

# TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

## AGENDA - December 14, 2015

### MEETING - Council Chambers

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**1. COUNCIL MEETING**

(Session No. 027) 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.

**2. Delegations/Deputations:**

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**3. Consent Agenda:**

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**LETTER OF RESIGNATION**

**November 18, 2015**

**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**

**ATTN: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE ON THE "COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENTS" FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, SINCE RETIREMENT, MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN SPENDING WINTERS IN ARIZONA AND LIVING AT THE ISLAND FOR MOST OF THE SUMMER. I DO NOT THINK IT FAIR TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE PEOPLE OF FORT FRANCES FOR ME TO KEEP THIS POSITION WHILE MISSING SEVERAL MEETING EVERY YEAR. THEREFORE, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN, I ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION.**

**SINCERELY YOURS,**



**ALAN ZUCCHIATTI**



**Kathy Lawson/Frances**

11/24/2015 10:03 AM

To Lisa Slomke/Frances@Frances

cc

bcc

Subject Fw: Proclamation Request

Best regards,

Kathryn Lawson, Deputy Clerk  
Phone - 807-274-5323 ext 257  
fax - 807-274-8479  
klawson@fort-frances.com

----- Forwarded by Kathy Lawson/Frances on 24/11/2015 10:03 AM -----



**Nedic1 <Nedic1@uhn.ca>**

23/11/2015 01:44 PM

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

cc "town@fort-frances.com" <town@fort-frances.com>

Subject Proclamation Request

Dear Mayor Roy Avis:

I am writing to request your support in proclaiming February 1st to February 7th 2016 as Eating Disorder Awareness Week (EDAW) in Fort Frances. Since 1988, EDAW has been commemorated across Canada by established organizations, education and public health institutions, and concerned members of the public. EDAW seeks to raise awareness of eating disorders, shed light on dangerous and pervasive myths, and promote prevention. It is also a time of year for Canadians to learn about available resources and appropriate services for themselves and/or loved ones.

Founded in 1985, the National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC) is Canada's oldest national organization dedicated to helping those with eating disorders, food and weight preoccupation, and related issues. NEDIC was a founding member of the international drive to institute EDAW. We provide information, education, resources and referrals to individuals who are personally struggling, as well as to the family members, friends and professionals who support them. Our toll-free national helpline, the only one of its kind in Canada, operates Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm EST, allowing individuals from coast to coast to call after their regular school or business day. Through our programming and services, NEDIC is committed to prevention, building awareness and ensuring that people no longer suffer in silence.

Feel free to contact NEDIC if you have any questions or to notify us of the next steps!

All the best,

Elizabeth

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**YOU'RE INVITED**

**Annual Alzheimer  
Charitable Dinner**  
**Forget Me Not**

Saturday, January 30, 2016  
La Place Rendez-Vous  
5:30 p.m. Cocktails

*Alzheimer Society*  
KENORA/RAINY RIVER DISTRICTS

*Dinner . Entertainment . Prize Auction*

**Tickets \$50 each or \$400 (table of 8)**  
\$25 charitable tax receipt

**To purchase tickets, please call  
1.800.682.0245 or visit:**

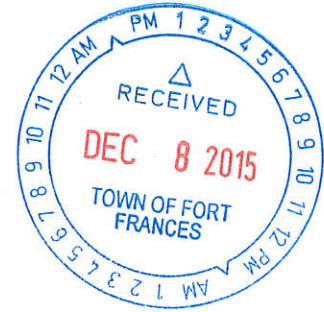
- **La Place Rendez-Vous**
- **Northwoods Gallery and Gifts**
- **Emo Inn**
- **Dev-Lynne's Store**
- **Cloverleaf Easy Foods**

**Help support over 1000 people who are  
affected by Alzheimer's Disease in the  
Kenora and Rainy River District.**



December 7, 2015.

Donna Law, Terry Munn & Dianne Hoffman  
155 Sixth Street West  
Fort Frances, ON  
P9A 3E3



Travis Rob, CBO  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, ON  
P9A 3P9

Re: Zoning of 1250 Cornwall Avenue North

Travis:

We are writing to you as the owners of the property located at 1250 Cornwall Avenue North. Before our father, Ken Munn, died back in 2013 we were looking into getting the property severed into two pieces, one for the workshop and the other for the house. When Dad went to have the property severed, he was told by his lawyer that it was not possible as the zoning for our property was M1, heavy industry and we could not separate the house from the business property. This was a shock to us as our land had been zoned residential back in the 1970's (from agricultural land) and we had not been notified that it had been changed. We went back through all of Dad's correspondence and could not find a letter from the Town indicating that our zoning designation was being changed. Terry looked through his own correspondence (his house is 1246 Cornwall Avenue North) and also could not find a letter from the Town indicating his zoning was to be changed as well. We also talked to the neighbours, Jim & Joyce Strachan (180 & 186 Eighth Street West) to see if they had received anything about a zoning change, which they had not. The Strachans along with Terry's property are also zoned heavy industry. We have also searched in the archives at the Fort Frances Times to see if the changes were listed in a notice in the paper, to which we could not find a notice placed (checked from the 1980s to present).

We talked to Faye Flatt in the Planning office and we were told that the Town always sends out notification for zoning changes or puts a notice in the paper. When we told Ms. Flatt that we did not receive notification, she suggested that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing may have rezoned our property during a previous zoning by-law update. She then informed us that she was unable to do anything to assist us but we apply for our property to be rezoned at a cost.

Upon further discussion with the Strachans we could like the Town to look into when and why our properties were rezoned and why we were not notified of this change.



Any assistance you could be would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

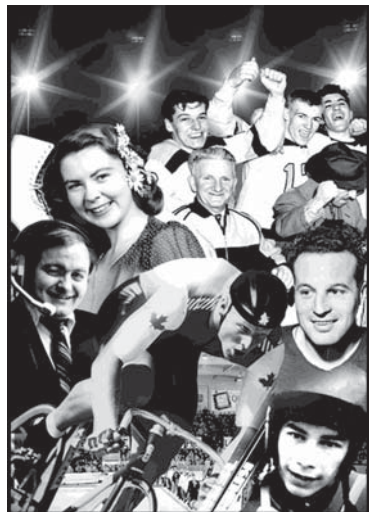


Donna Law  
274-5172

As discussed with Terry Munn, Dianne Hoffman, Jim & Joyce Strachan

# Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



### WE VALUE & NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

As a non-profit organization, the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame must raise the funds needed to operate our regional sports museum and hall of fame. A big part of this challenge is met through our **Annual Membership and Fundraising Drive**. There are a various ways you can help:

- Purchase a **MEMBERSHIP**
- Make a tax deductible **DONATION** or **MONTHLY PLEDGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

- ☐ Individual - \$25
- ☐ Family - \$40 (# in family \_\_\_\_\_ )
- ☐ Business/Organization - \$60

✓ **YES I want to Help Preserve Our Sports Heritage!**

**Membership Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

#### DONATION

*Spectator (\$1 - \$49) Loyal Fan (\$50 - \$199) Patron (\$200 - \$499) Benefactor (\$500 plus)*  
(tax receipt issued for donations & pledges)

☐ I would like to make a **DONATION** in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to **PLEDGE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months, for a total donation of \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my donation to be in Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment** (✓ one): ☐ Cheque (made payable to NWO Sports Hall of Fame) ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Other

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit with payment to:

Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame  
219 May Street S Thunder Bay ON P7E 1B5

Phone (807) 622-2852 Fax (807) 622-2736 email: [nwosport@tbaytel.net](mailto:nwosport@tbaytel.net) [www.nwosportshalloffame.com](http://www.nwosportshalloffame.com)



Box 136 Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3M5

December 7, 2015

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this request for financial support on behalf of the Border Figure Skating Club.

The Border Figure Skating Club has been an active organization in our community for over 40 years and is currently providing a range of programming for approximately 70 figure skaters. This year, our Club has been selected to host the Sunset Country Regional Skating Competition from January 29-31, 2016. We have the honor of being the host club for our region approximately every five years. This competition is sanctioned by Skate Canada and provides an opportunity for skaters from across Northwestern Ontario to showcase their skills and talents.

The competition will be hosting approximately 200 skaters and their families from communities across Northwestern Ontario, as well as 25 coaches, 8 officials, and 3 data specialists. Evaluators will be travelling to our community from Sault Ste. Marie, Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay. These guests will be staying at local hotels, eating in local restaurants, and shopping with local vendors. This event will be of great economic benefit to the Town of Fort Frances and surrounding area, and will also promote our area as a potential future tourist destination.

We are working diligently to try and offset the cost of the competition so that it is accessible to all skaters. The total cost for hosting this event is approximately \$25 000. In addition to the administrative costs of running the competition and travel and accommodation expenses for our evaluators, we will incur \$5000 in ice rental fees for using the Ice For Kids Arena. We respectfully ask Mayor and Council to consider making a donation towards the cost of the ice.

Any donations for the Regional Competition will be acknowledged in the program for our Annual Ice Show in April, and sponsors will be given an advertising spot in the program. We also invite Mayor and Council to help us officially extend a warm welcome to our guests by attending our opening ceremonies, which will be held on January 29th; more details will follow at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cristol Bailey  
 Competition Chair, Border Skating Club  
[cristolbailey@hotmail.com](mailto:cristolbailey@hotmail.com)  
 (807)274-5101



# Rental Contract / Permit Margin fix

AGENDA ITEM #3.7

Printed: 17 Sep 2015, 11:06 AM

User: mbelluz

**Contract #:** 9632  
**Date:** 07 Jul 2015

**User:** mbelluz  
**Status:** Tentative

Memorial Sports Centre, 740 Scott Street, Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 1H8 hereby grants Border Skating Club (hereinafter called the "Licensee") represented by Anne Renaud, permission to use the Facilities as outlined, subject to the Terms and Conditions of this Agreement contained herein and attached hereto all of which form part of this Agreement.

**i) Purpose of Use** Skating Club  
Border Skating Regional Competition

**ii) Conditions of Use** Cancellations and changes require fourteen (14) days notice or the renters are responsible for payment. All rentals are based on a 50 min hour to allow for ice flooding.

**iii) Date(s) and Time(s) of Use** # of Bookings: 5 Starting: Fri 29 Jan 16 08:00 AM Expected: 0  
Ending: Sun 31 Jan 16 06:45 PM

Facility/Equipment	Day	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Fee	XFee	Tax	Total
Memorial Sports Centre - Ice For Kids Millennium	Fri	29 Jan 2016	08:00 AM	29 Jan 2016	10:00 PM	\$1,581.26	\$0.00	\$205.56	\$1,786.82
Memorial Sports Centre - Conference Room	Fri	29 Jan 2016	08:00 AM	31 Jan 2016	03:00 PM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorial Sports Centre - Auditorium	Fri	29 Jan 2016	02:00 PM	31 Jan 2016	12:00 PM	\$297.41	\$0.00	\$38.66	\$336.07
Memorial Sports Centre - Ice For Kids Millennium	Sat	30 Jan 2016	08:00 AM	30 Jan 2016	10:00 PM	\$1,581.26	\$0.00	\$205.56	\$1,786.82
Memorial Sports Centre - Ice For Kids Millennium	Sun	31 Jan 2016	07:45 AM	31 Jan 2016	06:45 PM	\$1,242.42	\$0.00	\$161.51	\$1,403.93

## iv) Additional Fees

## v) Payment Method

Rental Fees	Extra Fees	Tax	Rental Total	Damage Deposit	Total Applied	Balance	Current
\$4,702.35	\$0.00	\$611.29	\$5,313.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,313.64	\$0.00

Balance of rental due and payable immediately.

## vi) Other Information

## vii) Additional Notes

Auditorium - Memorial Sports Centre

Conference Room - Memorial Sports Centre

Ice For Kids Millennium - Memorial Sports Centre

The undersigned has read and on behalf of the Licensee agrees to be bound by this Permit/ License and the Terms and Conditions contained herein and attached hereto, and hereby warrants and represents that he/she executes this Permit/License on behalf of the Licensee and has sufficient power, authority and capacity to bind the Licensee with his/her signature.

**X:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contract #:** 9632  
**Date:** 07 Jul 2015

**User:** mbelluz  
**Status:** Tentative

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**Anne Renaud**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Border Skating Club  
P.O. Box 136  
Fort Frances ON P9A 3M5  
Canada  
Home: ()  
Fax: (807)275-9415

Business: (807)274-1823

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Sports Centre

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW No. xx/15

(Being a by-law to approve an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for financing under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program – the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, s. 8 and s. 11.)

WHEREAS on December 14, 2015, Council gave approval for the Mayor and Treasurer to execute a letter of agreement with the Ministry of Transportation (Ontario) with respect to a contribution under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

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

1. That the agreement in the form attached hereto as Schedule “A” with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation (Ontario) be approved for the Mayor and Treasurer 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_  
R. Avis, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
E. Slomke, Clerk

**Ministry of  
Transportation**

Office of the Minister

Ferguson Block, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
77 Wellesley St. West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1Z8  
416-327-9200  
www.ontario.ca/transportation

**Ministère des  
Transports**

Bureau du ministre

Édifice Ferguson, 3<sup>e</sup> étage  
77, rue Wellesley ouest  
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www.ontario.ca/transports



November 12, 2015

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

Dear Mayor Avis:

**RE: Letter of Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario (the "Ministry") and the Town of Fort Frances (the "Municipality") Related to Funding Provided by the Province of Ontario (the "Province") to the Municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (this "Letter of Agreement")**

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This Letter of Agreement sets out the terms and conditions for the use of dedicated gas tax funds by municipalities for public transportation.

As the Province desires to increase public transportation ridership to support the development of strong communities, the Ministry maintains a Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (the "Program"), under which two cents of the existing provincial gas tax is provided to municipalities for public transportation expenditures.

Following the passage of the *Dedicated Funding for Public Transportation Act, 2013* (the "DFPTA"), a portion of the tax that is paid to Ontario under the *Gasoline Tax Act* in each fiscal year is dedicated to the provision of grants, including those pursuant to the Program, to municipalities for public transportation.

Any funding to the Municipality by the Ministry will be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Letter of Agreement and the enclosed Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program 2015/2016 Guidelines and Requirements (the "guidelines and requirements").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Letter of Agreement and the guidelines and requirements, which have been reviewed and are understood by the Municipality and are hereby incorporated by reference, the Ministry and the Municipality covenant and agree as follows:

1. To support increased public transportation ridership in the Municipality, and in recognition of the Municipality's need for predictable and sustainable funding to support investments in the renewal and expansion of public transportation systems, the Ministry agrees to provide funding to the Municipality under the Program in an amount up to

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\$69,020 in accordance with, and subject to, the terms set out in this Letter of Agreement and the guidelines and requirements, with \$51,765 payable on receipt of this signed Letter of Agreement and related authorizing municipal by-law(s), and any remaining payment(s) payable thereafter.

2. Despite Section 1, the Municipality understands and agrees that any amount payable under this Letter of Agreement may be subject, at the Ministry's sole discretion, to adjustment to reflect final gas tax receipts and any other adjustments as set out in the guidelines and requirements.
3. If the Municipality receives dedicated gas tax funds on behalf of any other municipality, and the other municipality has agreed to the Municipality collecting the dedicated gas tax funds on its behalf, the Municipality shall provide, upon request and in compliance with the requirements set out in the guidelines and requirements, any applicable municipal by-law and legal agreement between the Municipality and the other municipality providing for such arrangement to the Ministry prior to the payment of any dedicated gas tax funds by the Ministry under this Letter of Agreement.
4. The Municipality shall deposit the funds received under this Letter of Agreement in a dedicated gas tax funds reserve account, and use such funds and any related interest only in accordance with the guidelines and requirements.
5. The Municipality shall adhere to the reporting and accountability measures set out in the guidelines and requirements, and shall provide all requested documents to the Ministry.
6. The Municipality understands and agrees that the funding provided under this Letter of Agreement represents the full extent of the Ministry's and Province's financial contribution under the Program, and that no additional funds will be provided by either the Ministry or the Province for such purposes to the Municipality for the 2015/2016 Program year.
7. The Ministry may terminate this Letter of Agreement at any time, without cause, liability, penalty or costs upon giving at least sixty (60) days written notice to the Municipality. If the Ministry terminates this Letter of Agreement without cause, it may cancel all further dedicated gas tax funds payments. Where the Ministry has terminated this Letter of Agreement under this Section, the Ministry may, after determining the Municipality's reasonable costs to terminate any binding agreement for any eligible public transportation service acquired, or to be acquired, with dedicated gas tax funds provided under this Letter of Agreement, provide the Municipality with additional funding to offset, in whole or in part, such costs. The additional funding may be provided only if there is an appropriation for this purpose, and in no event shall the additional funding result in the total funding under this Letter of Agreement exceeding the amount specified under Section 1.
8. Any provisions, including those in the guidelines and requirements, which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Letter of Agreement, shall survive its termination or expiration.

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9. This Letter of Agreement may only be amended by a written agreement duly executed by the Ministry and the Municipality.
10. The Municipality agrees that it will not assign any of its rights or obligations under this Letter of Agreement.
11. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Letter of Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Letter of Agreement. Any invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed to be severed.
12. The term of this Letter of Agreement will commence on the date of the last signature of this Letter of Agreement.
13. The Municipality hereby consents to the execution by the Ministry of this Letter of Agreement by means of an electronic signature.

If the Municipality is satisfied with and accepts the terms and conditions of this Letter of Agreement, please secure the required signatures for the four enclosed copies of this Letter of Agreement and return two fully signed copies to:

Ministry of Transportation  
 Division Services and Program Management Office  
 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite #2702  
 777 Bay Street,  
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J8

Once the Ministry has received the signed copies of this Letter of Agreement and a copy of the authorizing municipal by-law, the Ministry will make arrangements for the payment of the dedicated gas tax funds to the Municipality.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Del Duca  
 Minister of Transportation

I have read and understand the terms of this Letter of Agreement, as set out above, and, by signing below, I am signifying the Municipality's consent to be bound by these terms.

**Town of Fort Frances**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. xx/15

(Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a renewal lease agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure for space in the Civic Centre for Ontario Provincial Police services – the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 8.)

WHEREAS the Town had entered into an agreement effective June 5, 2001 with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Chair of Management Board of Cabinet for the lease of space in the Civic Centre for purposes of the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND WHEREAS the lease agreement was renewed for the period June 5, 2006 to May 31, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the lease agreement was further renewed for the period June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2016;

AND WHEREAS on December 15, 2015, Council approved entering into a third lease extension and amending agreement for the said lease of space in the Civic Centre for purposes of the Ontario Provincial Police for the period June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2021.

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

1. That the agreement with Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation as agent for Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure for the lease of space in the Civic Centre for purposes of the Ontario Provincial Police being in the form of Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

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R. Avis, Mayor

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E. Slomke, Clerk



glenn  
<glennwtreflin@hotmail.com>

11/27/2015 02:41 PM

To Kathy Lawson <klawson@fort-frances.com>, Lisa Slomke  
<lslomke@fort-frances.com>, Sue Bates  
<sue.bates@atikokan.ca>, Town of Atikokan  
cc Debbie Ewald <dewald@nwhu.on.ca>, Dennis Brown  
<dennis.brown@atikokan.ca>, Ken McKinnon  
<mickey@jam21.net>, Ken Perry <lakracer@yahoo.ca>,  
bcc

Subject RRDMA AGM January 30, 2016

Please refer to the attached letter to the district municipal councils, Notice of AGM and delegate registration form all with respect to the Rainy River District Municipal Association annual general meeting and conference to take place at the Bergland Hall in Bergland, ON on January 30, 2016. Please share this with your members of council. I look forward to receiving a completed registration form as soon as possible so I can prepare for the conference.

An agenda will follow later in December.

Glenn W. Treflin, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rainy River District Municipal Association  
919 Fifth Street East  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 1V3  
ph.: 807-274-8777 (home) 807-275-7311 (cell)



email: glennwtreflin@hotmail.com [Ann Mtg - Invite Townships 2016.doc](#)



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<b>Fort Frances</b>	<b>RAINY RIVER DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION</b>	
<b>Atikokan</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER</b>	<b>Rainy River</b>
<b>Alberton</b>	<b>919 FIFTH STREET EAST</b>	<b>Dawson</b>
<b>La Vallee</b>	<b>FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO</b>	<b>Lake of the Woods</b>
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November 27, 2015

District of Rainy River Municipalities

Dear Mayor/Reeve & Councillors:

Please find attached a notice of the Rainy River District Municipal Association AGM to be held at the Bergland Hall in Bergland, Ontario on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A form is attached also for your use in registration of your delegates.

Please note in the notice that the RRDMA President and Vice-President positions are to be elected by the voting delegates at the RRDMA annual general meeting from those members appointed by the councils as their primary representative to the RRDMA Executive. The term for these offices is one year. Please advise if there is to be a change in the representative for your municipality for any reason. Please note also, that the following holds true if a candidate nominated from the floor at the AGM for election as President or Vice-President is successful, is from your municipal council but is not the representative appointed by your council initially. The elected President or Vice-President will replace your council's original representative on the RRDMA Executive.

There are other positions also shown in the attached notice available to be appointed by election by the RRDMA membership at the annual general meeting on January 30, 2016. Please advise through formal nomination by your council before December 31, 2015 if there are members of your council interested in one of these positions.

If your council wishes to have a resolution placed on the floor at the RRDMA annual general meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2016, please forward them to me and Ken Perry, Councillor, Town of Fort Frances, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, (lakracer@yahoo.ca) by December 31, 2015, preferably in electronic format. This would include any resolutions that are to be put before the spring NOMA conference and AGM.

Thank you for your consideration of this at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Glenn W. Treftlin  
Secretary-Treasurer

**RAINY RIVER DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER  
919 Fifth Street E., Fort Frances, ON P9A 1V3  
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**November 27, 2015**

**TO: ALL MUNICIPALITIES  
DISTRICT OF RAINY RIVER**

**FROM: Glenn Treftlin, Secretary-Treasurer, RRDMA**

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**\* \* \* NOTICE \* \* \***

The Rainy River District Municipal Association will be hosting its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Conference on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Bergland Hall in Bergland, Ontario. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Conference will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Please use the attached registration form for registering your municipal delegates.

A preliminary agenda will be distributed following the Executive Meeting to be held December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. As decided at the General Meeting September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in lieu of increasing the registration fee for attendance at this conference, in order to reduce costs, the banquet will not be held following this AGM. Consequently there will not be an opportunity for spouses to participate this year. Registration fees will remain unchanged from prior years i.e. for full delegate: \$40.00. In addition to the morning refreshment breaks, a more substantial lunch and 3:00 p.m. coffee break with pastries will be provided. The attendance prize previously reserved for those attending the banquet in prior years will be drawn for at 3:00 p.m. and those delegates present at that time will be eligible to win.

Similar to previous years, the Association is soliciting donations to offset the cost of the conference and provide for attendance prizes to be drawn for throughout the day. Any contribution in the form of cheque payable to Rainy River District Municipal Association or item(s) to use as prizes would be greatly appreciated. All donors will be recognized at the conference for their contribution. In order to facilitate recognition, please advise well in advance of the AGM what items, if any, you will be contributing and ensure that they are at the Hall when needed.

The business of the AGM will include, among other matters, election of representatives of our Association for positions on the following organizations:

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Northwestern Health Unit (to represent those member municipalities west of Fort Frances only) – Only voting delegates from those municipalities west of Fort Frances are eligible to vote for the candidates for this position. Note also that the Northwestern Health Unit pays an honourarium to its Board members. The term is for the current term of municipal council.

NOMA Board – Two municipal council representatives and one municipal staff person. Term is for one year commencing with the close of the spring NOMA AGM in 2016.

NOMA Board – Executive Vice President – One municipal council representative. Term is for one year commencing with the close of the spring NOMA AGM in 2016.

Rainy River District Veterinary Services Committee – One representative. One year term.

Rainy River Valley Agricultural Society – One representative. One year term.

Rainy River District Stewardship – One representative. One year term.

Our Association President – One year term.

Our Association Vice-President – One year term.

Nominations of candidates to these positions are to be submitted to the RRDMA Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Dennis Brown, Mayor, Town of Atikokan, Chair of the Nominations Committee([dennis.brown@atikokan.ca](mailto:dennis.brown@atikokan.ca)).

We are looking forward to another great conference in January and hope to see your municipality well represented.



**RAINY RIVER DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
MUNICIPAL DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM  
25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE**

**BERGLAND HALL, BERGLAND, ON**

**JANUARY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**DELEGATE: \$40.00 each**

NAME/S

TITLE

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TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: \$\_\_\_\_\_

REPRESENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE VERIFY THE NUMBERS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING LUNCH: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: There will NOT be a closing banquet.**

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: RAINY RIVER DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

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# 2016 OGRA/ROMA COMBINED CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

## February 21 - 24, 2016 – Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON

Please type or print clearly and send with payment to OGRA/ROMA COMBINED CONFERENCE, Unit 22, 1525 Cornwall Rd., Oakville, ON L6J 0B2

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MUNICIPALITY/  
ORGANIZATION:

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TEL:

EMAIL:

**NAME OF DELEGATE**  
(to appear on badge-no initials)

**TITLE**

REGISTRATION TYPE (A,B,C,D,E)	SUNDAY AFTERNOON EVENTS PREREGISTRATION REQ'D		# of EXTRA TICKETS PURCHASED	
	SMALL TOWN FORUM	TECHNICAL SESSION	BANQUET	AWARDS LUNCH

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 12, 2016**

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Fax **VISA** or **MASTERCARD** payments to 289-291-6477.

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REGISTRATION TYPE	OGRA/ROMA Members		Provincial/Federal Governments		Non-Members		FEES (enclosed)
	Before Jan 15	After Jan 16	Before Jan 15	After Jan 16	Before Jan 15	After Jan 16	
<b>A</b> Full with Banquet Ticket	\$655	\$705	\$710	\$760	\$795	\$845	@ =
<b>B</b> Full, no Banquet Ticket	\$575	\$625	\$630	\$680	\$715	\$765	@ =
<b>C</b> One Day - Monday	\$320	\$350	\$350	\$380	\$400	\$430	@ =
<b>D</b> One Day - Tuesday	\$320	\$350	\$350	\$380	\$400	\$430	@ =
<b>E</b> Half Day - Wednesday	\$160	\$180	\$175	\$195	\$200	\$220	@ =
Luncheon Ticket	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70	@ =
Extra Banquet Ticket	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	@ =

### REGISTRATION INQUIRIES?

Carmen Sousa - Tel: 289-291-6472 or e-mail: carmen@ogra.org

### REFUND POLICY

Full refunds, less an administration fee of \$75.00 plus HST, of pre-registration fees will be issued if notice of cancellation is received by **Friday, January 29.**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 29. ALL REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING.**

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cc Council, M. McCaig  
X. Witherspoon  
AGENDA ITEM #9.1  
2015-11-24  
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November 17, 2015

Dear Head of Council:

We are writing to announce the release of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) program allocations for 2016.

In 2016, the Province will provide a total of \$505 million in unconditional funding through the OMPF to 388 municipalities across the province. This funding, combined with the municipal benefit resulting from the provincial uploads, will total more than \$2.3 billion in 2016. This is nearly four times the level of funding provided in 2004.

As you know, 2016 is the final year of the phase-down of the OMPF program that was announced in 2012, and was part of our 2008 upload agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and other municipalities. The redesigned program, introduced in 2014, supports municipalities with limited property assessment; recognizes the unique challenges of northern and rural municipalities; and better targets funding to northern and rural municipalities with more challenging fiscal circumstances.

Over the past year, the Province has continued to consult with AMO and other municipal representatives to further refine the design of the OMPF to ensure that the program meets the long-term priorities of municipalities. The 2016 OMPF reflects the core objectives of the redesigned program, while balancing the range of views expressed by municipalities through this year's consultations.

As announced in the 2015 Ontario Budget, to further support northern municipalities, the Northern Communities grant component of the OMPF will be enhanced to \$84 million in 2016, increasing the total 2016 OMPF to \$505 million rather than the \$500 million previously planned for 2016.

The 2016 program will further target funding to northern and rural municipalities with more challenging fiscal circumstances by increasing the Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant to \$67 million from \$55 million in 2015.

Also beginning in 2016, the Rural Communities Grant, which continues to support rural farming communities, will be enhanced to \$143 million. This funding increase will be targeted to municipalities with the highest levels of farm land, in recognition of their unique challenges.

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Through the consultation process, we have heard that ensuring a manageable transition to the redesigned program continues to be an important focus for many municipalities. In response to this feedback, the 2016 minimum funding guarantees for municipalities in southern Ontario will be increased to at least 85 per cent of their 2015 OMPF allocation. Northern municipalities will continue to receive at least 90 per cent of their 2015 OMPF allocation. These minimum levels of support will be further enhanced up to 100 per cent for municipalities with more challenging fiscal circumstances.

The Ministry of Finance's (MOF) Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal Treasurers and Clerk-Treasurers with further details on the 2016 OMPF. This information and other supporting materials will be posted in both English and French on the MOF website: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/budget/ompf/2016>

We are also pleased to continue our commitment to the phased upload of Ontario Works (OW) benefit and court security and prisoner transportation costs. This builds on the Province's previous uploads of Ontario Drug Benefits (ODB) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

As a result of the uploads, municipalities will benefit from more than \$1.8 billion in reduced costs in 2016 alone. Combined with the OMPF, this is the equivalent of 13 per cent of municipal property tax revenue in the province.

Despite the phase-down of the OMPF, our commitment to the provincial uploads means that overall support to municipalities will continue to increase, with the provincial uploads more than offsetting the reduction to the program.

Our government has a very strong record of supporting and working with municipalities. In 2016, municipalities will benefit from more than \$3.8 billion in ongoing support through the OMPF, provincial uploads, and other provincial initiatives – an increase of \$2.7 billion from the level provided in 2003.

Our significant investments in municipal infrastructure are supporting communities across Ontario.

Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history with more than \$130 billion over ten years. These investments will benefit municipalities across the province, whether it's a new school, repairs to provincial highways or funding to help a municipality make critical repairs to a local bridge.

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Included in this plan is Moving Ontario Forward – the Province's plan to invest \$31.5 billion in transit, transportation and other priority infrastructure across Ontario 10 years. As part of Moving Ontario Forward, the permanent \$100 million per year Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) is supporting the revitalization and repair of roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities. Also included as part of this plan is the \$15 million annual investment for the new Connecting Links program beginning in 2016.

We look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners to ensure the design of the OMPF continues to reflect the long-term priorities of municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Sousa'.

Charles Sousa  
Minister  
Ministry of Finance

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ted McMeekin'.

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His Worship Roy Avis  
Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
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Dear Mayor Avis:

I am pleased to inform you of the launch of the Ministry of Transportation's new Connecting Links Program. This new \$15 million annual infrastructure program will help 77 municipalities pay for the construction and repair of roads and bridges on designated connecting links.

The new program has been designed to provide a consistent and sound basis for the ministry to evaluate and prioritize projects for funding on an annual basis.

This funding is part of the largest infrastructure investment in Ontario's history — more than \$130 billion over 10 years, which is making 110,000 jobs possible every year across the province, with projects such as roads, bridges, transit systems, schools and hospitals.

In June, I sent a letter to all connecting link municipalities seeking input on the design of the new Connecting Links Program. The ministry received many suggestions which were considered in its design.

The program application process will be open on November 19, 2015 and can be found at:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/highway-bridges/connecting-links.shtml>  
<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/french/highway-bridges/connecting-links.shtml>

The website will include program details and contact information should you or your staff have questions.

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cc Mayor, Council, Doug Brown  
M. McCaig, X. With us soon  
2015-11-24

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The deadline for applications is January 29, 2016. Funding decisions will be made and all applicants will be notified by the end of March 2016. Funding for the selected connecting link projects will begin in the spring of 2016.

I encourage your municipality to apply.

Sincerely,



Steven Del Duca  
Minister

c. Mark McCaig, CAO





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Subject AMO Breaking News - Federal Government Announces Plan to Resettle Syrian Refugees

November 25, 2015

## Federal Government Announces Plan to Resettle Syrian Refugees

Yesterday, the federal government released its plan to resettle 25,000 refugees from the Syrian conflict. The government will identify all 25,000 refugees who will come to Canada by December 31, 2015. The target is to have 10,000 refugees arrive by the end of 2015 with the remainder arriving by the end of February 2016. The government will invest up to \$678 million over six years towards resettlement and integration support. The goal is to have relatively even distribution of refugees across Canada. While the destination communities are not yet confirmed, the Province is asking the public to identify available housing in Hamilton, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, and Windsor.

For its part, the provincial government has established a Ministers' Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees in order to coordinate support for the federal government's plans for resettlement. The committee is co-chaired by the Honourable Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, and the Honourable Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. The Province has indicated that it will provide \$10.5 million over two years to promote refugee sponsorship and deliver immediate and future support for refugees.

AMO is supportive of the resettlement efforts and stands ready to assist with communicating the federal and provincial plans to our membership. Many municipal councils across the province are already in various states of planning for the reception of refugees. Municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) can play a role to ensure that their services are accessible to refugees (i.e. childcare, housing, public health). Coordination and planning will be required with the other two orders of government in order to make this a successful resettlement effort. An assessment will also be needed to gauge the potential fiscal impact to municipal governments and DSSABs and the ensuing discussion with the provincial government on the assistance needed to meet these costs. More information is expected from the federal and provincial governments on the municipal role in the days ahead.

AMO will continue to play a leadership role as our members stand ready to assist refugees in any way they can. AMO will be working closely with municipal staff associations, including the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) and the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA), on planning for the successful settlement of refugees.

AMO will monitor developments and provide further information to members when it becomes available.

### Links:

CIC Newsroom:

[Canada Offers Leadership on the Syrian Refugee Crisis](#)  
[#WelcomeRefugees to Canada](#)

Ontario Newsroom:

[Ontario Preparing to Welcome Syrian Refugees](#)

[Ontario Forms Ministers' Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees  
Syrian Refugees: How You Can Help](#)

**AMO Contacts:**

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Subject AMO Policy Update - AMO AND UQM to Collaborate on Climate Change

November 25, 2015

## AMO and UQM to Collaborate on Climate Action

In Ottawa today AMO and the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UQM) signed an [agreement](#) to collaborate on climate action. The Associations also [called](#) on the provinces and the federal government to provide resources and funding to municipalities to reduce greenhouse gases and build resilient communities.

AMO and UQM will work together to share policy and advocacy efforts and best practices to achieve climate action goals under the agreement. The Associations highlighted a range of initiatives municipal governments have undertaken in Ontario and Quebec to reduce greenhouse gases and protect their communities and economies from extreme weather, noting more local action needed to be taken to meet climate change goals.

The Agreement comes as a number of initiatives on climate change are moving forward. The Premiers and Prime Minister Trudeau met in Ottawa on Monday to discuss Canada's position at the United Nations Paris Climate Change Conference. It is widely thought that a global agreement to tackle climate change may result from this conference. On Sunday, the Alberta Government announced a new carbon tax to limit greenhouse gas emissions in that province.

Over the last few years Ontario and Quebec have been deepening their collaboration in a number of areas, including climate change. Ontario has announced it will implement a [Cap and Trade](#) program to price greenhouse gas emissions that is integrated with Quebec and California as part of its [long term climate strategy](#). AMO and UQM want their provincial governments to provide funding from the Cap and Trade programs for municipal greenhouse gas reduction projects, recognize a range of municipal projects for offset credits to increase investment in low carbon technologies and provide the tools and resources to support municipal climate action.

### Municipal resolution

AMO members are encouraged to support the call by passing the attached resolution to the provincial government:

**To:** The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier

Dear Premier:

Please be advised that the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ supports the collaboration of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UQM) to enhance support municipal climate action in our provinces.

To help meet reduction targets and to reduce emissions in our communities and improve resilience in local economies, we call on you to work in partnership with local governments and:

- **Give municipalities adequate, stable and long-term funding resources to invest in greenhouse gas reduction initiatives in our communities such as public transit and active transportation, public and private building energy efficiency; water conservation, planning development and other programs;**
- **Recognize municipal projects that reduce greenhouse gases for offset credits in Cap and Trade programs;**

- **Provide dedicated funding for climate change adaptation to help municipalities provide resilient infrastructure to keep our economies and communities functioning and productive; and**
- **Provide tools to help facilitate and transfer knowledge regarding greenhouse gas reduction and climate adaptation projects.**

SIGNED

cc: The Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
 The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
 The Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure  
 The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance.

**Further Resources:**

- [Statement from AMO President on Municipal Climate Action](#)
- [AMO Position](#)
- [Municipal Climate Action News Release](#)
- [Municipal Climate Action Background](#)
- [Cap and Trade News Release](#)
- [Carbon Pricing Primer](#)
- [2010 AMO Position](#)

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Subject AMO Policy Update - What Happened at Queen's Park Today

November 26, 2015

## What Happened at Queen's Park Today

### 2015 Fall Economic Statement Highlights

Today Finance Minister Charles Sousa delivered the 2015 Fall Economic Statement. Highlights of the statement for municipalities include the following:

#### Power Dam Special Payment Program

Payments to municipalities which host power dam facilities will be maintained for 2016. This removes an immediate financial risk for nearly a quarter of municipalities for the next year. The Statement says work to examine the phase-down of this program and future taxation options for municipalities will continue. This is the government's second deferral of a plan to claw back these payments. AMO's preferred option is for the government to fully abandon plans for any claw backs.

#### Business Property Tax Capping Program

Beginning in 2016, municipalities will be permitted to opt out of the capping program if they meet provincial eligibility criteria. This will allow municipalities to adjust the capping program to best suit local circumstance. AMO wrote to the Minister of Finance in 2014 seeking these changes. AMO is pleased that this administrative burden will be lessened for many municipalities in the future.

#### Special Purpose Business Property Assessment Review

Bill 144 and the Fall Economic Statement will amend the Request for Reconsideration process timeline to support the early resolution of assessment issues. It is AMO's view that the above and other changes will support the stability of the property assessment system.

#### Overall Fiscal Outlook

The 2015-16 deficit is now projected at \$7.5 billion, an improvement of \$1 billion over the 2015 Budget projection. This revision includes the government's recent proceeds from the sale of 15% of Hydro One which will support infrastructure investment. The 2016-17 deficit is projected at \$4.5 billion. The government remains committed to balancing the budget by 2017-18.

A full copy of the Statement is available at [Building Ontario Up: Progress for Prosperity](#).

**AMO Contact:** Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, E-Mail: [mwilson@amo.on.ca](mailto:mwilson@amo.on.ca), 416-971-9856, Ext. 323.

#### *Waste Free Ontario Act*

This afternoon the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Glen Murray, introduced the long-awaited new omnibus waste management legislation titled "*Waste Free Ontario Act*".

The draft legislation is comprised of two Acts:

- ***Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act*** to set overarching provincial direction and establish a full producer responsibility regime for products and packaging.
- ***Waste Diversion Transition Act*** to replace the *Waste Diversion Act* (2002) to help ensure a

smooth transition of existing programs to the new full producer responsibility regime.

Additionally, the new legislative framework includes a "**Strategy for a Waste Free Ontario : Building the Circular Economy**" to support Ontario in achieving its goals.

The legislation is high-level enabling legislation that will see much of the details on how services will be funded and delivered, determined later via regulation after much consultation. The legislative framework is posted on the [EBR Registry](#) and the Ministry intends to consult with stakeholders across the Province in January 2016.

AMO will be reviewing the proposed framework and providing comments to members shortly, once staff has had an opportunity to review the proposed legislation and the draft strategy in detail.

**AMO Contact:** Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, E-Mail: [dgordon@amo.on.ca](mailto:dgordon@amo.on.ca), 416-971-9856, Ext. 371.

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Subject AMO POLICY UPDATE

December 1, 2015

## AMO Report to Member Municipalities

### Highlights of the November 2015 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings.

Highlights of the November 27, 2015 meeting include:

#### 2016 AMO Strategic Objectives and Budget

The 2016 budget and strategic objectives were discussed and approved by the AMO Board of Directors. President Gary McNamara and Secretary-Treasurer, Trevor Wilcox noted that the Board will be busy addressing a wide range of priority policy issues such as the key "*What's Next Ontario?*" project. The AMO President will be sending members of council additional information on the Board's 2016 strategic objectives and work activity in the coming weeks.

**Contact:** Pat Vanini, Executive Director, [pvanini@amo.on.ca](mailto:pvanini@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 316.

#### Update on Municipal Climate Change Action

The Association and our counterpart in Quebec signed the [AMO-Union des municipalités du Québec \(UMQ\) Climate Action Covenant](#) which will align the two associations on climate change policy and advocacy efforts. Under the agreement, AMO and UMQ will collaborate with each other on behalf of members for climate action resources. The Board was also briefed on the President's news conference signing the Covenant with the President of UMQ and the next steps related to future implementation work.

**Contact:** Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, [creid@amo.on.ca](mailto:creid@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 334.

#### Black Bear Pilot Project

The AMO Board supported Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) position ([link to response](#)) to undertake a Black Bear Pilot Project in parts of northern and central Ontario and has [responded](#) to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's [Environmental Registry](#) posting. Many communities in Ontario are concerned with increasing incidences of human-bear conflict over the last number of years.

**Contact:** Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, [cathiebrown@amo.on.ca](mailto:cathiebrown@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 342.

#### Aggregate Resources Act Review

The AMO Board directed that feedback be provided to the Province indicating that its proposals address a number



of longstanding issues which is a positive. However, additional action is needed to facilitate local orderly planning and create a mechanism to sunset licenses. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has released "Blueprint for Change: A proposal to modernize and strengthen the *Aggregate Resources Act* policy framework" for consultation and feedback by December 15, 2015. The topics of the consultation have been grouped into Stronger Oversight, Fees, Environmental Accountability and Improved Information and Participation. A committee will address the fee issue including a mechanism for calculating the appropriate amount of the increase.

**Contact:** Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, [cathiebrown@amo.on.ca](mailto:cathiebrown@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 342.

### MEPCO Update on Pensions

The Board was updated on the status of the proposed Federal Government CPP expansion, the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP) and the new OMERS 2020 Strategy to guide OMERS Plan sustainability and operation through the next five years.

**Contact:** Bruce McLeod, MEPCO Coordinator, [bmcLeod@amo.on.ca](mailto:bmcLeod@amo.on.ca), (416) 971-9856 ext. 350.

### LAS Update

A year end update was provided to the AMO Board outlining annual savings realized by the participants in some of the LAS programs. Are you missing out on any of the following outcomes?

- Streetlights – \$8.4 million in savings (87 municipalities);
- One Investment – between 3% to 11% return on investment depending upon the portfolio mix (105 investors);
- Group Benefits – \$330,000 in savings (31 municipalities);
- Electricity Procurement – \$6.8 million in savings (136 municipalities); and
- Natural Gas Procurement – \$1.36 million in savings (174 participants).

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Subject AMO POLICY UPDATE - POA Default Fees

December 2, 2015

## POA Default Fees Doubled

The Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario (MAG) has informed municipal courts managers that it is increasing the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) Default Fee effective January 1, 2016. This fee, added to POA fines that are in default, will be increased from \$20 to \$40. AMO understands this change should help to substantially offset increases to Justices of the Peace costs and courts oversight announced by MAG earlier this year.

The POA Default Fee is set in regulation and has not been increased since before the transfer of POA courts to municipal governments. The increase to the fee was a key ask of Municipal Courts Managers Association and supported by AMO to help contain the costs of courts administration.

AMO understands that the fee, set in regulation ([O. Reg 672/92](#)) will be updated in the coming days to reflect the change and is available on E-Laws. For more information, members are advised to check the regulation on the E-laws site.

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- 2016 AMO Conference guestroom booking information.
- Would you like a 15-20% return on your money?
- Invest alongside your neighbours and grow together.
- Careers with AMO, King Township and Toronto.

### Provincial Matters

The Provincial Auditor General examined how the provincial government plans and prioritizes infrastructure spending including assets, such as hospitals, schools, universities and its own assets. The report noted that the province needed greater consistency in assessing condition and cross-government coordination to prioritize funding needs and more balance between funding for building new and maintaining existing facilities. Municipalities own more infrastructure than any other order of government in Ontario and have made major strides in infrastructure asset management planning to assess funding needs and guide decisions. AMO looks forward to working with the province and federal government as new funding for infrastructure is brought forward. For more information please see the report's [Infrastructure Planning chapter](#) and [News Release](#).

The Provincial Auditor General's overall finding was that SAMS was launched prematurely and continues to experience problems that need to be fixed. This validates what AMO already knows; that there were implementation challenges that continue to create hardship on clients and an administrative burden on municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) delivering social assistance. AMO is looking forward and will continue to work with the Province to help achieve system stabilization. The recommendations did not address reimbursement to municipal governments and DSSABs. AMO maintains that the Province should cover both the short and long-term costs until the problems are fully resolved. More information is found in the [AG's News Release](#) and the section on SAMS in the AG's [2015 Annual Report](#).

In her report, the Provincial Auditor General found that [Hydro One](#) needs vastly improved business planning, operation practices and greater accountability through performance reviews and improved OEB and Hydro One Board oversight. Its customers deserve a much better outcome. AMO and Hydro One have had initial meeting to discuss transmission issues in Hydro One service areas, including the important role a reliable, cost effective transmission system means locally and to economic growth. Simply put, this means improved fiscal health.

Bill 144 will end capping of municipal property taxes under future criteria. It will block municipal receipt of PILs from municipal electricity utilities once the stranded debt is paid. See the [AMO submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs](#).

The Ministry of Labour is seeking feedback as it develops a strategy to [close the gender wage gap](#). The Gender Wage Gap Strategy Steering Committee will be providing its recommendations to government in 2016. [Submissions](#) are due January 15, 2016.

**AMO/LAS Events**

2016 AMO Conference Guestroom Booking information is now available [online](#). The 2016 Conference will be held at Caesars Windsor, with guestroom booking at the main hotels opening on January 12th, 2016 at 10 am. Please carefully review the guestroom booking policy.

**LAS**

Why invest in a bond at 2-3% when an LED high-bay lighting project returns 6-10 times as much? Contact LAS to [learn about financing options and/or for a free proposal](#).

The One Investment Program continues to grow, now with over 100 municipal investors and more than \$700 million invested across four portfolios and the new High Interest Savings Account. Put your community on [the path to a better tomorrow](#) by investing in the One Investment Program today.

**Careers**

**Policy Intern - AMO.** Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to [hr@amo.on.ca](mailto:hr@amo.on.ca) by Friday, January 22, 2016 at 12 noon.

**Development Coordinator - King Township.** 1 year contract with the possibility of extension. Please forward your resume by December 21, 2015 to: Human Resources, King Township, 2075 King Road, King City, Ontario, L7B 1A1. Email: [hr@king.ca](mailto:hr@king.ca).

**Policy and Project Advisor - City of Toronto.** Division: Parks, Forestry and Recreation. Full-time, temporary position (12 months). To [apply online](#), submit your resume quoting File number 2186861X by December 15, 2015.

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Best regards,

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Subject Spring Bear Hunt Pilot Project

Good Afternoon,

This past Friday, Minister Bill Mauro announced a 5-year pilot project enhancing the spring bear hunt for resident and non-resident hunters. Given the number of NOMA communities impacted by the increase in the bear population, we have been advocating for the reinstatement of the spring bear hunt for a number of years.

From our understanding, the pilot project is not sitting well with some animal rights groups. It is critical that northern communities respond to the EBR in support of the spring bear hunt. Please click this link to respond.

<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI2MzQ1&statusId=MTkwNjk4&language=en>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!  
 Kristen

### **Kristen Oliver**

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November 19, 2015

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

Dear Lisa Slomke,

On behalf of the Citizen's Coalition Against Privatization - Hydro One Not For Sale campaign, I wanted first of all to congratulate your municipality for taking a stand against the provincial government's scheme to privatize Hydro One.

We all have much to lose if this privatization is allowed to continue. And it's now painfully clear we have much less to gain than originally promised. For example, the Financial Accountability Officer recently determined that if 60% of Hydro One is privatized, it will cost the provincial treasury half a billion dollars in revenue every year – forever.

The first batch of Hydro One shares has now been sold. Fortunately, there is still opportunity for us to stop more shares from being sold, but it will take immediate action from all of us.

The Premier has said that she's not going to stop the scheme because of widespread public opposition. But perhaps she will stop if she faces widespread opposition from within her own caucus.

I urge all of the councilors on your council to call and/or write to your MPP about this issue. Also, please consider holding an emergency public meeting and persuade your MPP to come. If your MPP declines to attend, encourage all who do attend to individually call and/or write to the MPP to register their displeasure.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. And please remember: even if the initial batch of shares is sold, this issue is not closed. Through our active opposition we will be continue to protect our communities and our businesses from profit-driven hydro hikes.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson, Citizen's Coalitions Against Privatization (CCAP)

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Sub Request for Auto-Extrication Services by the Province  
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Good morning

Please find attached a letter from our Mayor to Premier Wynne asking for the province to assume responsibility for auto-extrication on provincial highways not protected by local fire departments. FYI, Head, Clara & Maria does not have a service and no longer has an agreement with neighbouring municipalities to provide service leaving the travelling public without protection. It is the opinion of our Council that this is the responsibility of the province.

Sincerely

Melinda Reith  
Municipal Clerk and CAO  
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria  
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## *From the Office of the Mayor*

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Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building – Room 281  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Re: Dissolution of Local Emergency Response Board and Request for Services

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Dear Premier Wynne

At its meeting of Saturday, August 29, 2015 the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria decided after considerable debate and public consultation to discontinue its agreement with neighbours for the provision of auto-extrication along the Trans-Canada Highway 17 which divides our municipality.

Although this was council's decision, the option had essentially been taken from us by the partner members of the North Renfrew Emergency Response Unit Board. It is our understanding that due to limited municipal resources and conflicting demands on those resources a number of fire departments are beginning to limit the services they are able to provide to their neighbours. This is a disconcerting trend; particularly when the services being provided are in fact provincial responsibility.

Although multi-faceted, one component of the on-going debate was the point that the highway is a provincial asset, owned and maintained in all other respects by the province and/or its contractors? Why and how did the provision of auto-extrication services as a result of motor vehicle accidents become the responsibility of local municipalities?

During public consultation Council promised as part of the decision making process to notify the province of the dissolution of this board and the now unprotected span of provincial

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HCM Vision: Providing a healthy, connected, and sustainable community teeming with possibilities for our citizens now and into the future.

highway throughout our municipality. We were further tasked with requesting that the province take the steps necessary to provide for the health, welfare and safety of the travelling public through our municipality and in fact across the province by making accommodation for the provision of this service.

We respectfully request that the province take a serious look at filling this void throughout the province and allocate the resources necessary to provide this potentially lifesaving service in a timely manner.

Sincerely

Jim Gibson, Mayor

mr

Cc: Hon. Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation  
Mr. Jim Wilson, MPP, Leader, Official Opposition  
Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario  
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
Ontario Municipalities for Support

Enclosure: Minutes of Council meeting of August 29, 2015



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Subject Bill 100 - Supporting Ontario Trails Act

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Hello All,

Please find the attached resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Montague on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding Bill 100, Supporting Ontario Trails Act.

Thank you,

**Jasmin Ralph, MPA**  
Clerk, Township of Montague  
613-283-7478 ext. 250  
[www.township.montague.on.ca](http://www.township.montague.on.ca)



TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

MOVED BY: *[Signature]*

RESOLUTION NO: 273-2015

SECONDED BY: *[Signature]*

DATE: November 17, 2015

WHEREAS Bill100, Supporting Ontario Trails Act has the following purposes

1. To increase awareness about and encourage the use of trails.
2. To enhance trails and the trail experience.
3. . To protect trails for today's generation and future generations.
4. . To recognize the contribution that trails make to quality of life in Ontario
5. . To recognize the contribution of quality of place.

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has had input into this Bill looking out for municipal interests

AND WHEREAS the Bill includes stronger penalties for property damage and trespassing to discourage such actions

AND WHEREAS the Bill will be asking for best practices to be created and will have participation in these practices be voluntary therefore not creating undue hardship on the municipality

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Montague supports the overall direction Bill100 Supporting the Ontario Trails Act

AND FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Montage encourages the government to continue to work with stakeholders such as ROMA and OFA to enhance the liability and trespass provisions of the Bill

AND FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Montague forward this resolution for consideration by all other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

DEPUTY

REEVE

*[Signature]*



# NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## NOMINATION FORM



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS FORM MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN OR CLEARLY PRINTED

### NOMINEE INFORMATION: (One (1) Name or Team Name per form only)

Name (in full) \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

If not born in northwestern Ontario, date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_

If Deceased, Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION CATEGORY: (Check **ONE** only)

The above individual or team is to be nominated in the following category:

\_\_\_\_\_ Athlete (include Builder activities if any)      Still Active as an Athlete \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

\_\_\_\_\_ Builder (include Athletic activities if any)      Still Active as a Builder \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no

\_\_\_\_\_ Team (include 'official' roster of names)

### Nomination Submissions **MUST** Include the Following:

- **Nomination Form** - this form must accompany all nomination submissions.
- **Resume** - an accurate and detailed account of the nominee's activities, include all activities in sports (athletic and/or building). Be sure to include dates, location, level of activity, championships/awards achieved. For Team also include official team roster.
- **Documentation** - proof of achievement(s) - include newspaper articles, photographs, scrapbooks, souvenir programs, minute books, etc. Be sure all documentation is dated. (all materials will be returned upon request).
- **Other** - any other items deemed important.

**NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE ABOVE MENTIONED INFORMATION**

**Athlete**

- i) Must have been a resident of northwestern Ontario during the period of time that they developed their basic athletic skills which led to their distinction as an athlete or a permanent resident of northwestern Ontario for a period of not less than ten (10) years, during which time they distinguished themselves as an athlete.
- ii) Not normally considered until after a three year waiting period following retirement from major competition, or if still active, having reached the age of 50 years.

**Builder**

- i) A Builder shall be a person, other than an athlete, who has contributed to the sports heritage of northwestern Ontario for a period of not less than fifteen (15) years, although such a period of service need not necessarily be consecutive.
- ii) Must have made a major contribution to the development and advancement of sport in northwestern Ontario while a resident of northwestern Ontario or must have been a resident of northwestern Ontario during the period of time in which they developed their basic skills which led to their distinction as a builder.

**Team**

- i) A team must be based in northwestern Ontario when the win is acclaimed
- ii) Must be composed primarily of northwestern Ontario residents at the time of winning
- iii) Must have won a National championship or distinguished themselves in International or World Championships as a team duly selected to represent Canada in such competitions. The competition must be an open event sanctioned by a sports governing body.
- iv) A team must be composed of two (2) or more members
- v) The members of a team eligible for election to the Hall of Fame shall be only those whose names appear on the official team roster for which the championship is being claimed.
- vi) Athletes competing as individuals within their sport as part of a contingent do not constitute a team. A team is not a team if the team result is derived on the basis of a calculation of individual scores.

**NOMINATOR**

Name (or Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:**

**Selection Committee**

c/o Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame  
 219 May Street South  
 Thunder Bay Ontario P7E 1B5  
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Documentation Included		Resume Provided	

**N O M I N A T I O N   D E A D L I N E   -   J a n u a r y   3 1 s t**

Date of Decision: December 7, 2015

## NOTICE OF DECISION

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** at its meeting held December 7, 2015, the Fort Frances Property Standards Appeal Committee considered and made decisions on the property standards appeal as set out below:

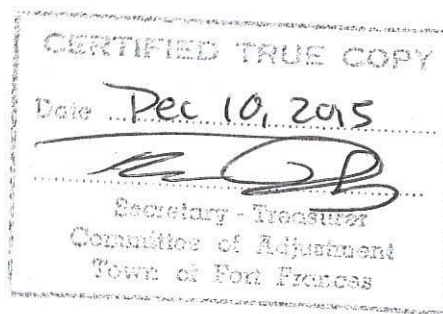
Application	Property	Application Purpose	Decision
2015-01	1037 3 <sup>RD</sup> S. E.	- Appeal of the property standards order dated June 18, 2015 RE: Section 3.03 and 4.09 of the Property Standards By-Law #14/09 being: if eves trough are installed they are to be cleaned, repaired, and maintained on a regular basis.	Order Confirmed

A certified copy of the Decision on the above application is attached.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.



Travis Rob, EIT  
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## Town of Fort Frances

### Property Standards Appeal Committee

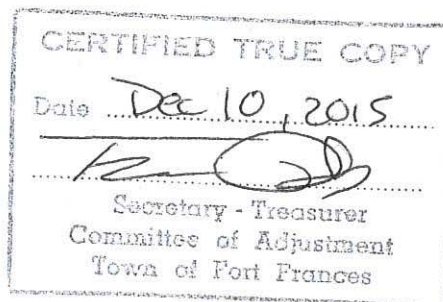
#### Decision

In the matter of Alfred Roisin vs the Town of Fort Frances file number 2015-01. At the meeting of the Property Standards Appeal Committee held on December 7, 2015; the Committee decided that:

The property standards order be:

- ☒ Confirmed
- ☐ Quashed
- ☐ Amended as noted below
- ☐ Extended Deadline as noted below

Comments:



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Viktor Nowak

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Cindy Mason

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Gary Rogozinski



Date of Decision : December 7, 2015

Last Day for Appeal: December 27, 2015

## NOTICE OF DECISION

Pursuant to Section 45(10) of the Planning Act

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** at its meeting held December 7, 2015, the Fort Frances Committee of Adjustment considered and made decisions on the minor variance application as set out below:

Application	Property	Application Purpose	Decision
A8/2015	424 First St. E.	- Minor Variance from section 3.2 (d), (f) and (i) of Zoning By-Law 3/14 permit the construction of an accessory building closer to the front property line than the primary building, to reduce the interior side yard and rear yard setback for an accessory building to 1.0 m. on the east and north sides; and further section 4.4 (c) to reduce the front yard setback to 4.54m.	Approved in part with conditions

A certified copy of the Decision on the above applications are attached and provides the reasons for the decision made and includes conditions, if any, imposed.

**FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT** decisions made and/or conditions imposed by the Committee of Adjustment may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. The Planning Act, at Section 45(12) to 45(14) provides that a decision of the Committee becomes final and binding unless an appeal is filed within twenty (20) days of the making of the decision. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Planner or accessing the government website at [www.omb.gov.on.ca](http://www.omb.gov.on.ca).

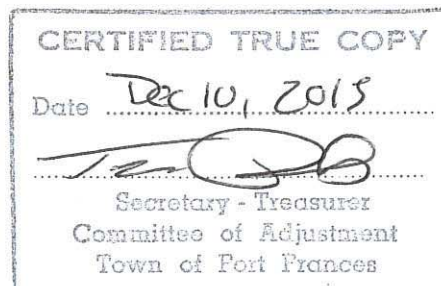
The last day for appealing this decision is noted above. To appeal the decision and/or conditions to the Ontario Municipal Board, send a letter outlining the reasons for the appeal together with the appeal fee of \$125.00 for each application appealed, payable by cheque payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance to:

Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, On  
P9A 3P9

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2015.



Travis Rob, EIT  
Interim Municipal Planner  
Committee Secretary-Treasurer  
Telephone: (807) 274-5323 (ex. 252)





## TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, On P9A 3P9


## COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT DECISION

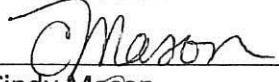
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**A 8/2015**

<b>Subject Property</b> 424 First Street East	<b>Zoning Code</b> R2	<b>Property Roll No.</b> 020-004-00600
IN THE MATTER OF Section 45 of The Planning Act for Minor Variance from the Zoning By-Law #3/14, and an application for <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> minor variance to or <input type="checkbox"/> special permission		
<b>This is an application for relief from:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Section 3.2(d) – Permit the construction of an accessory building in front of the primary building</li> <li>2. Section 4.4(c) Reduction in front yard setback from 7.5m to 4.54m</li> <li>3. Section 3.2(f) Reduction in rear yard setback for an accessory building from 1.5m to 1m</li> <li>4. Section 3.2(f) Reduction in side yard setback for an accessory building from 1.5m to 1m</li> <li>5. Section 3.2(i) Increase in permitted height of an accessory building from 5m to 6.5m</li> </ol>		
<b>DECISION:</b> The Application is <input type="checkbox"/> Denied or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved In Part		
<b>Subject to the following Conditions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The garage is to be constructed with eaves trough and rain leaders pursuant to the Property Standards By-Law</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: right;">attached <input type="checkbox"/></div>		
<b>Reasons for Committee's Decision:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The front roof line of the carport can be constructed no closer to the roadway than the front roof line of the existing porch on the same side and the front yard setback be relaxed from 7.5m to 6.04m to the roof line to maintain site lines from neighboring dwellings.</li> <li>2. The side yard setback be maintained at 1.5m to maintain lane access and fire separation.</li> <li>3. The Rear yard setback be relaxed from 1.5m to 1m as requested.</li> <li>4. The height requirement be relaxed to the requested to 6.5m.</li> </ol>		


## Members concurring in Decision made December 7, 2015:

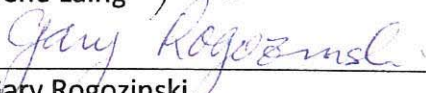
  
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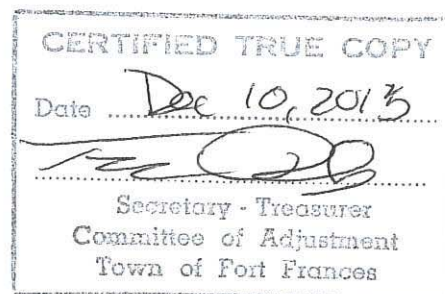
  
Charleen Mallory

Vacant

  
Irene Laing

  
Gary Rogozinski

Vacant



NOTE – A variance is not valid unless any conditions imposed have been satisfied.

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

November 2nd, 2015

The meeting of Economic Development Advisory Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room, Civic Centre on November 2nd, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:16 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Rogozinski, M. McCaig, K. Perry, C. Mallory, E. Fagerdahl, J. McTaggart, K. McCaig, J. Lampi-Hughes, D. Fortes, M. Caron, J. Gillon and R. Avis

ALSO PRESENT: T. Drysdale, G. Gillon (RRFDC), A. Byrnes, P. Briere, K. Lawson

REGRETS: J. Cumming

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Non-agenda Committee items which because of urgency cannot be deferred to a subsequent meeting, identified to be considered later in the meeting.**

2.1 Tourism in other communities.

2.2 J. McTaggart re: Retirement of Mark McCaig.

3. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**

4. **Approval of Previous Advisory Committee Minutes**

4.1 October 5, 2015.

Perry-Mallory: THAT the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **In-Camera - None**
6. **Items Referred from Council - No new items**
7. **Standing Items**

7.1 1. **Revitalization and beautification of the Town of Fort Frances (continuation of October 5th discussion - items 2 [By-Law Enforcement was in attendance], 4 and 5)**

- November 2015

The town will examine the recommendations put forth from the Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce regarding the beautification and revitalization of the Town of Fort Frances.

Mr. McCaig captured the following recommendations from EDAC and will present to Council.

1) **Project Petunia** – EDAC recommends that the Town continue it’s involvement with Project Petunia and work with other local stakeholders, be they residents or local businesses, to fund the purchase, installation and removal of the hanging flower baskets. RRFDC representatives indicated that they would consult with the Town regarding the continuance of this program. The Operations and Facilities Executive Committee should arrange to meet with RRFDC at an upcoming meeting to discuss this matter further.

2) **Garbage Cleanup** – EDAC recommends that the Town initiate and facilitate a prudently marketed campaign in the spring of 2016 to help eliminate blight within the community. EDAC consulted with the By-Law department representative in attendance

regarding the various possibilities. EDAC envisions a campaign and a scheduled period where Town resources are allocated and commercial in-kind resources are solicited in the interests of cleaning up Fort Frances. Aspects such as the waiving of landfill tipping fees, the allocation of Town and commercial resources to help with neighbourhood cleanups, and the assistance to residents who do not have the suitable equipment to remove larger scrap items from their property. This initiative could help foster civic pride and maybe even become an annual event such as the school cleanups that occurred in years past. Suggested names for the campaign were “Fight the Blight” or “Bite the Blight”. This campaign would require a great deal of planning and consultation. EDAC recommends that the Town refer this discussion to all of its executive committees in consultation with the By-Law department who would serve as the lead facilitators of this event.

3) **Vacant Buildings** – This item was not the responsibility of the Town and that business owners, the FFCC and the BIA monitor and consult regarding these instances among their members.

4) **Banners on Paper Mill Lap Building** – RRFDC advised that there would be no action taken regarding the deteriorated banners until the status of the mill is verified. At that point RRFDC is committed to addressing the banners in a relevant manner.

5) **East and West Entrances to Town** – EDAC identified that there are actually 4 entrances to Town with the international crossing to the south and the entry from the airport. By-Law advised that property standards are enforced when there are contraventions, but that many of the identified areas are not violating any by-laws. EDAC’s recommends a more active and regular program of ditch cutting, is adopted by the Town. They also recommend that previous Town studies regarding community entrances be revisited.

7.2 2. Market Square Committee.

-Tannis advised that an RFP is being developed and reviewed.

7.3 3. Community Foundation.

-Tannis advised that although there has been a great deal of interest and financial commitments, however to date there has been no one stepping up to chair this committee.

**8. New Business**

8.1 Video Presentations - Final Cuts - Tourism and Economic Development. - Tannis presented to members.

8.2 Go Local Month - Update.

-Tannis advised that the Go Local initiative has issued 1.2 million points to date and retail membership has increased by 5 new businesses, with it's area now including Emo.

**9. Non-agenda Items**

9.1 Tourism - a request was made to have an item on a future agenda respecting how other communities are handling tourism, i.e. Atikokan.

9.2 Retirement of Mark McCaig, CAO. - John McTaggart expressed his thanks to Mark for his guidance and support on this committee.

**10. Adjourn 1:16 p.m. / Next Meeting Date - December 7, 2015**

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

SESSION NO. #16

November 16, 2015

The meeting of Planning & Development Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Civic Centre on November 16, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

PRESENT: D. Kitowski, Chair, W. Brunetta, J. Albanese, Councillors, R. Avis, Mayor

ALSO PRESENT: L. Slomke, Clerk, T. Rob, Secretary

1. **Call to Order** - 8:00am  
Session #16
2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**  
- None
3. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**
  - 3.1 Approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting  
- Approved as circulated
4. **Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.**  
- None
5. **In-Camera**
  - 5.1 A proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes or disposal of land no longer needed for municipal purposes - Purchase of Industrial Lots  
- The Planning and Development Executive Committee approves the recommendation to sell the lots in question and further for the matter to be heard at council.
6. **Items Referred from Council**
  - 6.1 T. Rob - Development of an adhoc Rainy Lake Market Square Advisory Committee for the final design of the Market Square  
- The Planning and Development Executive Committee recommends that a committee be struck with the following members: 3 members of Mayor and Council, 2 members of Economic Development Advisory Committee, 2 members of Rainy River Future Development Commission, 2 members of Fort Frances Chamber of Commerce, 2 Members of the BIA, 1 member of Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, 1 member of the Farmers Market and other Town staff and resources deemed necessary.
7. **New Business**  
- None
8. **Outstanding Items**  
- None
9. **Information**  
- None
10. **Non-agenda Items**  
- None
11. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date** - 8:36am

- Next meeting Monday December 7, 2015 at 8:00am

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Executive Committee Chair

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T. Rob, Chief Building Official



TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. # 0019November 16, 2015

The meeting of Community Services Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Memorial Sports Centre - '52 Canadians Meeting Room on November 16, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

PRESENT: John Albanese - Councillor, June Caul - Councillor, Roy Avis - Mayor, Arlene Byrnes - ByLaw Officer, Aaron Petrin - HR Manager

REGRETS: Ken Perry - Chairman, Jason Kabel - Manager of Community Services

**1 CALL TO ORDER (Session #0019)**

June Caul called the meeting to order at 10:30 and chaired the meeting.

**2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Call for non-agenda items)**

- Approved as circulated.

**3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

- NIL

**4 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

4.1 Community Services Executive Committee Meeting - November 2, 2015 - **Approved as circulated.**

**5 NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**6 ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

6.1 NIL

**7 NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Dog Park - Arlene Byrnes - The committee is seeking more information from the Northwest Catholic District School Board regarding their plans for the St. Francis property as it relates to the new school construction planned to commence in 2016 before making a recommendation on this land for a dog park.

7.2 TBayTel WiFi - Memorial Sports Centre - The committee recommended to Mayor & Council to endorse the TBayTel Enterprise Service Agreement for installation and service of Free Public Wifi Internet Service at Memorial Sports Centre with no cost to the Town.

7.3 Community Services Student Wages - Aaron Petrin - The committee received the report and will consider possible adjustment at a later date.

7.4 2016 Capital Budget - The report was received and will be forwarded to Treasury to be included in the Town's overall capital budget.

7.5 Sister Kennedy Centre - New Policies - The four policies were approved as presented for recommendation to Mayor & Council.

**8 INFORMATION**

8.1 Next Meeting - December 7, 2015

**9 ADJOURNMENT**

9.1 There being no further matters before the committee at this time, the meeting was closed by June C. at 11:20am



K. Perry, Executive Committee Chair



J. Kabel, Manager of Community Services



TOWN OF FORT FRANCESMINUTESSESSION NO. #21Tuesday, November 17, 2015

The meeting of Administration & Finance Executive Committee of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Committee Room on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Ken Perry, Councillor Wendy Brunetta, Councillor Paul Ryan and Mayor Roy Avis

ALSO PRESENT: Travis Rob, CBO, Aaron Petrin, HR Manager and Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer  
Guest: Rick Wiedenhoef, Multi-Use/Tennis Court Committee

REGRETS: None

1. **Call to Order**

1.1 Councillor Ken Perry called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. **Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof**

2.1 None

3. **Approval of Previous Committee Minutes**

3.1 The Committee considered the following resolution:

Ryan-Brunetta: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 be approved as distributed. CARRIED

4. **Non-agenda items identified to be considered later in this meeting, both in-camera and in open meeting.**

4.1 Families for Families Request for Financial Support

4.2 Consideration of a Donation In Memory of Ron Nelson

5. **In-Camera**

5.1 OPP Building Lease Extension

Brunetta-Ryan: That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee now meet in-camera in order to address a matter pertaining to the security of the property of the municipality or local board. CARRIED

A discussion was held regarding the OPP Building Lease received. The Committee instructed Travis Rob, CBO to proceed as directed.

6. **Items Referred from Council**

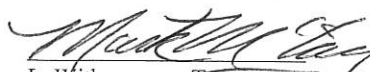
6.1 Volunteer Bureau Christmas Dinner Financial Request - The Committee recommended to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Volunteer Bureau for the Christmas Dinner to be held at the Knox United Church.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Mutli-Use/Tennis Court Committee Delegation, Rick Wiedenfoeft - Mr. Wiedenhoef gave a brief overview of their committee's efforts to secure funding from the local public & separate school boards. The Committee considered the request to send a letter confirming the 2015 Capital funding commitment of \$112,000 and to address the maintenance and future capital requirements through the Joint Use Agreement.

- 7.2 M. McCaig, CAO Purchase Card Purchases - The Committee recommended to approve the purchase card expenses for Mark McCaig, CAO in the amount of \$53.09 as summarized in the report.
- 7.3 Elected Officials Remuneration By-Law No. 02/10-C Review - The Committee decided to defer the review of the remuneration by-law until the fall of 2016.
- 7.4 Policy review- First Aid & Accident/Incident Reporting - The Committee recommended to approve the proposed changes to the Town's First Aid Policy and to its Accident / Incident Reporting Policy.
- 7.5 Annual Review of Health and Safety Policy & Workplace Harassment and Violence Policy - The Committee recommended to approve the Town's Health & Safety Policy and its Workplace Harassment and Violence Policy and will conclude the Town's annual review of these two (2) policies.
- 8. **Non-agenda Items**
  - 8.1 Families for Families Request for Financial Support - The Committee recommended to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to Families for Families Committee for their sponsorship of a refugee family.
  - 8.2 Consideration of a Donation In Memory of Ron Nelson - The Committee recommended to approve a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to O'Connor Free Methodist Church in memory of Ron Nelson.
- 9. **Outstanding Items**
  - 9.1 Couchiching First Nations Water & Sewer Agreement
- 10. **Information**
  - 10.1 Administration & Finance Stats as at October 31, 2015
  - 10.2 General Operating Financial Statement as at October 31, 2015
  - 10.3 Water & Sewer Operating Fund Financial Statement as at October 31, 2015
  - 10.4 Capital Fund Financial Statement as at October 31, 2015
- 11. **Adjourn / Next Meeting Date**
  - 11.1 Next meeting December 8, 2015

  
Executive Committee Chair

  
L. Witherspoon, Treasurer

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF  
ADJUSTMENT

November 23, 2015

The meeting of Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Fort Frances was held in the Conference Room - Memorial Sports Centre on November 23, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Gary Rogozinski, Alan Zucchaitti, Cindy Mason, Irene Laing, Viktor Nowak, Charleen Mallory

ALSO PRESENT: Greg DeGagne, Tonia, Dolph, Property Owners/Agent (5:00pm - 5:24pm), Travis Rob, Secretary/Treasurer

1. **Call to Order** - 5:01pm
2. **Non-agenda items**
  - None
3. **Declarations, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**
  - None
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
  - 4.1 Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Meeting
    - Approved as amended
5. **Committee Applications**
  - 5.1 A7/2015 - 501 Third Street West
    - The property owners were in attendance to speak to their application. After a thorough discussion on the proposed construction and neighboring properties the committee decided that the application was not minor in nature and would not be approved. The property owners decided to take the comments made at the meeting in advisement and revise their plans and application and resubmit the minor variance application if the change in plans still required a minor variance. A decision on this application was deferred to allow amendments to the application.
6. **Other Business**
7. **Outstanding Items**
  - 7.1 Review of Zoning By-Law #3/14 Section 3.20(c) and (g) by zone and/or by area
    - A discussion was had on relieving the requirement to hard surface parking areas in the industrial park area of Town as these areas are services off of roads, some of which are not hard surfaced, without curb and gutter and a large portion of the developed businesses in this area do not have hard surfaced parking areas. After a lengthy discussion on the matter, the committee Secretary will investigate what other municipalities are requiring in their industrial areas and a decision will be made based on this information at the next meeting.
  - 7.2 Property Standards Review Committee Powers and Procedures
    - The Committee received the draft Rules of Practice and Procedure for property standards appeals. Comments and revisions will be sent to the Committee Secretary by Friday November 27, 2015 and the pending property standards appeal will be heard at the next meeting of the Committee.
8. **Meeting Close** - 6:32pm

The next meeting will be held as soon as possible in December given the requirements for notice.

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Chair, Committee of Adjustment

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T. Rob, Chief Building Official