprises for the purpose of implementation the telecommunications savings as presented in Option C to realize the savings of \$5,494.59/month or \$65,935.08 on an annualized basis for a forty-six percent (46%) savings compared to our telecom costs of \$143,687.28.
5. i) Requests for Reconsideration – Minutes of Settlement 2013 Tax Year – the Committee recommended receiving the Minutes of Settlement for properties located at 209 McIrvine Road and 538 Church Street in Fort Frances for the 2013 taxation year and that the M.O.S. be processed.

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- ii) 357 Application – 446 Third Street E. – the Committee recommended approval of the adjustment of 2013 taxes under Section 357/358 of the Municipal Act for 446 Third Street E. property located in Fort Frances.
- iii) City of International Falls Request to jointly host the Canadian Ambassador to the United States visit – the Committee recommended approval of the request from the City of International Falls to jointly host a visit by the Canadian Ambassador to the United States Gary Doer and to commit funding of this event up to a maximum of \$1,000.00.
- iv) Server01 Replacement (D. Allan Report) – the Committee recommended to waive section 4.0 (D) (iii) of the Procurement Policy with regard to the purchase and installation of replacement server and authorize the hardware purchase from Microage Computer Centre and services and licencing from Deeming and Associates Limited.

6 Outstanding Items:

- i) Old Shambles Road – CAO/Solicitor
- ii) Couchiching Sewer and Water Agreement Signage
- iii) Indigent Burial Policy – G. Treftlin, Clerk

7 Non-Agenda Items:

- i) In-Camera re: Rainy Lake Hotel Property

Paul Ryan – Ken Perry: That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for municipal purposes.

Discussion was held with regard to the interest expressed for the Rainy Lake Hotel. Further investigation is required before consideration is made.

- ii) Mayor Avis Espanola Travel & Per Diem Expenses – the Committee recommended to approve the per diem and travel claims for Mayor Roy Avis, in the amount of \$1,093.96, to attend the meeting in Espanola with the Ministry of Finance and members of the Reassessment Working Group on July 29, 2013 and travel on July 28 & 30, 2013.

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8 **Information:**

- i) Administration & Finance Stats as at June 30, 2013
- ii) 2013 Reserve Funds as at June 30, 2013

- 9 **Next meeting date:** To be determined (As there will be a quorum for the August 20, 2013 scheduled meeting date.)



Ken Perry, Chair



Mark McCaig, Administrator

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 Minutes of Meeting – 20 August 2013 (Session 40)

The Planning and Development Executive Committee held it's regular meeting in the Civic Centre Committee Room on Tuesday the 20th day of August 2013 at 8:00 am, with the following persons present:


J. Albanese (Chair), R. Wiedenhoeft, D. Kitowski, F. Flatt, P. Briere

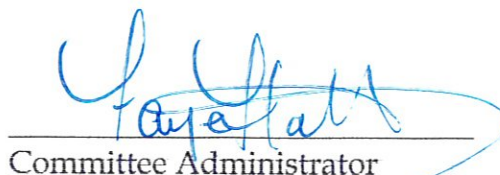
1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 8:00 a.m.
2. **IDENTIFICATION OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None
3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None
4. **APPROVAL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of August 6, 2013 were approved as circulated.
5. **ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL** - None
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 Fort Frances Community Garden request (June 18, 2013) Re: Proposed fencing/gate – a recommendation will be made to Council that the existing fencing be permitted to remain with an option for permanent fencing in future and allow construction of four gates 3 feet wide and two gates 10 feet wide.

Res. No. 2013-05 – (Wiedenhoeft/Kitowski) That the meeting of the Planning and Development Executive Committee now meet in-camera (8:10 am) in order to address a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending disposal of land no longer needed for municipal purposes; and a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED

 - 6.2 Sale of Lots 3 and 12 Plan 48M-357 – a recommendation will be made to proceed with the sale and authorize the preparation of required by-law.
7. **NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None
8. **ITEMS AWAITING DISPOSITION** (non-action items carried forward)
 - 8.1 BIA Chairperson Doug Anderson request (March 20th 2013) Re: Consideration of a Public Nuisance By-Law– Staff conducting additional research.
9. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE** - September 3, 2013 at 8:00 am
10. **MEETING CLOSE** - 8:17 a.m.


 Chairperson


 Committee Administrator