

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

AGENDA - June 8, 2015

MEETING - Council Chambers , Civic Centre

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COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 015) to immediately follow the Committee of the Whole

- 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.

Delegations/Deputations:

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- 2.3 Public Input to be received regarding Corporate Strategic Plan (**7:00 p.m. as advertised**) 14 - 20

Verbal Submissions requested by:

- Assisted Living Action Group (ALAG) - Erma Armit
- Samantha Manty, Fort Frances Resident

Written Submissions received from:

- Guy Donaldson
- Eric & Caren Fagerdahl
- Charleen Mallory
- Elaine Fischer, Northwestern Health Unit

- 2.4 Public Reminder about pocket dialing 911 (Mayor Avis)

Consent Agenda:

- 3.1 Items Referred from Committee of the Whole
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 - requester will be advised of Council's proclamation
- 3.3 Letter dated May 20, 2015 from Elaine Wilson, Executive Director, Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario: Request Support for Spina 23 - 25

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ADJOURNMENT

*** Previously distributed to Council**

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2015 WRITE-OFFS/TAX ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENTS

Batch #	Year Affected	Roll #	Assessment Change	RTC/RTQ	Municipal Rate	School Rate	Municipal Amount	English Public	English Separate	French Public	French Separate	No Sup School	Capping Adjust	Penalty/Interest	BIA	TOTAL
92 Days	2014	1.7.118	-68,000	RTEP	0.01687815	0.00203	-289.29	-34.79								-324.08
357/358 Application							-289.29	-34.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-324.08

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May 15, 2015

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Attention: Clerk

Dear Ms. Slomke:

Re: Hearing to Consider Section 357/358 Applications

Please be advised that a public hearing has been scheduled for immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council on Monday, June 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers located at the Civic Centre, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances. The Committee of the Whole begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Council of the Town of Fort Frances will be conducting the hearing to consider Section 357/358 Applications, including the application with regard to property located at 501 Sixth Street W. in Fort Frances.

The hearing will give you the opportunity to speak to the application (copy of applications enclosed) if you should so desire.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Witherspoon, CMO
Treasurer

Enc.



Application made under Sec 357/358/359 of the Municipal Act, 2001
MPAC'S RESPONSE

Taxing Authority:	Fort Frances Town	Application #:	8258326			
Roll #:	5912 010 007 118 00	Application Reason:	Became exempt			
Address:	501 6th St W	Tax Year:	2014			
Claimed Relief Period:		From	Oct.1	To	Dec.31	

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
Property Class	2012 CVA as returned or most recently revised for taxation year noted in application	2014 Phased-In Amount as returned or most recently revised	CVA as revised (Sec 40 or Sec 39.1) if applicable OR after the correction of a factual error. (CVA)	Notional Value of Structure damaged, demolished, razed or removed OR undergoing repairs or renovations (CVA)	Notional Value of Property (land and any remaining bldgs.) after damage, demolition, razing or removal OR undergoing repairs or renovations (CVA)	Assessment			
						2008 CVA	2012 CVA	2014 Phased-In Value Attributed to Value in (H)	2013 Phased-In Value Attributed to Value in (H)
RT	73,000	68,000				63,000	73,000	68,000	65,500
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TO:								0	0
E	73,000	73,000				74,483	73,000	73,000	73,000
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MPAC's Remarks:

MPAC has learned that the property is no longer used as rental unit, taxable tenant removed.

Factor Methodology

Shown below is the CVA and classification that would have been returned for the taxation year of the application in order to reflect the physical circumstances and use set out in the application provided that those circumstances had existed at roll return.

Property Class	2008 CVA	2012 CVA	2014 Phased-In Value	2013 Phased-In Value	Factor Methodology Applied
E	\$74,483	\$73,000	73,000	73,000	PSDF
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	2013	1.1.028	-34,000	RTEP	0.01670548	0.00212	-70.03	-8.89								-78.92
	2014	1.1.028	-35,000	RTEP	0.01687815	0.00203	-590.74	-71.05								-661.79
357/358 Application							-660.77	-79.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-740.71

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Jack Allan Gray
Camilla Jo Gray
118 Third Street W.
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Gray:

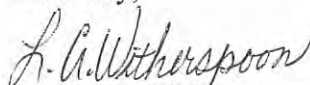
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The hearing will give you the opportunity to speak to the application (copy of applications enclosed) if you should so desire.

Sincerely,


Laurie A. Witherspoon, CMO
Treasurer

c.c.: L. Slomke, Clerk

Enc.

SECTION 357(358) APPLICATION

TO THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

Mailed MFA to MEX 3/1/15
AGENDA ITEM #2.2
Application/Appeal #

Taxation Year:
2013

Municipality: FORT FRANCES Roll Number: 51-12010-001-028-00
Property Address: 118 THIRD ST W Applicant Name: CAMILIA GRAY
Owner Name: JACK: CAMILIA GRAY Contact Number: 274-3662
Mailing Address: 118 THIRD ST W Alternative Num: _____
FORT FRANCES ON PG 4-3A3

Reason for Application: (Check one box only)

☐ Ceases to be liable for tax at rate it was taxed - 357(1)(a) ☐ Sickness or extreme poverty - 357(1)(d.1)
☐ Became exempt - 357(1)(c) ☐ Mobile unit removed - 357(1)(e)
☒ Razed by fire, demolition or otherwise - 357(1)(d)(i) ☐ Gross or manifest clerical/factual error - 357(1)(f)
☐ Damaged and substantially unusable - 357(1)(d)(ii) ☐ Repairs/Reno's preventing normal use (min. 3 months) - 357(1)(g)

Details of Reason: FIRE - NOV 17/13 (UNLIVABLE)

Effective from: 11/17/13 to 12/31/13 Applicant Signature: Camilla Gray Date: 03/03/15
(MM/DD/YY) (MM/DD/YY)

ASSESSMENT REPORT: MUNICIPALITY				ASSESSOR				
Assessment Roll As Returned		Revised Since Roll Return <input type="checkbox"/>		Assessment Report School Bd: <input type="checkbox"/> Eng <input type="checkbox"/> Fr <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
		Enter Revisions Below		<input type="checkbox"/> No Change In Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> S357 Required for Next Year				
RTC/RTQ	2005 Base-year CVA	2008 Base-year CVA	Current Phased Assessment	Revised RTC/RTQ	Revised 2005 Base-year CVA	Revised 2008 Base-year CVA	Revised Current Phased Assessment	Change to Current Phased Assessment
Revised:				Reason for Change (Assessor Comments):				
Reason Original Assessment Revised:								

Assessor Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: 1/1/15

RTC/RTQ	Taxable Assessment Reduction	Tax Rate	(Days) Months	Tax Adjustment	Original Levy
RTP	<u>-34,000</u>	<u>0.1882548</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>78.92</u>	<u>1,233.07</u>

Recommended: ☐ No Adjustment ☐ Adjustment ☐ Cancellation ☐ Refund Total Amount: \$78.92

Comments: _____

Treasury Position: Treasurer Signature: Louis A. Witherspoon Date: 05/15/15

COUNCIL OR ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISION: Hearing Date (MM/DD/YY): 1/1/15

☐ Approved ☐ Amended & Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Applicant Did Not Appear ☐ Application Abandoned

Reason: _____

Appeared for Applicant: _____ Appeared for Municipality: _____

Signature of Council/ARB Member: _____ Name/Title: _____

Application made under Sec 357/358/359 of the Municipal Act, 2001
MPAC'S RESPONSE

Taxing Authority: Roll #: Address:	Fort Frances Town 5912 010 001 028 00 118 Third St W	Application #: Tax Year: Claimed Relief Period:	8266690 Damaged and unusable 2013 From Nov.17 To Dec.31
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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)
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RT	74,000	71,000				70,000	74,000	71,000	70,000
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RT	37,000	37,000				70,000	37,000	37,000	70,000
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MPAC's Remarks:

Mpac has learned of the fire on Nov.16, 2013. Home suffered damage that prevents normal use. Sec. 358 was filed on March 3, 2015 past the deadline of February 28.

Factor Methodology

Shown below is the CVA and classification that would have been returned for the taxation year of the application in order to reflect the physical circumstances and use set out in the application provided that those circumstances had existed at roll return.

Property Class	2008 CVA	2012 CVA	2013 Phased-in Value	2012 Assmt (same as 2008 CVA)	Factor Methodology Applied
RT	\$70,000	\$37,000	37,000	70,000	RESET
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TO THE COUNCIL OR THE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

Taxation Year:

20

Municipality: FORT FRANCES Roll Number: 54-12-010-001-028-00
Property Address: 118 THIRDS ST W Applicant Name: CAMILLA GRAY
Owner Name: JACK & CAMILLA GRAY Contact Number: 274-3607
Mailing Address: 118 THIRD ST W Alternative Num: _____
FORT FRANCES ON P4A 3A3

Reason for Application: (Check one box only)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceases to be liable for tax at rate it was taxed - 357(1)(a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sickness or extreme poverty - 357(1)(d.1) |
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Details of Reason:

son: FIRE NOV 17/13 (UNLIVEABLE)
STRUCTURE REMOVED SEDI 1/H = BEING REBUILT

Effective from
(MM/DD/YY)

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Applicant Signature:

Camilla Gray

Date: 03
/MM/DD/YY

ASSESSMENT REPORT: MUNICIPALITY

ASSESSOR

Assessment Re
As Returned

Revised Since Roll Return

11

Enter Revisions Below

Assessment Report School Bd: ☐ Eng ☐ Fr ☐ Other

☐ No Change In Assessment ☐ S357 Required for Next Year[illegible]

Revised:

Reason for Change (Assessor Comments):

Reason Original Assessment Revised:

Assessor Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

TREASURER'S REPORT ON TAX LIABILITY

RTG/RTQ	Taxable Assessment Reduction	Tax Rate	Days/ Months	Tax Adjustment	Original Levy
RTT	-35,000	.01890815	365	661.79	1,361.39

Recommended : ☐ No Adjustment ☐ Adjustment ☐ Cancellation ☐ Refund Total Amount \$661.79

Comments:

Treasury Position: Treasurer Signature: Bonnie A. Witherspoon Date: 05/15/15

COUNCIL OR ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD DECISION:

Hearing Date (MM/DD/YY): 06/08/15

- ☐
- Approved
- ☐
- Amended & Approved
- ☐
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- ☐
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Appeared for Municipality

Signature of Council/ARB Member

Name/Title

**Application made under Sec 357/358/359 of the Municipal Act, 2001
MPAC'S RESPONSE**

Taxing Authority:	Town of Fort Frances	Application #:	8266692
Roll #:	5912 010 001 028 00	Application Reason:	Damaged and unusable
Address:	118 Third St W	Tax Year:	2014
Claimed Relief Period:		From	01-Jan To 31-Dec

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Guy Donaldson
<guydonaldson65@yahoo.ca>

To Islomke@fort-frances.com

cc

bcc

06/03/2015 03:30 PM

Subject Strategic planning meeting

Hi I see in the paper that a planning meeting is being held next week and they are looking for ideas.

My suggestion is that they could look at the feasibility of relocating the C N tracks to another area either west, north or east to create a better traffic flow in town and make for a safer community. I know other jurisdictions across Canada are now looking at this issue also.

Thank you

Guy Donaldson



Dear Ms. Slomke and Ms. Lawson,

In response to your request in the Fort Frances Times, May 27, 2015, we have put together a few ideas that we believe are worth consideration.

We believe that in order to create community, our town needs to:

1. strive to **stop the tourists** who travel through our town by offering them reasons to want to be here
2. entice and **welcome the people of the district** to make Fort Frances their “go to” place for Arts, entertainment and shopping
3. create an atmosphere where **local people are proud of our town** and want to “staycation” and invite others to share what we have

We would like to see Fort Frances redefined and redeveloped into the **premier tourist destination** it once was. We are located at the centre of the continent, on the dividing line between the Canadian Shield and the Prairies, and we need to use this to our best advantage.

Reconstructing a fort in Fort Frances would make us a tourist destination. This was the historic meeting place for the trade routes between the east and west. It was where the Europeans, Metis and First Nations came together in friendship and co-operation. It could once again be a place that fosters people coming together. In recent history, Pithers Point has become a bone of contention between the First Nations people and the town. We could turn that around by working to develop co-operation between First Nations, Metis and town’s people to provide a new meeting place. Funding for this could come from 3 levels of government. An **interpretative centre** would provide a place to teach about our rich and varied history from the ancient First Nations, the Fur Trade, pulp and paper industry, farming, tourism, burling(log rolling); we have world class log rollers who live here. We have so much to be proud of and to share!

A **Water Park** at Pithers Point, or at the Shevlin wood yard is a natural fit by drawing on the lake/river water and the beautiful surroundings.

We need to get past the notion that we are and always will be a paper mill town. **Our mill could possibly be retrofitted for the production of other products.** Hemp is a crop that grows well in our area and produces a variety of products such as fabric, rope, paper and food products. With the cheapest electricity in the province, an ample supply of water, and a location central to the continent, the mill could be a prime location to produce and distribute medical marihuana.

If the mill could not be repurposed, the beauty of the location at the waterfall/dam would be a prime property to be developed as a conference centre, condominiums, or graduated housing for seniors.

Our **tourist information centre** has suffered because of the relocation of the customs office, as well as the cuts in government funding. We are pleased that the town has taken it over and is attempting to provide the service. There is a need for better **signage** to capture the attention of tourists and to direct them to the centre. The space could house mini displays from the museum and art gallery in order to interest visitors in going to see these attractions. **We need to give the tourists a reason to stop.**

The old mill parking lot, north of and adjoined to the Tourist Information Centre could be opened up for **tourist parking**. This gets them onto our main street and within walking distance of many of our merchants. Also, we could offer free bottles of water with our town logo on them to those waiting in line to cross back to the USA. This would have them leaving Canada with a good last impression of Fort Frances and may encourage them to return and visit with us.

Provincial and Federal funding may be available to erect **signage** along the highway from the east that would promote and inform travelers about our historic waterways: the Noden Causeway, Rainy Lake, historic Boundary Waters, the fur trade route, and Pithers Point. Rock cairns located on the route, in strategic places would create interesting stops for people to learn about our area. We are located where the Canadian Shield meets the Prairies. To our west, there are also points of interest, such as the experimental agriculture farm and the Manitou Mounds. What benefits the district will benefit Fort Frances.

Health Care has to be a focus for our town if we are to interest newcomers. Health Care is key to any development that will bring new residents and keep our seniors here long into retirement. A **graduated housing development for seniors** is crucial. The baby-boomers are quickly moving into retirement and will soon be the largest demographic in our society. With dollars to spend, they continue to be consumers. We need to be ready to meet their needs.

Hospitality must become a focus for all of our citizens. We need to make the people of our district welcome. They are an important part of the customer base for our merchants and facilities such as the sportsplex, library and museum.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our ideas.

Sincerely,
Eric and Caren Fagerdahl



C R MALLORY
<crmally@msn.com>

06/04/2015 10:03 AM

To Lisa Slomke <lslomke@fort-frances.com>, Kathryn Lawson
<klawson@fort-frances.com>

cc

bcc

Subject Request in the Fort Frances Times, May 27, 2015, for
suggestions for Strategic Plan

Dear Ms. Slomke and Ms. Lawson,

I have put together a few ideas that I believe are worth consideration.

I feel that in order to create community, our town needs to create an atmosphere where local people are proud of our town and want to “staycation” and invite others to share what we have. To accomplish this we must entice and welcome the people of the district to make Fort Frances their “go to” place for Arts, entertainment and shopping. By encouraging district people to view Fort Frances as a welcoming community we will also be offering the tourists who travel through our town reasons to stop, look and stay!

I would like to see Fort Frances redefined and redeveloped into the premier tourist destination it was when I was young. We are located at the heart of the continent, on the dividing line between the Canadian Shield and the Prairies, on the international border and we need to use this to our best advantage. Rainy Lake has long been the playground of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Milwaukee and Chicago as well as other cities in the upper mid-west.

As a community we need to remember that what we do in Fort Frances extends past the boundaries of our town. Our economic situation, good or bad, is felt through not only our town, but also the Rainy River District as well as all of Northwestern Ontario and Northern Minnesota.

Historically, Fort Frances was the meeting place for trade between east and west. Our country is vast and it was here, midway between Montreal and the Rocky Mountains that the Europeans, Metis and First Nations came together in friendship and co-operation. It CAN become that again, it CAN be a place that fosters the historic co-operation between the diverse people in the region. Pithers Point has become a bone of contention between the First Nations people and the town. We can turn that around by developing an atmosphere of co-operation between First Nations, Metis and town’s people to provide a new meeting place. Funding for this could come from 3 levels of government. An interpretative centre, housed in a reconstruction of the original fort, would provide a place to teach about our rich and varied history from the ancient First Nations, the Fur Trade, pulp and paper industry, farming, tourism, burling(log rolling); we have world class log rollers who live here. We have so much to be proud of and to share!

It is time to accept the fact, WE ARE NO LONGER A "MILL TOWN"! Our mill can be retrofitted for the production of other products. With the cheapest electricity in the province, an unlimited supply of water, and a location central to the continent, the mill can be a prime location to produce and distribute medical marihuana. Hemp is a crop that grows well in our area and produces a variety of products such as fabric, rope, paper and food products.

If the mill can not be repurposed, the beauty of the location at the waterfall/dam is prime real estate that can be developed a hotel/conference centre, casino, condominiums, or graduated housing for seniors.

Some thought should be given to developing the property across Mowat Avenue from the Canada Customs. That would be an excellent small mall that could include outlets for both the Beer Store and the LCBO. Perhaps a coffee shop for visitors to sit down and look over what is available here. Our tourist information centre has suffered because of the relocation of the customs office, as well as the cuts in government funding moving that to the new mall would make it so much more accessible for visitors. A short term fix is better signage to capture the attention of tourists and to direct them to the centre. Utilizing the space in the present building for mini displays from the museum and art gallery will interest visitors and give them a reason to see these attractions. We need to give the tourists a reason to stop. But in the long term I believe we need to look at moving the Tourist Information across Mowat Avenue to that presently vacant lot.

The old mill parking lot, north of and adjoined to the Tourist Information Centre should be opened up for tourist parking. This gets them onto our main street and within walking distance of many of our merchants. Also, we need to offer free bottles of water with our town logo on them to those waiting in line to cross back to the USA. This would have them leaving Canada with a good last impression of Fort Frances and may encourage them to return and visit with us.

Signage along the highway from the east that will promote and inform travelers about our historic waterways: the Noden Causeway, Rainy Lake, historic Boundary Waters, the fur trade route, and Pithers Point. Rock cairns located on the route, in strategic places would create interesting stops for people to learn about our area. We are located where the Canadian Shield meets the Prairies. To the west, there are also points of interest, such as the experimental agriculture farm and the Manitou Mounds. With the co-operation of the Metis and First Nations, Provincial and Federal funding may be available to erect. Remember what benefits the district will benefit Fort Frances and visa versa.

Health Care is key to any development that will bring new residents and keep our seniors here long into retirement. The baby-boomers are quickly moving into retirement and will soon be the largest demographic in our society. With dollars to spend, they continue to be consumers. We need to be ready to meet their needs.

Hospitality must become a focus for all of our citizens. We need to make the people of our district welcome. They are an important part of the customer base for our merchants and facilities such as the sportsplex, library and museum.

Thank you for this opportunity to express some of my ideas.

Sincerely,

Charleen Mallory



Northwestern Health Unit

www.nwhu.on.ca
Mayor & Council

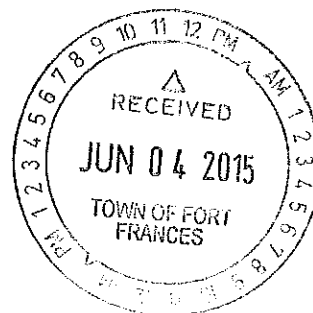
322 Portage Ave.

Fort Frances, ON

P9A 3P9

c/o 396 Scott St.
Fort Frances, ON
P9A 1G9

June 4, 2015



Dear Mayor & Council,

Re: Strategic Plan....the Need and Importance of Active Transportation

As the Town of Fort Frances moves forward with its strategic planning process, we would like municipal staff and council to consider the importance of active communities. There are strong policies in the town's Official Plan to support active transportation and recreation and there is support by community stakeholders for these types of policies. As both a transportation strategy and a mode of transportation, active transportation (AT) meets multiple community, planning, environmental and transportation objectives.

In the next strategic plan we urge you to consider renewing and including the following in the Town's goals and strategies:

- Integrate active transportation into the Town's budget. It is essential that the Town commit funding and support toward implementation of designated safe and active routes outlined in the Active Transportation Plan. Local stakeholders would be active partners in seeking out alternate sources of funding to support the municipal budget
- There are strong policies in the town's Official Plan to support active transportation. We urge you to consider active transportation needs with all infrastructure projects. Multi-modal transportation should be considered with all infrastructure and construction projects (i.e. road construction, re-surfacing, re-designing, zoning and site development). The provision for road designs for pedestrians (e.g., sidewalks) and bicycles and other non-motorized vehicle traffic (e.g., bicycle lanes, pre-paved boulevards).
- Consider the implementation of the '1-Path Project'. The Active Transportation Plan is a multi-million dollar long-term diverse transportation plan. Council and stakeholders are aware of safety concerns related to walking and cycling. We are encouraging the Town to incorporate 'the 1-Path Project'. Utilize the Active Transportation Plan to determine one priority route. We work collectively toward the development of that one priority route to initiate the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan and set direction for future active and safe routes within the Town of Fort Frances.

We applaud the Town of Fort Frances staff and council, key stakeholders, media partners and volunteers for their ongoing support related to active and safe routes. We will continue to work on a comprehensive approach that will ensure that the best design and safety features are in place to create a supportive environment where it will be easier for all populations to be safe and active.

Thank you for your consideration,

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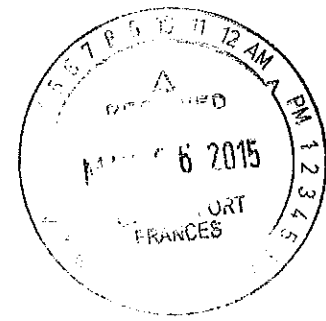
Elaine Fischer
Health Promoter

May 6, 2015

Rainy River
320 Portage Ave Fort Frances, ON P9A 1A5

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: National Health & Fitness Day



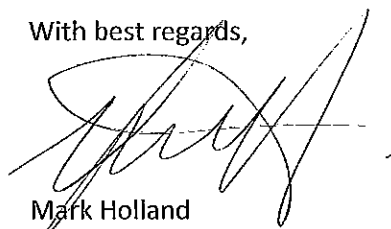
On behalf of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, I write to ask that your Council pass a resolution in support of this new national day to enhance the health and fitness of your constituents and all Canadians. I enclose a draft resolution that can be adapted or used by Council to commit to a national program that unites you with other local governments in the promotion of increased participation in physical activities in communities across Canada.

Councils that have endorsed the concept have taken different approaches. Some have simply proclaimed the day (the first Saturday in June) to raise awareness of the importance of increasing physical activity; others have marked the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities, in order to boost participation in healthy physical activity. Endorsement of the concept should ultimately drive up participation rates and help promote our common interest in encouraging Canadians to live healthier lifestyles.

If you support the National Health and Fitness day, please send a copy of your resolution to the office of MP John Weston, who is monitoring the results from Coast to Coast and who has introduced the *National Health & Fitness Day* Private Member's Bill. Please also send a copy to Nadia Formigoni, Senior Project Specialist, Advocacy at the Heart and Stroke Foundation at nformigoni@hsf.on.ca.

Thank you in anticipation of your Council helping to promote health and fitness in Canada.

With best regards,



Mark Holland
Executive Director, Ontario Mission and National Director, Children and Youth
Heart and Stroke Foundation

Enclosures: Draft resolution

Draft resolution for proclamation:National Health and Fitness Day

Whereas:

- the Parliament of Canada wishes to increase awareness among Canadians of the significant benefits of physical activity and to encourage Canadians to increase their level of physical activity and their participation in recreational sports and fitness activities;
- it is in Canada's interest to improve the health of all Canadians and to reduce the burden of illness on Canadian families and on the Canadian health care system;
- many local governments in Canada have public facilities to promote the health and fitness of their citizens;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage local governments to facilitate Canadian's participation in healthy physical activities;
- the Government of Canada wishes to encourage the country's local governments, non-government organizations, the private sector and all Canadians to recognize the first Saturday in June as National Health and Fitness Day and to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports and fitness facilities;
- Canada's mountains, oceans, lakes, forest, parks and wilderness also offer recreational and fitness opportunities;
- Canadian Environment Week is observed throughout the country in early June, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and improve physical fitness;
- declaring the first Saturday in June to be National Health and Fitness Day will further encourage Canadians to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well-being;

Therefore:

We proclaim National Health & Fitness Day in our municipality/district /regional district as the first Saturday in June;

(Optional) As a step to increase participation and enhance the health of all Canadians, we commit to mark the day with local events and initiatives celebrating and promoting the importance and use of local health, recreational, sports, and fitness facilities on National Health and Fitness Day.



Ksenija Knezic
<KKnezic@sbhao.on.ca>

22/05/2015 08:12 AM

To "ravis@fort-frances.com" <ravis@fort-frances.com>

cc

bcc

Subject Proclamation Request

Dear Mayor,

We would like to request the Town of Fort Frances join with many other towns/cities/municipalities/townships in Ontario to recognize June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus awareness month.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charity, has been making a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h) for 40 years. SB&H provides essential services for individuals living with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus and their families, who face unique challenges each and every day of their lives.

We have attached a sample declaration for your convenience. We would greatly appreciate your support by issuing this proclamation.

Thanking you in advance for considering our request.

Ksenija Knezic
Information & Services Assistant

Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario
 555 Richmond Street West, P.O. Box 103, Suite 1006
 Toronto, Ontario, M5V 3B1
 (416) 214-1056 ext. 31 or 800-387-1575

www.sbhao.on.ca
www.folicacid.ca

Give The Gift Of Hope.
Join The SB&H Monthly Giving Club Today!
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2015 Sample Proclamation.docx

May 20, 2015

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

Dear Mayor Avis,

Medical Advisory Board

Chair – Abhaya V. Kulkarni
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Michael D. Cusimano
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MD, FRCSC

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FACS

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MD, MBBS

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MScN, RN(EC)

Adrianna Ranger
MD, FRCSC

Paige Terrien Church
MD

Michael Vassilyadi
MD, CM, MSc, FRCSC, FACS,
FAAP

Herta Yu
RN(EC), MN, CNN(C)

We are requesting the Town of Fort Frances consider proclaiming June, **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**, to help raise awareness of these life-long, neurological conditions. Enclosed please find a sample proclamation for your convenience. The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charitable organization is proud of its 40 year history of delivering programs and services that improve the quality of life of children, youth and adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus through research, awareness, care and advocacy.

SB&H is working to inform the public through our education campaigns:

Folic Acid It's Never Too Early, an important message for all women of child bearing age and women in high risk groups. SB&H promotes the benefits of folic acid in reducing the incidence of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by as much as 70%.

Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH), a neurological condition that affects adults 55 and older. This little known form of hydrocephalus is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's Disease. When NPH is detected early symptoms may be partially or fully reversed.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Elaine Wilson
Executive Director

Encl.

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Charitable Registration
#10799 9310 RR0001

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** Spina bifida is a birth defect that develops within the first four weeks of pregnancy resulting in varying degrees of permanent neurological damage; and
- WHEREAS** hydrocephalus is an excessive accumulation of fluid in the brain. It may be present at birth or may develop at any stage later in life; and
- WHEREAS** there is no cure for either of these conditions that result in varying degrees of disability; and
- WHEREAS** the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, their families and the public; and
- WHEREAS** Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS** there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and
- WHEREAS** the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

That the _____ hereby proclaims the month of June to be

SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

in the _____ and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

Signature

Date



Megan Walchuk
<phillmeg@yahoo.com>

05/29/2015 03:04 PM

Please respond to
 Megan Walchuk
 <phillmeg@yahoo.com>

To "Islomke@fort-frances.com" <Islomke@fort-frances.com>

cc

bcc

Subject permission to plant easement trees

Hello,

I am writing to request permission to plant trees on the city easement of our property. The property in question is 1500 Colonization Rd W. We are planning to erect a fence enclosing the north end of our property. The easement on the east side, or the side facing onto Armstrong Pl, is quite wide. We would like to build the fence along the Armstrong side to our property line but plant small shrubs and likely 2 apple trees in the strip between our property line, and going no closer to the street than the existing fire hydrant. These plantings would help camouflage the fence from view, and preserve the beauty of the neighbourhood. The space between our property line and the curb is 20 feet. Our proposed plantings would be limited to the first 10 feet, behind the hydrant, likely closer to five feet out, allowing roughly 15 feet of open boulevard. There are no sidewalks on Armstrong.

If you would like to see the property in person, we had a survey done today, so stakes are currently visible to show the boundary.

Please advise if we can go ahead with our fence camouflage plan.

Thank you,

Megan Walchuk

1500 Colonization Rd W

274-2701



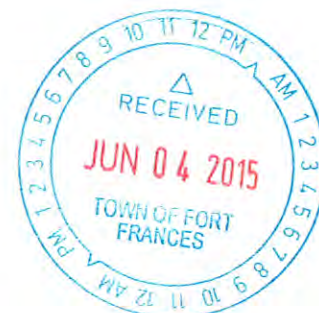
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isleofdogs@live.com

June 4TH 2012

The Mayor & Council
 The Town of Fort Frances
 320 Portage Avenue
 FORT FRANCES, ON

Dear Mayor & Council,



RE: BOUNDARY WATERS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL & FOUNDATION

In the light of the cancellation of the Peace Pull I would respectfully make a request for further financial assistance from the Town of Fort Frances on behalf of Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival and Foundation. These funds would only be used towards the costs of operating the Festival.

For four years now Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival/Foundation has provided a much enjoyed family event to the Town engaging people of all ages. The event has produced publicity for the Town and the Sorting Gap Marina and is now gaining ground as an International event – with at least 3 teams from the US this year.

The Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival is a wonderful opportunity for our community to establish and build on an event that is fun and family oriented using the beautiful Sorting Gap Marina area. The event will create excitement and can continue to be built on year-over-year with the result of the Boundary Waters Dragon Festival evolving into a tourist attraction for the Town of Fort Frances.

This year we have received the designation of Boundary Wates Dragon Boat Foundation from the Province which will allow us to begin to function as a charity raising mechanism for local charities and individuals.

Any money from the Town of Fort Frances that is used would be fully documented and supported by receipts.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Greenhalgh
 Chairperson

On behalf of Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival/Foundation Committee

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. XX/15

Being a by-law to authorize a license agreement for purposes of utilization of the Town's geospatial data with Rainy River District School Board

WHEREAS On February 9, 2015, Council approved a recommendation from the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee to approve a joint license agreement with Rainy River District Stewardship and Rainy River District School Board to allow it to utilize the Town's geospatial data.

AND WHEREAS on May 25, 2015, Council passed By-law 32/15, to authorize the license agreement with Rainy River District Stewardship.

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

1. That the license agreement with Rainy River District School Board, in the form of Schedule "A" attached to this by-law be approved for the Mayor and Clerk to sign and affix the Corporate Seal thereto.

This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing thereof.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 8th day of June 2015.

R. Avis, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk

Town of Fort Frances Geospatial Data License Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT made to be effective this 12 day of May 2015
(Day) (Month) (Year)

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
 ("The Town of Fort Frances")

- and -
The Rainy River District School Board
("Licensee")

WHEREAS The Town of Fort Frances has produced digital imagery and infrastructure data within the limits of The Town of Fort Frances (hereinafter referred to as Licensed data). The Town of Fort Frances is the owner of the intellectual property rights of the Licensed data addressed by the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

AND WHEREAS the Licensee has requested a license from The Town of Fort Frances permitting the Licensee to utilize The Town of Fort Frances' digital mapping products and information (Licensed data), on the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

AND WHEREAS The Town of Fort Frances agrees to provide the Licensee with a non-exclusive, non-assignable & non-transferable perpetual license to utilize the digital mapping products and information (Licensed data) based upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits to be realized under this agreement, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Permitted use: The Licensee shall not lease, sell, sublet, distribute, transfer or assign the Licensed data or any derivatives, enhanced products or hard copy products created from the Licensed data to any other person or organization without the expressed written consent of The Town of Fort Frances. This includes the right of use or partial use of the Licensed data. Failure to adhere to this will result in the termination of the License Agreement.
2. Copies: The Licensee may only make one copy of the Licensed data for back-up purposes only and not for use by any other person or organization. This back up shall only be used if a problem occurs with the original data. The Licensed data may be used in more than one computer at one time, provided all computers are solely owned and operated by the Licensee.

3. **Licensed data:** All Licensed data is in ESRI shapefile format, with the exception of the digital aerial photography. The coordinate system is UTM Zone 15N, NAD83. The Town of Fort Frances may consider, but shall not be obliged to provide the Licensed Data in other GIS or digital file formats as may be requested by the Licensee for its mapping system requirements.

4. **Maintenance:** The data licensed from The Town of Fort Frances is licensed for the Licensee's use only, not for resale or exchange with other parties. Licensed data is distributed "AS IS" on a one-time basis and The Town of Fort Frances is under no obligation to inform the Licensee of any changes, updates or alterations to the data. The Licensee will not receive any updated data, unless a new license request is made. Available data is in "raw" format and is not a finished map product.

5. **Reserved Rights:** The Town of Fort Frances shall retain all rights, title and interest to the Licensed data in all formats, languages and media. This includes copyrights, intellectual property, all other proprietary rights and the right to license the digital data covered by this Agreement to other users. The Licensed data shall continue to be the exclusive property of the Town of Fort Frances.

6. **Copyright:** Any paper or hard copy products derived from the Licensed data shall clearly indicate the source of the Licensed data and its copyright. If the data is modified in any way, this must be described with the source information. The Licensee agrees to not misrepresent The Town of Fort Frances Licensed data, nor imply that The Town of Fort Frances has approved any changes made by the Licensee, unless the Town of Fort Frances has granted expressed written permission.

7. **Warranty:** The Town of Fort Frances makes no warranty, expressed or implied, to the use of the Licensed data. Use of the Licensed data is done at the user's own risk and The Town of Fort Frances shall not be liable for any problems; including financial or business loss, the fitness of the Licensed data with other datasets, installation of the Licensed data and or any foreseeable or unforeseeable damages which may result from the use of the Licensed data.

8. **Data Delivery:** Orders for Licensed data sets do not have priority over other projects and work demands of The Town of Fort Frances Engineering Department. Significant delays may occur in such instances as staff shortages or schedule constraints. All efforts will be made to prepare and distribute Licensed data in a timely fashion. The Town of Fort Frances assumes no liability for shipping costs incurred, nor any damage to the Licensed data that may occur during shipping. The standard method of data delivery will be CD (Compact Disc).

9. **Fees:** The Town of Fort Frances licenses use of the Licensed data set in consideration of payment by the Licensee of the appropriate fee set out in the

current Schedule of Fees for the Town of Fort Frances and as illustrated in the attached price schedule. Fees paid are non-refundable. Data exchanges between the Licensee and The Town of Fort Frances will be considered.

10. Termination: The Town of Fort Frances may terminate this Agreement at any time, for any reason. Any violation of the license renders it null and void. This agreement will terminate automatically, without notice, if the Licensee fails to comply with any of the terms of this agreement. The Licensee may elect to terminate this Agreement at any time. Licensee user rights expire on the revocation of this license. Any and all copies of the Licensed data must be returned to The Town of Fort Frances within 30 days from the date this license expires or immediately if the license is revoked.

11. Third-Party Requests: If the Licensee receives a third party request for the Licensed data, the Licensee shall provide The Town of Fort Frances' contact information to the third party.

12. The terms of this agreement shall be in force from the date of execution or delivery of the Licensed Data, whichever is the later, and shall continue unless terminated under the provisions of this Agreement.

13. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of both parties as to the scope of this license and supersedes any and all prior agreements, warranties, understandings, discussions, negotiations and commitments, either written or oral, expressed and or implied between them.

14. Amendments to this agreement, be it the terms or provisions, must be elected in writing and signed by both parties.

15. This Agreement shall be subject to and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of the Province of Ontario.

16. This agreement is binding to both parties but does not constitute a relationship of partnership, or joint venture between the two parties.

Town of Fort Frances

By (Signature): _____

I have the authorization to bind the Corporation

Position/Title: _____

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

By (Signature): _____

I have the authorization to bind the Corporation

Position/Title: _____

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

***Please be advised that all agreements must be discussed with the Engineering Department (GIS) prior to signing.*

LICENSEEBy (Signature): HCampbell

I have the authorization to bind the Corporation

Position/Title: Director of EducationName (Print): Heather CampbellDate: May 12/15

By (Signature): _____

I have the authorization to bind the Corporation

Position/Title: _____

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

DATA LICENSE INFORMATION:Data Available:

Infrastructure: Sanitary Sewer (manholes, mains), Storm Sewer (manholes, catch basins, mains), Water Distribution System (mains, hydrants, mainline valves), Roads

Base Data: base map (with or without addresses), aerial photography (colour, April 2007)

Data Requested:

Base Data.

Data Delivery Type:

☐ CD (mail) ☐ Digital transfer (email) ☐ hard copy (paper)

Disclaimer: Please be advised that the GIS data within The Town of Fort Frances' database is in a constant state of update. Every effort has been made to ensure that the Licensed data is the most current, updated version.

2015 Fee Schedule:

Hard Copy Maps: 8 ½" X 11" - \$5.59; 11" X 17" - \$11.18; 24" X 36" \$27.96

Digital Aerial Photography: \$1118.27 (.ecw format only)

Shapefiles: \$279.57 per infrastructure shapefile/layer
\$279.57 – base map

*prices do not include applicable H.S.T.

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**BY-LAW NO. --/15**

Being a By-Law to authorize the levying and collection of a special charge of taxes upon the Business Improvement Area as provided in the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, Sections 204 – 215.

WHEREAS Schedule “A” to By-Law No. 32/78 as attached thereto, designating a certain area as an improved area, has been duly approved by the Ontario Municipal Board on February 16, 1979, by Order No. M7929;

AND WHEREAS on June 8, 2015, Council approved the Treasurer’s Report dated June 2, 2015 reflecting the required 2015 BIA levy;

AND WHEREAS the said sum of \$45,000.00 is required to be raised as taxes for the Business Improvement Area purposes.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances enacts as follows:

1. THAT the Revenue and Expenditure estimates in the amount of \$119,736 by the Board of Management of the Business Improvement Area for the year 2015 as shown in Schedule “A” be and the same are hereby approved.
2. THAT there shall be a special levy against occupied property in commercial and industrial classes located within the area designated as the Business Improvement Area in Schedule “A” to By-Law No. 32/78, on the basis of those rates particularly set forth in Schedule “B” forming part of this By-Law in the manner set forth in the said Schedule “B”.

The taxes as shown on Schedule “B” shall be payable in two (2) installments, the first being fifty percent (50%) of the total taxes levied and the second being the remaining balance of said taxes with the due dates for payment as follows:

First Installment: July 31, 2015
Second Installment: August 31, 2015

3. THAT the said levy be placed on the Collector’s Roll of record of the Town of Fort Frances for the year 2015 and collected according to statute and by-law.
4. THAT all taxes shall be paid into the office of the Collector.
5. THAT the Treasurer and Collector are hereby empowered to accept part payment from time to time on account of taxes due.
6. THAT on all taxes which are in default on the day after the due date a penalty of 1.25 percent shall be added and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 percent per month will be added on the first day of each month the default continues until December 31, 2015.
 - a) On all taxes levied in default on January 1, 2016, interest will be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month for each month of default.
7. THAT penalties and interest added on all taxes in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid tax levy.

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8. THAT the Collector may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
9. THAT taxes be paid through the following facilities:
- Town of Fort Frances Civic Center, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario
 - Telebanking and Internet Services through and major financial institute
 - Preauthorized Payment Plan
 - Mail Service via Canada Post
 - Night Depository, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario
10. THAT the Treasurer or Collector is hereby empowered to accept part payment from time to time on account of taxes due.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect on final passing.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 8th day of June, 2015.

R. Avis, Mayor

E. Slomke, Clerk

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. --/15

FORT FRANCES BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BUDGET FOR 2015

	Account Number	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
Revenue:				
BIA Taxation - Commercial	B-055-0140-0014	(44,681)	(44,680.63)	(44,681)
BIA Taxation - Industrial	B-055-0150-0014	(319)	(319.39)	(319)
BIA Supp/Omit - Commercial	B-055-0122-0014			
W/O Vacancy Rebates	B-055-0122-0024		276.33	276
W/O Charity Rebates	B-055-0122-4512	1,400	720.07	720
Exp. Grant	B-823-0430-0411			
RRFDC Grant (Project/Advertising)	B-823-0430-0410			
Expense Recoveries (Other Income)	B-823-0430-0589			
Associate Membership	B-823-0430-0641			
Promotions Income	B-823-0430-0688			
Prior Year Accumulated Surplus	B-L80-0000-0000	(56,389)		(75,732)
		(99,989)	(44,003.62)	(119,736)
Expenditures:				
Vacation, Stats, Etc.	B-823-1101-1115		184.90	
WSIB	B-823-1101-1122		107.69	
CPP	B-823-1101-1123		184.65	
EI	B-823-1101-1124		126.54	
EHT	B-823-1101-1129		93.75	
Part-time Salaries/Wages	B-823-1101-1130	4,000	4,111.25	4,000
Telephone/Communications	B-823-1200-1251	1,100	1,099.99	1,100
Postage	B-823-1200-1252	200		200
Office Supplies	B-823-1400-1410	500	93.62	500
Meeting Expenses	B-823-1500-1532	200		200
Office Equipment Rental	B-823-1500-1543	100		100
Office Rental	B-823-1500-1552	2,034	1,831.68	2,034
Advertising & Public Notice	B-823-1500-1591	14,000	14,440.47	17,000
Public Relations/Promotions	B-823-1500-1592		138.40	
Events/Activities	B-823-1500-1593	2,000	-500.00	2,500
Banners & Poles	B-823-1900-1902	500		500
Christmas Decorations	B-823-1900-1903	5,000		5,000
Mural Project	B-823-1900-1907	2,750		2,750
Future Projects	B-823-1900-1906	59,605		75,852
Electrical	B-823-2740-1420			
Soil/Plants/Trees	B-823-2740-1440	4,000	2,747.52	1,000
Grounds Maintenance (Mural)	B-823-2740-1545	1,000		4,000
Planters, Banner & Poles Materials	B-823-2750-1471	3,000		3,000
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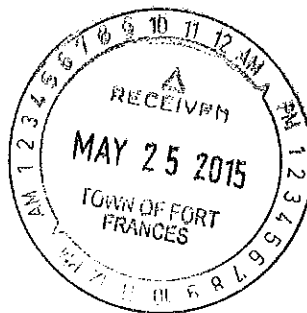
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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Schedule "A" to By-law No. 32/78

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May 12, 2015

Dear CAO/Clerk Treasurer:

Please find enclosed the Financial Statements for the Northwestern Health Unit for the year ending December 31, 2014, which were accepted and approved by the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit on April 30, 2015.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Herbacz, Manager, Human & Financial Resources, at 807-468-3147, ext. 3278.

Sincerely,

Julie Roy
Chair, Board of Health

Mark Perrault
Chief Executive Officer

Encl.

c: Paul Ryan, Chair, Executive Committee
Dr. Kit Young Hoon, Medical Officer of Health
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Subject NEW for 2015 AMO Online Course: What is Land Use Planning?

**Why does a municipality need a plan?
What is the Planning Act?
What key tools will help council in planning?
How do you manage expectations of citizens, staff and other stakeholders?
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This go at your own pace course explores:

- What is land use planning?
- Why is land use planning important?
- The Planning Act and framework
- Key tools for land use planning
- Zoning By-laws
- Land Severances
- Plans of Subdivision
- Minor Variances
- Site Plan Control By-laws
- Development Permit System (DPS)
- Managing Councillor expectations
- Functions, roles and processes

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Subject AMO Breaking News - Bill 8 - Effective Date for Municipal Governments Confirmed

May 21, 2015

Bill 8 - Effective Date for Municipal Governments Confirmed

The Ontario Gazette notes that [Bill 8, Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014](#) and related regulations affecting municipal governments are to be proclaimed in effect on January 1, 2016. Schedules 6 and 9 of the Bill relate specifically to municipal governments.

Implementation of Bill 8:

Some municipal governments are investigating the creation of local accountability officers as provided by the Bill and some are looking at how to share accountability officers. In terms of service based complaints that could be the subject of reference to an ombudsman, AMO is currently working with Microsoft Canada and three pilot municipalities to develop a transferable, flexible complaints management system to track complaint intake across departments, complaints processing against customer service metrics, and to enable data analysis to inform service delivery improvement. The objective is to use technology to enable an effective, defensible system that can accommodate new requirements and which can be managed locally. In addition, AMO will be looking at what other information/educational needs would assist in the implementation of the legislation.

Reminder of the Bill's key changes follows:

- The Ontario Ombudsman will become the default ombudsman for municipal governments that do not appoint a municipal ombudsman, except in the City of Toronto.
- The Ontario Ombudsman will have 'final oversight' of individual complaints where a municipal ombudsman has been appointed, except in the City of Toronto.
- The Ontario Ombudsman will have oversight of municipal auditors general and integrity commissioners. The government has not provided clarification on the scope of the Ontario Ombudsman's powers in these areas.
- The Ontario Ombudsman will be able to conduct 'systemic' investigations of all municipal governments, including the City of Toronto.
- The existing closed meeting investigation regime will be maintained. The Ontario Ombudsman will continue to be the default closed meeting investigator where a municipality has not appointed a closed meeting investigator. The definition of 'meeting' will fall to the *Municipal Act* review. (AMO's Bill 8 submission provided advice on this definition.)
- By regulation, boards of health, library boards, long-term care homes, and police services boards are to be excluded from an Ombudsman's oversight.
- The new Patient Ombudsman will have oversight of long-term care homes.

Several of the amendments to the Bill reflected AMO's advice to Standing Committee. For more information, please see AMO's submission and previous [updates on Bill 8](#).

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- Save on group benefits costs by switching to LAS.
- Compare data and implement best practices using MIDAS.

Guest Column*

Online accommodations services, such as AirBnB, may be vanguards of the shared economy. But their unregulated nature poses a risk to municipalities in terms of public safety and legal liability.

Federal Matters

Saving your federal Gas Tax Funds for a future project? We can help you earn some income on the funds until then – check out how here.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Looking for details on the program for the 2015 AMO Conference? Want to know who is speaking on the main stage? Need to plan your day? Program details are available on our Conference site now. Visit often as we release further details – and take a moment to register today!

Join fellow Heads of Council at AMO's Heads of Council Training on Sunday, August 16 in Niagara Falls. Get the information you need to be an effective Head of Council. Learn what skills you need to utilize, the tools you need to lead, manage and collaborate and more. Don't miss out, and reserve your space today!

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Municipal Matters*

The Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to over a decade of FIR data free of charge to all Ontario municipalities. Watch a MIDAS training video to see what MIDAS can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

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Consultation on Infrastructure Funding for Areas Outside of
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May 22, 2015

Ontario Government Launches Consultation on Infrastructure Funding For Areas Outside of Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas (GTHA)

The provincial government is beginning consultations on **Moving Ontario Forward - Outside the GTHA**. The consultation will run through the summer with a number of roundtables to be announced and comments are due by **September 18, 2015**.

Move Ontario Forward is the government's 10-year, \$31.5 billion strategy to fund infrastructure across Ontario. Of this funding \$16 billion is available to support transit within the GTHA and \$15 billion is dedicated to areas outside of the GTHA. Of the \$15 billion for projects outside of the GTHA, the government has committed some funding already to programs such as Connecting Links, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), and natural gas initiatives. This consultation is focused on the remaining \$11.5 billion.

The released discussion document is intended to frame consultations. It identifies the Province's principles for use in designing the funding program with emphasis on projects with a regional focus, underpinned by strong business cases and the potential to maximize returns through economic growth as well as social and environmental benefits, among others.

AMO members are encouraged to attend the roundtables once they are announced and develop their own responses to the guide. To help members respond, AMO suggests using the following considerations:

- **Equity** - Can the funding be distributed in a way that treats areas of the province (Northern, Eastern, Western, etc.) in a manner that is seen to be fair and equitable? How can both smaller municipalities and larger ones be given the same access to potential funding?
- **Transparency** - Residents and communities are entitled to have access to documentation that shows now and in the future what funding requests were received by the Province, what projects are committed to, when funds are spent, and any change effected. Funding should not be re-profiled, re-announced, or re-committed without being transparently tracked.
- **Municipal access** - Can submission requirements be commensurate to the scale of the project?
- **Accounts for local fiscal challenges** - Can the funding recognize the local infrastructure challenges in a municipality and the contribution of core investments to the local economy?

AMO anticipates that members also may be interested in looking at the scale of economic returns on infrastructure projects and how these are viewed in various perspectives: local, regional, provincial, and national. The Province has made the largest commitment to infrastructure funding. At the same time, all municipalities have significant needs but not enough fiscal capacity, so there will be a substantial interest in how this funding is designed.

To read the discussion guide and consultation questions and receive information on how to participate, including attending roundtables, go to:

<http://www.ontario.ca/business-and-economy/infrastructure-consultation>.

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Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Stratton Millennium Hall (Fire #36, Highway 617 North)

An election for three 3-year term and one 1-year term positions on the Board of Directors will be held followed by a report on RRFDC activities.

Refreshments and snacks will follow.

RRFDC memberships are available for \$5.00 each. ***To vote at this annual general meeting you must be a paid member at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.***

Join us and learn more about RRFDC.

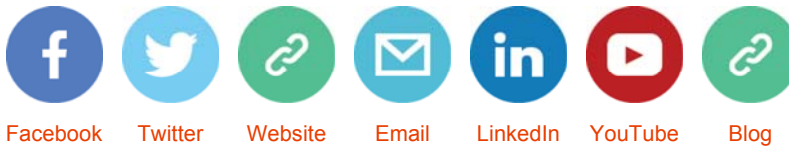
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Subject Great Places in Canada - Invitation

The Canadian Institute of Planners would like to invite your community to participate in **Great Places in Canada** : A nation-wide contest to designate Canada's greatest street, neighbourhood and public space of 2015.

The contest has been a great community experience for past winners and nominees, and a rewarding venture for the individuals who nominated the winning place.

The following link will take you to a PDF providing background on Great Places in Canada and contact information for questions or contest resources.

[Great Places in Canada Information Package](#)

Meanwhile, I invite you to take a tour of the [Great Places in Canada](#) website.

Contest launches on May 26, 2015 and goes all summer!

Best Regards,

Kelly McTavish

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**An invitation to participate in a contest
to find Canada's greatest places
while showcasing and benefiting your community.
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Introduction

Great Places in Canada, a contest hosted by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP), is celebrating its 5th year. We would like to invite your community to participate as the next great streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces are nominated for Great Places in Canada designation for 2015.

The contest was created to celebrate the work of Professional Planners in Canada and increase awareness about the Canadian planning profession. It showcases the nominated places from across the country on the Great Places in Canada website, benefiting the community with online exposure and uniting communities through friendly competition and voting.

Nominating and voting takes place through www.greatplacesincanada.ca. Anyone can nominate a place and voting begins as soon as a nomination is added to the website.

The three categories to nominate under are:

- Great Street
- Great Public Space
- Great Neighbourhood

How it Works

There are **two** ways for a nomination to win.

1. **Grand Prizes** are awarded by a jury of professional planners. Nominations are judged by category on a variety of planning merits and the resulting winners receive a plaque to commemorate their achievement. A prize valued at over \$500 is also awarded.
2. **People's Choice** awards are based solely on which place receives the most votes. It is a fun way to rally your community to vote and support its local nominee. A prize valued at approximately \$2500 is also awarded. Details about prizes will be revealed soon.

The contest launches on May 26 and is run and promoted throughout the summer. The contest winners are announced in November. Additional prizes are also awarded through a random draw in which every nominator is entered. Details about all prizes will be revealed soon on www.greatplacesincanada.ca.

In Closing

Our winning places and nominees have experienced national exposure and renown.

Closer-knit communities, local pride and increased business have also resulted.

"The Greatest Community Award that the Inglewood BRZ received on behalf of the Inglewood community had a direct and positive impact on the businesses in Inglewood. Whether it was the Saturday in December events, the variety of advertising mediums used and television spotlights on 9th Ave (BT and CTV filmed live morning show pieces), the trending on social media - many residents and businesses observed that Christmas 2014 was the busiest they had ever experienced."

Some of our previous Great Places Winners



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- Great bilingual bookmarks as promotional items by post
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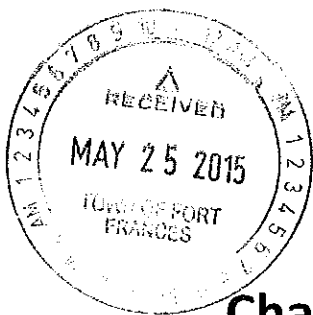
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Changes to the Provincial Land Tax

The 2015 *Ontario Budget* announced Provincial Land Tax (PLT) rate changes for 2015 and 2016. This is an important first step toward creating a fair and modern PLT system that will reduce tax inequities.

What are the 2015 changes for residential PLT?

- For residential taxpayers, the PLT rates would be adjusted by \$10 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of their properties in 2015.

Residential Class	PLT Rates for 2015	
	Schoolboard Areas	Non Schoolboard Areas
Residential/Multi-residential	0.001717	0.000354
Farm/Managed Forest	0.000429	0.000088

- The updated 2015 PLT rates would be reflected in your final 2015 tax bill, which will be mailed in June.
- The government will ensure that property tax relief provisions are in place for low-income seniors and low-income residents with disabilities.

How can I find out more about these PLT changes?

- You can find more information on the Ministry of Finance's web site.
<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/consultations/landtaxreform/>
 - Provincial Land Tax Reform: A First Step toward a Fair and Modern Land Tax System* outlines the changes proposed in the 2015 *Ontario Budget*. It is available on the ministry's web site, along with additional PLT background information.
- If you cannot access the web site, please contact us at the address below to request that information be mailed to you.

What are the 2015 changes for businesses?

- The PLT rate adjustments for business properties would be proportionate to the residential rate changes. For example, the commercial and industrial rates would be adjusted by \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in 2015.

Business Class	PLT Rates for 2015
Commercial	0.000694
Industrial	0.000542



What are the PLT changes for 2016?

- For residential properties, the PLT rates would be adjusted by an additional \$40 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in 2016.
- The PLT rate adjustments for business properties would be proportionate to the residential rate changes. For example, the commercial and industrial rates would be adjusted by an additional \$65 per \$100,000 of assessed property value in 2016.
- The minimum PLT would be set at \$50 annually per property beginning in 2016 to ensure that all unincorporated area property owners make a basic contribution to the cost of important services.
- The 2015 and 2016 changes require the *Building Ontario Up Act* to be passed by the Legislature.

What services does PLT help pay for?

- PLT revenue helps pay for services in unincorporated areas across the North, including policing, land ambulance, public health, and other social services.
- The PLT collected from unincorporated area property owners covers only a portion of the total provincial expenditure on these services.

What did the PLT review involve?

- A review of the PLT was announced in the fall of 2013. PLT rates have not been adjusted to increase revenues since the 1950s.
- The Ministry of Finance held 21 consultation sessions with unincorporated area representatives across northern Ontario and released a paper that summarized what we heard. We requested feedback on the paper and received numerous helpful responses.
- In March 2015, we sent the "Provincial Land Tax Review Update" to keep you informed about the results of the review to date.

Is the PLT review finished?

- These PLT changes would be fully implemented by 2016. However the PLT review will not end with these changes.
- The Province will continue discussions on ways to further address tax inequities in the North and will launch a new series of consultations with northern Ontarians.

How do I contact the Provincial Land Tax Reform Office?

- We continue to welcome input on the PLT review.

Email: pltreformoffice@ontario.ca

Phone: 1-844-637-6465 (toll free)

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Subject Demonstrated Need for Aggregates

Hello Everyone:

Attached is a resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes regarding a request to amend the Aggregate Resources Act.

Regards,
Bob

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May 12, 2015

All Municipalities
In the Province of Ontario

Dear Municipal Representative:

Re: Demonstrated Need for Aggregates

At the Regular Council Meeting held on May 5, 2015 the Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2015-279**

Moved by: Councillor Raymond

Seconded by: Councillor Persson

WHEREAS a primary concern for the Municipality of Trent Lakes is that due to our close proximity to the Greater Toronto Area there will be an increase in the demand for aggregates from this area resulting in an increase in the number and size of quarries in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS it is widely acknowledged that extracting aggregates from the landscape is an intrusive activity that has the potential to cause long-term impacts on publicly important environmental resources and farmland; increases in traffic, road damage and greenhouse gas emissions; and degrades the quality of life in local communities; and

WHEREAS in 2005 the Provincial Policy Statement was amended to allow aggregate producers to propose extraction sites without having to demonstrate the need for the additional supply of aggregate resources, thereby creating a barrier to comprehensive planning and favouring the protection of aggregate extraction at the expense of other provincial interests, and as a result encouraging the rapid and non-sustainable use of the resource; and

WHEREAS applications for licences under the current Aggregate Resources Act do not require proponents to demonstrate need to extract aggregate resources in a particular area;

.../2

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Trent Lakes request that the Ontario Government amend the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act to require aggregate extraction proponents to demonstrate need for the particular supply of resource proposed for extraction; and further

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Provincial Opposition Party leaders, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Barry Devolin, MP, Laurie Scott, MPP, FCM and AMO; and further

THAT through the circulation of this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario it be requested that they adopt a similar resolution in support of the requested changes to the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act.

Carried.

As per the resolution, it is requested that all municipalities in Ontario adopt a similar resolution in support of the requested changes to the Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act.

Sincerely

Bob Angione

Bob Angione, M.P.A., B.Admin.
Municipal Clerk



Kathy Lawson/Frances
05/25/2015 01:13 PM

To Lisa Slomke/Frances@Frances
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Subject Fw: Resolution in Support of VIA Rail and Letter from Town of St. Marys Mayor

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To Stacey Wheal <swheal@town.stmarys.on.ca>
cc Lorraine Heinbuch <lheinbuch@town.stmarys.on.ca>
Subject Resolution in Support of VIA Rail and Letter from Town of St. Marys Mayor

Please find attached a letter from Town of St. Marys Mayor Al Strathdee, inviting your municipality to join our coalition in support of VIA Rail and *Network Southwest* .
We hope your Council will consider passing the resolution included in the same attachment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Stacey Wheal, Corporate Communications Coordinator
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May 15, 2015

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

In the past three decades, passenger rail and intercity bus services have diminished in many Southwestern Ontario communities (please see the attached infographic). While the Ontario government supports GO Transit, High Speed Rail and Metrolinx projects, VIA Rail continues to struggle. Advocacy groups have begun to form in St. Marys, Sarnia and Stratford in response to reductions in VIA Rail service.

The Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance (SWOTA) has proposed a practical solution that combines passenger rail and bus services: the *Network Southwest Action Plan*. Now SWOTA needs our support so their message can be heard by all levels of government.

We invite you to join our coalition of municipalities in support of VIA Rail and *Network Southwest*, by passing the attached resolution.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Al Stratthdee, Mayor
Town of St. Marys
519-284-2340 ext. 246



Network Southwest

Passenger Rail and Bus Service Action Plan

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Safety	Connectivity	Accessibility
		
Eliminate unlit road crossings More staffed stations	Intermodal connections One ticket for bus and train	New low-floor trains Accessible buses

		Network Southwest			
Services		1982	2012	2015	2020
Weekday trains each way	London-Brantford-Toronto	10	5	5	7
	London-Stratford-Toronto	5	3	2	6
	Windsor-London	5	4	4 <small>Only 3 on Fridays</small>	5
	Sarnia-London	4	2	1	3
	Niagara Falls-Toronto	3	2	1	5
Intercity Bus Routes		25+	21	7	24
Communities Served		200+	182	52	100+

\$400 million over five years is...

1 km

Of new Toronto subway tunnel

2.8%

Of Ontario's \$14bn infrastructure pledge

2

Timbits® per citizen per week

12 km

Of six-lane toll highway

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Figure 1 – Infographic by the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance

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Resolution in Support of VIA Rail

Whereas, reductions in VIA Rail service led to the formation of advocacy groups such as Save VIA (www.savevia.ca); and

Whereas, citizens of all ages and backgrounds, especially those with no license or vehicle, rely on VIA Rail; and

Whereas, passenger rail provides safer and more eco-friendly transportation than driving; and

Whereas, enhanced VIA Rail service heightens connections between communities, thereby promoting tourism and economic development; and

Whereas, the Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance, with the support of advocacy groups, businesses and municipalities in the region, has published the *Network Southwest Action Plan* to address the need for reliable and sustainable rail-based passenger transportation in Southwestern Ontario; and

Whereas, it is time for all levels of government to stop thinking passenger rail service is only a federal responsibility, and begin providing support for intercity transportation services in communities beyond the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA);

Now, therefore, I, Mayor of _____, do hereby proclaim that VIA Rail is important to my municipality; and urge my fellow citizens as well as all levels of government to consider the *Network Southwest Action Plan* as presented March 18, 2015 and available at www.swota.ca.



Kathy Lawson/Frances

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To Lisa Slomke/Frances@Frances

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Subject Correspondence - Canada Post Community Mailboxes

Attention: City/Town Clerk:

Please forward the attached correspondence re: Canada Post Community Mailboxes to the Attention of the Mayor and Members of Council within your municipality

Thank you for your assistance.

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The Honourable Lisa Raitt
 Federal Minister of Transport

DELIVERED BY E-MAIL

RE: Community Mailboxes

Dear Minister Raitt,

Further to a decision by Aurora Town Council at its meeting of Monday, May 11, 2015, in support of the City of Hamilton's opposition to the installation of community mailboxes, I am requesting that Canada Post immediately cease the installation of community mailboxes and adhere to its Five-point Action Plan requirement to engage in full and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including the Town of Aurora and its residents.

For your reference, I attach Aurora Council's resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora endorse the City of Hamilton's opposition to the elimination of home mail delivery and installation of community mailboxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Mayor to send a letter, copied to Members of Parliament, Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities, that requests the Federal Minister of Transport, who oversees Canada Post, to require Canada Post to halt installation of community mailboxes immediately and adhere to its Five-point Action Plan requirement to engage in full and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including the Town and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to bring forward recommendations to the next Council meeting to align the Town's by-laws with the City of Hamilton's By-law Number 15-091 which regulates the installation of equipment on roads; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop appropriate standards to require Canada Post to apply for permits with an appropriate fee that reflects the resources required and costs incurred by the Town to install and maintain community mailboxes in established neighbourhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff bring back a new bylaw for Council's enactment at the next Council meeting.

I look forward to your response at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
 Town of Aurora

Cc: All Members of Parliament
 All Members of Provincial Parliament
 All Ontario municipalities

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27/05/2015 12:43 PM

To "Kristen Oliver" <admin@noma.on.ca>

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Subject: Creation of a Common Voice Northwest Transportation Task Force

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Common Voice Northwest, I am sending correspondence for your review and action. Please distribute the attached letter to your mayor and council.

Thanks,
Kristen

Kristen Oliver

Executive Director

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May 27, 2015

To NWO Aboriginal, Business, Economic Development and Municipal Leaders

Re: Transportation Task Force: Members Wanted

Greetings from Common Voice Northwest

At the Annual General Meeting of CVNW the transportation realities and needs of the Northwest were identified as a key issue facing the region.

It was noted that the Ministry of Transportation, on behalf of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, were partway through the development of a Multi-Modal Transportation Strategy for Northern Ontario. This strategy development was one of the three key initiatives announced by Minister Gravelle at the outset of the Northern Growth Plan.¹

CVNW decided that it was in the best interest of Northwestern Ontario to pull together a group of knowledgeable transportation and economic development professionals to monitor, evaluate and inform the region on the work of the Multi-Modal Transportation Study. This study, when completed, will have far reaching consequences for the economy of Northwestern Ontario (as well as the entire North of this province.)

To this end, CVNW is creating a Transportation Task Force and are seeking individuals who can contribute to the work of reviewing the Multi-Modal Study through a Northwestern Ontario lens.

We have already made a good start.

Gary Woodbeck, retired transportation professional with NM Paterson and Sons and Armstrong Van and Storage and the founding Chair of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee has agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Task Force. In addition to his experience in Transportation, Gary has been the Chair of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce as well as being active in the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce.

¹ The other two being the Northern Policy Institute and the pilot project into regional economic development planning zones.

We are looking for the following to join Gary :

- Transportation and logistics professionals who understand the movement of goods and/or people across the Northwest. We want to include all modes – road, rail, air and marine. While we would prefer active members of the industry, retired individuals are also welcome to participate.
- Economic development professionals who understand the economic impact of a transportation system on the economy of the region
- Citizens who have an understanding of the politics of the region and are willing to participate on a multi-discipline task force aimed at arriving at a common approach to the transportation needs of the region.

We are also looking for those individuals who have already participated in the MTO led workshops to become members of the Task Force.

The meetings will be held primarily by teleconference, however it is likely that those from the same community may gather in a central location to 'dial in.'

When there are face to face meetings, it will be up to each member to provide their own trip financing as CVNW has limited funds.

If you or someone you know are interested and willing to participate on the Transportation Task Force please send an email to

Gary Woodbeck,
Chair, CVNW Transportation Task Force
gary.woodbeck@gmail.com

We hope to have the first meeting in June of this year. Members will be supplied an MTO produced CD which has three documents on it:

- Commercial and Passenger Vehicle Surveys for Northern Ontario 2011, 2012
- Transportation requirements for Economic Sector Development in Northern Ontario (Final Draft Report)
- Background Data/Research for Development of the Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy

We reached out to Caroline de Groot, the MTO lead on the project earlier this month to get an update on where the project is. Below is her response:

"I am pleased to let you know that as of April we have hired a consultant, IBI Group, to carry out the third and final study that will lead to the development of the Northern Ontario Multimodal Transportation Strategy (NOMTS).

In the past two weeks we have had our Kick Off meeting with our consultant to discuss their workplan. We have shared the workplan with our MTO Directors Committee and our Interministerial Directors Committee.

One of the first tasks for our consultant is to develop the project website. I am hoping this website will be up and running by June, I will send you the link as soon as I can.

In the coming weeks, we will be having highway inventory discussions with the MTO regions to start to map out the existing highway network. Our consultant will begin to map traffic data, review collision statistics and other pertinent details of the highway system in an effort to begin the discussion of existing highway issues and opportunities.

Our consultant team will also begin the socio – economic and climate change analysis for northern Ontario and begin working on some of the working groups."

On behalf of Common Voice Northwest I look forward to the creation of the Transportation Task Force and the participation of those individuals that I know you will put forward for membership.



Barry Streib
Chair



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May 28, 2015

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Provincial Matters

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has announced the review of the *Municipal Elections Act*. The review will explore ways to enable the option of ranked ballots in municipal elections as well as providing for clearer municipal elections rules. The government is now consulting on this and is seeking input from municipalities, councillors and the public by the end of July. AMO will be making a submission on the review.

The *Making Healthier Choices Act, 2015* is intended to help Ontario's children and families make healthier food choices through menu labelling, protect people from the harmful effects of tobacco by further limiting use in public areas, and to regulate the sale and use of electronic cigarettes. Further information can be found on the government website.

Federal Matters

The Mowat Centre, in collaboration with AMO, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and other provincial organizations, developed a report that explores policy options and tools that would give the federal government the ability to support and strengthen Ontario's economy. The report identifies challenges, opportunities and key policy recommendations that would help drive prosperity in Ontario and in Canada.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Navigating the high road, high return approach to social media - Brian Lambie, Redbrick Communications, will help you chart this road from the public relations perspective. This two-hour practical session on Sunday, August 16 in Niagara Falls will teach you to make prudent decisions about personal and professional plans, policies and use. Register today!

Join fellow Heads of Council at [AMO's Heads of Council Training](#) on Sunday, August 16 in Niagara Falls. Get the information you need to be an effective Head of Council. Learn what skills you need to utilize, the tools you need to lead, manage and collaborate and more. Don't miss out, and reserve your space today!

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Careers

[Director of Finance/Treasurer - Municipality of Trent Hills](#). Please send resumes marked "Director of Finance/Treasurer Competition - Confidential" by 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015 to: Kari Petherick, Coordinator of Human Resources, Municipality of Trent Hills; Fax: 705.653.5904; kari.petherick@trenthills.ca.

[Housing Services Manager - County of Bruce](#). Please submit a resume and covering letter by 4:30 p.m., June 1, 2015 to Marianne Nero, Director of Human Resources, Corporation of the County of Bruce; email: employment@brucecounty.on.ca.

[Supervisor, Vaccine Inventory #17497 - York Region](#). Department: Community and Health Services. Branch: Public Health. Division: Infectious Diseases Control. Please apply on-line at [York Careers](#) by June 10, 2015, quoting competition #17497.

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INTERNATIONAL RAINY – LAKE OF THE WOODS WATERSHED BOARD



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(DATE): May 29, 2015

Contacts:

Scott Jutila, (651) 290-5631

Matt DeWolfe, (800) 661-5922

Fort Frances Canal and Dam Gate Refurbishment Project

International Falls, MN and Fort Frances, ON

Boise Paper and H2O Power LP are undertaking a project to refurbish the canal and dam sluice gates on the International Dam at Fort Frances ON. This project will improve the level of preservation and functionality of the shared infrastructure at the International Dam and Canal. The 15 wooden gates were installed in 1909 during the original construction of the Generating Stations and are used to pass excess water to regulate the level of Rainy Lake in accordance with International Joint Commission directives.

Construction is expected to commence on June 1, 2015 and terminate in late 2017, with two gates being out of service at any given time. Four dam gates are expected to be refurbished in 2015; six in 2016; and the five canal gates in 2017. A specially designed coffer dam will be used to isolate two gates at a time so that the work can be completed in a dry and safe environment. The wooden gates will be replaced with steel gates, and the guides and sills will be replaced to reduce leakage and to ensure reliable operation. The existing steel gate frames and the gate lifting machines will be retained.

This work will not have any effect on the dam operator's ability to keep Rainy Lake level within the Rule Curve band, but could hamper efforts to regulate the level under high water emergency conditions. Construction will be undertaken in such a way that the risk of exceeding the Rule Curve is minimized.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Subject Awards to recognize local environmental heroes!

Hello,

I am writing as a follow-up to the e-mail we sent you regarding the 2015 Hometown Heroes Award Program.

If you know a youth, individual, group or small business in your community that is making a difference to improve the state of the environment at the local level, we encourage you to nominate them for an award at earthday.ca/hometown and help Earth Day Canada (EDC) recognize and celebrate environmental achievement in Canada.

Heroic candidates can win one of the following:

- Youth Hometown Heroes Award—a \$5,000 cash-prize that can be donated to a local environmental group/cause of their choice or be put towards their post-secondary studies in the form of a scholarship
- Individual Hometown Heroes Award—a \$10,000 cash-prize to donate to a local environmental group/cause of their choice
- Group Hometown Heroes Award—a \$10,000 cash-prize to support their work
- Small Business Hometown Heroes Award—a \$5,000 cash-prize that must be used by the business to make an operational change that results in the business lessening their environmental impact, and permission from EDC to use the award and the EDC logo for one year to help market and promote the business and/or an approved product.

For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit earthday.ca/hometown.

Nominations must be postmarked by June 30, 2015.

If you have any questions about the program or would like our guidance completing the nomination package, please contact us at 416-599-1991 ext. 108 (1-888-283-2784 ext. 108) or at heroes@earthday.ca.

We're happy to answer any questions you may have, and guide you through the nomination process.

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Dear Head of Council,

As you know, the *Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014* (the Act) received Royal Assent on December 11, 2014. I am writing to inform you that the amendments in the Act for the municipal sector will come into force on January 1, 2016.

Once proclaimed, the Ontario Ombudsman's role will be expanded to include municipalities. The amendments will provide the authority for the Ontario Ombudsman to investigate complaints respecting municipal matters.

Our government respects municipalities and respects the work of municipal councils and their relationships with their constituents. This is about making sure that every person in every municipality across Ontario has access to an ombudsman. This legislation builds on the current local integrity framework in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, which gives municipalities the powers to develop local integrity frameworks based on local needs and capacity.

The Ontario Ombudsman's role is to conduct investigations and make recommendations. It will be up to the Ontario Ombudsman to determine whether to investigate a municipal matter brought to his or her office's attention. While the Ombudsman could not compel municipalities to take action, the Ombudsman could make recommendations to council and the municipality as part of his or her report. As is the case now for the province, it would be up to a municipality to determine how to proceed after an Ombudsman report.

There will be no change to the current meeting investigator role. Municipalities will still have the power to appoint an investigator to independently investigate whether a municipality or local board has complied with closed meeting requirements of the *Municipal Act, 2001* or the local procedure by-law. The Ontario Ombudsman would not be able to investigate a closed meeting complaint if a local meeting investigator is appointed. As is currently the case, if a municipality does not appoint an investigator, the Ontario Ombudsman acts as the meeting investigator.

This is new legislation, and I recognize there may be some concerns about how the amendments might impact municipalities. I would like to clarify four key points:

1. **The new legislation will not require municipalities to appoint an ombudsman.** Only the City of Toronto must have a locally-appointed ombudsman, as already set out in the City of Toronto Act. All other municipalities could continue to appoint their own ombudsman if they choose. If a municipality other than Toronto has appointed an ombudsman, the Ontario Ombudsman could still conduct an investigation into a complaint to the local ombudsman in that municipality, but only after local ombudsman processes are completed. The Ontario Ombudsman could also include one or more municipalities, including Toronto, in a systemic, broad ranging investigation.

2. **The amendments are not designed to increase costs for municipalities, and costs would not automatically increase for municipalities because of the Ontario Ombudsman's new role.** There may be administrative costs to those municipalities that are responding to the Ombudsman but there would be no other new costs because of the Ombudsman's new role. The Office of the Ontario Ombudsman is funded by the Province of Ontario, and the level of funding is determined by the Legislature. The Ontario Ombudsman does not currently charge a fee -- either annually or by investigation -- and there is no proposal to change that.
3. **The Ontario Ombudsman's office determines how to prioritize matters brought to its attention through complaints.** The amendments will also allow the Ombudsman to examine broad systemic issues that impact a wide range of municipalities and Ontarians.
4. **The amendments will not replace the important work that Ontario municipalities are already doing with regard to accountability and transparency.** Our government understands the importance and value of locally-appointed integrity officers. The amendments ensure that everyone has access to an ombudsman. The Ontario Ombudsman could investigate complaints made to local integrity officers, but only after their complaint processes are completed.

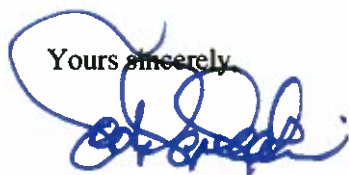
A regulation under the amended *Ombudsman Act* will exempt certain local boards in the municipal sector from the Ontario Ombudsman's oversight. This regulation will come into force January 1, 2016. The amendments to the *Ombudsman Act* will come into force at the same time.

The proposed exemptions are similar to the municipal ombudsman framework in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*. The regulation would recognize that oversight systems already exist for some entities by exempting from Ombudsman oversight: children's aid societies, boards of health, committees of management established under the *Long-Term Care Homes Act*, police services boards, and public library boards.

For more information about municipal accountability and transparency in Ontario, including required municipal policies, integrity officers and codes of conduct, please refer to the Municipal Councillors' Guide at <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page5030.aspx>. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be updating the Guide to provide greater detail on the *Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014*. Please see the enclosed for this information in advance of the Ministry posting the updated guide.

Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



Ted McMeekin
Minister

Update to Municipal Councillors' Guide

Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014

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This legislation builds on the current local integrity framework in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (described above), which gives municipalities the powers to develop local integrity frameworks based on local needs and capacity. The amendments will provide the people of Ontario with access to stronger accountability processes by making sure that everyone has access to an ombudsman.

The Ontario Ombudsman plays a crucial role in enhancing transparency in government. It is important to remember that the Ombudsman is there to help serve our citizens better, and to help get government right at all levels.

The amendments will provide the authority for the Ontario Ombudsman to investigate municipal matters. While the Ombudsman could not compel municipalities to take action, the Ombudsman could make recommendations to council and the municipality as part of his or her report. It is up to the municipality whether and how to address any recommendations made by the Ombudsman.

The Ontario Ombudsman's office determines how to prioritize matters brought to its attention through complaints. These changes will allow the Ombudsman to examine broad systemic issues that impact a wide range of municipalities and Ontarians.

The amendments will not require municipalities to appoint an ombudsman. Only the City of Toronto is required to have a locally-appointed ombudsman, as set out in the *City of Toronto Act*. All other municipalities could continue to appoint their own ombudsman if they choose. If a municipality has appointed an ombudsman, the Ontario Ombudsman could still conduct an investigation into a complaint to the local ombudsman in that municipality, but only after local ombudsman processes are completed.

The amendments will work together with local tools to ensure that everyone has access to an ombudsman. Locally-appointed integrity officers and municipal codes of conduct are an important part of Ontario's local accountability framework. The Ontario Ombudsman could investigate complaints made to local integrity officers but only after their complaint processes are completed. The Ontario Ombudsman could also include one or more municipalities, including Toronto, in a systemic, broad ranging investigation.

A regulation under the amended Ombudsman Act will exempt certain local boards in the municipal sector from the Ontario Ombudsman's oversight. This regulation will come into force at the same time as the amendments, January 1, 2016. This regulation recognizes that oversight systems already exist for these entities.

The exemptions are similar to the municipal ombudsman framework in the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and will exclude the following from Ontario Ombudsman oversight:

- children's aid societies;
- boards of health;
- committees of management established under the Long-Term Care Homes Act;
- police services boards; and
- public library boards.

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May 2015

Municipal Owners/Operators

As you know, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and their partners are working to better understand the environmental factors such as nutrient levels and weather conditions that contribute to blue-green algal blooms in provincial lakes, rivers and inland waterbodies.

With the summer quickly approaching, the purpose of this letter is to remind all municipal drinking water system owners/operating authorities of the importance of proactively monitoring local source water for the presence of blue-green algal blooms. Experience has shown that the onset of algal blooms can be rapid and regular monitoring of cyanobacteria provides system owners and local Public Health Units with an early warning to take response actions.

The Ministry requires that system owners be extremely diligent with the proactive identification and response to algal blooms. Those systems that are known to be affected by blooms every summer season should begin regular monitoring from June to October, 2015. Monitoring actions should include, but are not limited to:

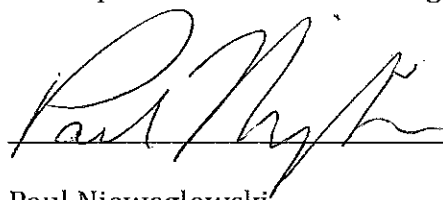
- Directly observing source water approaching and standing at system intake(s);
- Accessing algal bloom movements in the Great Lakes at <http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/waterQuality/lakeErieHABArchive/>
- Collecting raw/finished water samples for microcystin testing at a licensed laboratory;
- Keeping in contact with partners such as the MOECC, local Public Health Unit, local Conservation Authority, etc.

System owners should collect one raw water sample and one finished (treated) water sample each week from June to October or otherwise directed from ministry staff. The raw water sample should be collected at the intake or as close to it as possible to obtain a representative sample. Ideally, the finished (treated) water sample should be collected where routine THM samples are taken as free residual chlorine may reduce microcystin levels depending on the water pH. In the event, this is not possible; samples may be collected where convenient.

Samples must be submitted to laboratories licensed to perform ELISA testing for total microcystin. Where an ELISA test result is $\geq 1.5 \mu\text{g/L}$, the licensed laboratory will submit the samples to the Ministry's Laboratory Services Branch (LaSB) as it is the only laboratory

licensed to perform microcystin-LR confirmatory testing and will do so free of charge. Where a microcystin-LR result meets or exceeds the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard of 1.5 µg/L, immediate notification to the authorities will be made as per the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.

This monitoring program is precautionary in nature and serves to assess both the presence of the algal bloom as well as the treatment efficacy of the system in the event an algal bloom does occur. In addition, weekly testing of the finished water will serve to provide assurance to the public that their drinking water is safe and of high quality.

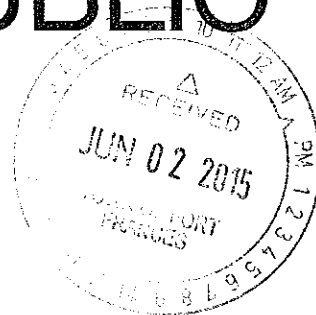
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Paul Nieweglowski
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KEEP HYDRO PUBLIC

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Lisa Slomke
Town Clerk, Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3P9



Subject: Resolution regarding the proposed privatization of Hydro One

Dear Ms. Slomke:

The Ontario government's plan to sell 60 per cent of Hydro One, the provincial electricity transmission utility, has far-reaching implications for every citizen and municipality in the province.

On behalf of Keep Hydro Public, a broad-based coalition created to stop the sell-off, I am writing to encourage your municipality to add its voice to the many others that are already telling the provincial government to change course and keep Hydro One in public hands.

By now I am sure council members will have heard the many arguments against the sale:

- Selling the majority of shares in Hydro One will take control of this vital asset away from the people in Ontario and put it in the hands of private investors, including foreign investors who may not even care whether we have reliable, affordable electricity.
- Privatization will increase electricity prices for residential, business, and government customers alike.
- Under the plan proposed by the government, oversight of Hydro One by independent officers of the legislature would end. The Auditor General and the Financial Accountability Officer would no longer be able to scrutinize the utility's books or its operations; consumers would no longer be able to appeal to the Ombudsman when problems arise; citizens would not be able to access information about Hydro One through the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; salaries of top Hydro One officials would no longer be made public under the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act*; the Integrity Commissioner would not be able to review expenses of Hydro One officials; and Hydro One would no longer be subject to the *French Language Services Act*. In other words, transparency and public accountability would end. Ontarians would truly be "in the dark" with respect to Hydro One operations.

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- Privatization will provide government with a short-term cash injection that will soon be spent in exchange for giving up a steady, long-term source of revenue that pays for public services we all depend on. The cost to Ontarians will be hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

Perhaps more significant than these strong arguments is the simple fact that the provincial government has no mandate from the people of Ontario to make a sale of this magnitude. (This may explain why the government chose to put the Hydro One sale inside its 2015-16 Budget bill and push it through the legislature with minimal opportunity for public input.)

It is crystal clear that the people of Ontario do not support the sale of any part of Hydro One. Published opinion polls show opponents of the sale outnumbering supporters by a three-to-one margin. Editorial opinion is similarly opposed. If democracy means anything, we must stop this sale.

At this time, Keep Hydro Public is asking municipal councils, from the largest to the smallest, to pass a resolution opposing the sale or partial sale of Hydro One and to communicate that opposition to the government, area MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Included with this letter you will find a draft resolution which municipal councils are, of course, free to use and modify as they see fit.

Your assistance in putting this issue on the agenda of your council as soon as possible is greatly appreciated; we would also appreciate hearing back from your municipality if and when council takes action on this matter.

For more information about Hydro One privatization or the ever-growing Keep Hydro Public, please visit our web site at www.KeepHydroPublic.ca or contact me directly at info@KeepHydroPublic.ca or (647) 272-5024.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Katrina Miller
On behalf of Keep Hydro Public

P.S. If your municipal council has already considered this matter, thank you for doing so!

RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

Municipal Resolution to express opposition to the privatization of Hydro One

WHEREAS the public electricity system in Ontario is a critical asset to the economy and vital to the living standard and well-being of all Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that Ontarians maintain public control and public decision-making with respect to electricity;

AND WHEREAS experience in other jurisdictions shows that privatization typically means consumers pay more for electricity;

AND WHEREAS a privatized Hydro One will no longer be subject to scrutiny by the Auditor General, the Ombudsman, the Financial Accountability Officer, or the Integrity Commissioner, and will no longer be required to provide information or services to citizens under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act*, or the *French Language Services Act*;

AND WHEREAS our public electricity system currently generates hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue for the provincial government every year to help pay for public services we all depend on;

AND WHEREAS the sale of shares in Hydro One will provide a short-term financial gain for the province in exchange for a much larger long-term financial loss;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has no mandate from voters to sell any part of Hydro One;

AND WHEREAS opinion polls show Ontarians oppose the privatization of Hydro One by a significant margin in every part of the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of _____ call on the provincial government to:

- Halt the sale of any part of Hydro One, and maintain Hydro One as a public asset for the benefit of all Ontarians;

- Strengthen Hydro One by investing in the next generation of workers and upgrading our electricity transmission infrastructure;
- Respect the autonomy and local decision-making powers of local distribution companies by not forcing these companies into mergers or sales;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of _____ communicate this resolution to the Premier, with copies to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, area MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City/Town/Township/Municipality of _____ work through AMO to encourage other Ontario municipalities to express their opposition to the privatization of Hydro One.

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #11May 19, 2015

The meeting of Administration & Finance Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on May 19, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ken Perry, Councillor Wendy Brunetta, Mayor Roy Avis

ALSO PRESENT: Mark McCaig, CAO, Aaron Petrin, HR Manager, Dawn Galusha, Deputy Treasurer and Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer

REGRETS: Councillor Paul Ryan

1 Call to Order

Chair K. Perry called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

Mayor Avis declared a conflict of interest on item 4. i) Mayor Roy Avis Forestry Consultation Travel Expenses as those were his expenses.

3 Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

The committee considered the following resolution:

Brunetta-Perry: That the minutes from the previous meeting held on May 5, 2015 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

4 Non-agenda Items

Mayor Roy Avis Forestry Consultation Travel Expenses - The Committee recommended to approve the travel expense and per diem claims for Mayor Roy Avis in the amount of \$293.22 for his attendance at a Forestry Consultation meeting held in Thunder Bay on April 23, 2015.

5 In-Camera

6 New Business

Aaron Petrin, HR Manager WSIB Coverage for Elected Officials - The Committee directed further investigation and comparison to private carrier coverage.

Councillor June Caul NOMA Conference Per Diem & Travel Expense - The Committee recommended to approve the per diem and Travel Expense claims in the total amount of \$518.02 as submitted by Councillor June Caul for her attendance at the Northern Ontario Municipal Association Conference held in Thunder Bay on April 22 - 24, 2015.

M. McCaig, CAO Forestry Consultation Travel Expense - The Committee recommended to approve the travel expense claim for Mark McCaig, CAO in the amount of \$61.00 for his attendance at a Forestry Consultation meeting held in Thunder Bay on April 23, 2015.

M. McCaig, CAO Purchase Card Expenses - The Committee recommended to approve the purchase card expenses for Mark McCaig, CAO in the amount of \$62.31 as listed in this report.

7 Items Referred from Council

Rainy River Vet Services Committee - The Committee recommended to to make a contribution to the Vet Assistance Trust Fund in the amount of \$650.00 to support the request from the Rainy River Vet Services Committee.

LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary Donation Request - The Committee recommended to receive the LaVerendrye General Hospital Auxiliary financial request for their Rock’n for a Reason fundraising event taking place May 22nd & 23rd, 2015 at the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Expo. Further, that Council Members be encouraged to make individual pledges for an auxiliary volunteer or local celebrity.

8 Outstanding Items

Couchiching Sewer and Water Agreement Signage

9 Information

Administration & Finance Stats as at April 30, 2015

10 Adjourn / Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015

K. Perry, Executive Committee Chair

M. McCaig, CAO

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #011May 20, 2015

The meeting of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on May 20, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

PRESENT: Doug Kitowski, June Caul, Mark McCaig, CAO, and Doug Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Avis

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof

2.1 None

3. Approval of Previous Committee Minutes

3.1 Minutes from meeting of this Committee on May 6, 2015 - the minutes from the meeting on May 6, 2015 were approved as circulated.

4. Items Referred from Council

4.1 Request from the Rainy River Substance Abuse Prevention Team Organization to Utilize the Point Park on Saturday September 12, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to host a Family Safety Day Event - the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.

5. New Business

5.1 Tender No. 15-OF-08 - Three (3) Year Supply and Delivery of Granular Materials - the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.

5.2 Execution of Nuisance Beaver Program Agreement - Rainy River District Trapper's Council - the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.

5.3 April 2015 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Summary Report - the monthly report for the April 2015 Drinking Water Systems was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.

6. Outstanding Items

6.1 Sewer Systems Management By-law (to be discussed at a future meeting) - to be discussed in the future at one of the next Operations and Facilities Executive Committee meetings.

7. Non-agenda Items

7.1 None

8. Information

8.1 Fort Frances Wastewater Treatment Facility April 2015 Monthly Report the OCWA

monthly report for April 2015 was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

9. Adjourn / Next Meeting Date

9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

There being no further matters before this Committee at this time this meeting was closed.

Executive Committee Chair

D. Brown, Manager of Operations & Facilities

TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #0010May 4, 2015

The meeting of Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Memorial Sports Centre on May 4, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.

PRESENT: Ken Perry - Chairman, John Albanese - Councillor, June Caul - Councillor, Mark McCaig - CAO, Jason Kabel - Manager of Community Services

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry George - Museum Curator

1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #0010)

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order by K. Perry - chairman, at 10:34am. J. Kabel recorded the minutes of the meeting.

2 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (and the general nature thereof)

- 2.1 NIL

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 April 20, 2015 - minutes were approved as circulated.

4 NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5 IN-CAMERA

6 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

- 6.1 Sioux Narrows Recreation Committee Request - Fresh Air Cinema Community Opportunity - the price was considered at bit too expensive for the division to consider but it was mentioned to consider looking for community partners to pursue the idea.
- 6.2 Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Foundation - Jennifer Greenhalgh - Administration & Finance was the lead committee and there were no concerns with the request from a Community Services perspective.

7 NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 Noden Causeway Museum Exhibit - Sherry George Request - It was recommended to Mayor & Council to
- 1) declare the exhibit opening as a significant community event and
 - 2) assist the museum with a \$200 contribution from Council's discretionary account for the event.
- 7.2 Museum - Collections Management Coordinator Intern - Recommendation was made to authorize the Museum to proceed with the Northern Ontario Internship Program (NOIP) agreement to have a Museum intern for one-year that will be funded 90% up to a maximum of \$34,944. The cost to the Museum for two budget years (2015-2016) is estimated to range from \$3,300.40 to \$9,300.40
- 7.3 Strategic Plan Items
- Sunny Cove Camp (email from Nicke) - items will be forwarded for consideration in the strategic plan.
 - Sister Kennedy Centre - items will be forwarded for consideration in the strategic plan.

- 7.4 ActiveNet - Booking Software Migration - it was recommended to Mayor & Council to proceed with the implementation of Active Net and remain in a Software as a Service (SaaS) agreement with all associated costs being borne by the Community Services Division as a cost of doing business. Jason will also be presenting the report to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee this week.

8 INFORMATION

- 8.1 Museum Advisory Committee - Minutes April 20, 2015
- 8.2 Next Meeting Date - May 19, 2015

9 ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 There being no further matters before the committee at this time, the meeting was closed at 11:33.

K. Perry, Executive Committee Chair

J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services



Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
La Place Rendez Vous Hotel
Tuesday, March 31st, 2015
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Mark Caron	A	Jennifer Greenhalgh	P	Paul Pirie	P
E.M. Marie Allan	P	Steve Gushulak	R	Travis Glowasky	P
Paul Noonan	P	Noreen Bourgeois	P	Jackie Lampi-Hughes	P
Annely Armstrong-Thorstad	P	Charleen Mallory	P	Krista Kellar	A
Bob Hamilton	A	Rob Georgeson	P	Eric Blondin	R
Wendy Brunetta	A	Jane Gillon	P	Angela Halvorsen	P
Mark McCaig, TOFF	A	Ron Archie	P		

P-Present R-Regrets A-Absent G-Guest

1. Call to Order & Confirmation of Quorum

Jennifer Greenhalgh

2. Call for Agenda Additions

Jennifer Greenhalgh

3. Swearing in of Board Members

- N/A

4. Call for Conflicts of Interest

Jennifer Greenhalgh

5. Guest Speaker

N/A

6. Approval of Minutes

➤ Minutes of Tuesday, January 27th , 2015

- Marie mistakenly listed as Absent when she was Present.

Motion to accept the minutes of Tuesday, January 27th, 2014 with amendment.

Moved by: Paul Pirie

Seconded by: Paul Noonan

7. Treasurer's Report

➤ Presented by Marie Allan

- Comparative Income Statement YTD February 28th 2015 / 2014
- Comparative Balance Sheet February 28th 2015/2014
- Budget Comparison YTD February 28th, 2015
- Cash Flow Statement YTD February 28th, 2015

➤ Board Members reminded to print their own Financial Statements going forward from meeting email

Motion to accept the financials as presented.

Moved by: Paul Noonan

Seconded by: Jackie Lampi-Hughes

8. Unfinished Business

- Reciprocal Board Appointees
 - By-laws will be updated to reflect that appointees must be reciprocal where at all possible
- 1st Vice President
 - No one ready to step forward yet from the Board
- Strategic Plan
 - Membership is going to be surveyed (five or six questions) that will be completed in April
 - Responses will give us the direction for the plan.
 - We will develop four or five items that will provide the framework for our strategic plan.

9. New Business

- TOFF Tourism Funding
 - Meeting finally set with Town and RRFDC reps
- New Partnership with Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances
- Project Petunia
 - Agreed that we will not be going forward with this
 - Wendy is pitching it to the town (she will bring proposals forward)

10. Manager Report

- Chamber to host HOCP in Fort Frances in June
 - Working with Chris Stromberg to organize and book
 - They are coming to experience the Dragon Boat Festival, native culture, and hear about the history of our area
 - This is a non-political group meeting that focuses on the culture and geo-tourism
 - Hoping the scientists will attend
 - All board members encouraged to attend
- Four More New Member Benefits
- Tourism & District Inquiries Update
 - Numbers available on website
 - Eastern Coast of the US prominent
- Peaceful Border Days
 - Working on the calendar, Peace Pull, and Dragon Boat (which will be the kick off event this year)
- Planning for the AGM
 - Steve Dafoe from Unison and Grant Goddard from New Gold are speakers
 - Evening meeting planned to allow for longer presentation times and questions
- New Location
 - Still searching for new site that we can afford and will have the room and storage we need
 - Looked at locations but could not agree on any

- Dudley Hewitt Cup
 - 7 Kiosks sold as organizers asked no more than 7 be sold
 - We earned \$700 for my efforts
- Membership Package updated
 - Navy blue folder to accent new promotional materials inside
 - Good response so far
- Neil will be moving the end of March
 - Looking to rent two offices
- Preparing the Directory for first edit copies in April

11. Committee Reports

- By-Law Committee
 - Employee Job Title & Job Description from Chamber Manager to Executive Director
 - Policy & Procedure will be presented at May's Board Meeting for approval

Motion to accept the new job title and job description as presented.

Moved by: Paul Pirie

Seconded by: Paul Noonan

- Events & Projects Committee
 - 19th Annual Business Awards; Thursday, March 12th
 - The event was well received but over budget
- Expo Committee
 - Smaller booths selling this year
 - Still looking for two \$650 sponsors for the Mix & Mingle and Exhibitor's Lounge
 - Volunteers needed to work both days

12. Correspondence

- Letter from Town of Fort Frances dated April 14, 2014 (date must not have been updated correctly)
 - Meeting held March 2, 2015
- Letter from the Kiwanis Club of Fort Frances dated March 18, 2015
 - Reciprocal membership accepted
- Email from Mike Nitz dated March 23, 2015
 - Northwestern Ontario Innovation Awards
- Email from First Data Merchant Services
 - Rate comparison for our merchant services account

13. Other Business

- N/A

14. Adjournment