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Lambton County Historical Meeting

May 23, 2019

Meeting was held at the Alvinston Municipal Building.

Minutes from May Meeting

Ron opened the meeting and Marjorie Cumming introducing our guest speaker: Don McGugan

Don was the mayor of Brooke-Alvinston and stepped down last election. Don gave a wonderful presentation on the history of the Alvinston Municipality building/Post office. He was an excellent guest speaker. Thank you.

We reviewed the minutes from the April Meeting. Ron motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Linda Koolen and passed with a show of hands.

The Financial Report was presented by Carol Thompson with a bank balance of $2590.34. The Bursary has a balance of $1824.20 and Publishing has a balance of $85.08. There was a discussion on books printed (50 copies each of 5 different books). Carol moved to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Gord Perry. Motion was passed with a show of hands.

There was no Secretary report.

New and Unfinished Business:

1. Ron discussed a day Trip to Stones & Bones at a cost of $7.00 per person. It was suggested we schedule it for July 21st at 2 pm and we could go to dinner after. The Stones and Bones is located on Christine St. in Sarnia. We will discuss it more at the June meeting.
2. Gord gave an update on the Canuckstorian Project. The rough draft has been completed; the children have been assigned and are hoping for completion by Sept. He suggested we invite Mike to come in to talk on the book as a guest speaker. The grant from Libro was denied and they are waiting for responses from the other grants requested.

Committee Report was presented by Gord Perry. He updated us on the number (254) visits since our last meeting. He suggested we put a list of our books and prices to advertise on facebook. If someone is

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Council Highlights

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Wyoming, ON – At its regular meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2019, Lambton County Council:

- Recognized Gayle Montgomery, Circles Coordinator, for being awarded the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to her community and the County during her career.
- Heard a presentation from Dave Brown, Executive Director of United Way Sarnia-Lambton, on the present state of affairs and future direction of the United Way.
- Adopted the Strategic Plan developed by the Intelligent Sarnia-Lambton Steering Committee.
- Received a report denoting Councillor Joel Field as the Town of Petrolia's Alternate Member of Lambton County Council.
- Carried a motion to continue to provide a yearly waste disposal subsidy to all charities supported by the County of Lambton.
- Requested that staff prepare a report regarding the status of the housing policies contained in the County Official Plan.
- Received a report from Lambton Public Health regarding the implementation of the Community Sharps Disposal program.
- Directed staff to work with the City of Sarnia to develop a mutual agreement transferring ownership and responsibility of the decontamination unit to Sarnia Fire Services Department with the understanding that the unit remains available for the County's use.
- Requested that a Strategic Team be created to deal and interact with the Province regarding intergovernmental relationships and matters being downloaded by the province.
- Directed staff to explore and investigate all options for reducing the cost of delivering cost-shared programs and services, and report back to Council on the benefit/cost impacts of these options on these services by the end of 2019.
- Voted to retain the current budget presentation format used to support annual budget deliberations.

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- Approved a By-Law to adopt assessment classifications to permit small-scale commercial and industrial farm uses for the year 2019.
- Approved a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 19 of 2019 which set tax ratios for prescribed property classes for the year 2019.
- Approved a By-Law to establish and levy tax rates for upper tier purposes for the year 2019 in regards to the C7 and I7 property sub-classes.
- Approved a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 33 of 2014, changing the County's Committee P.M. meeting and inaugural meeting start times.
- Noted that Council will next meet in Open Session at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

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Subject: County of Lambton 2019 Final Budget

Good Morning,

The County of Lambton 2019 Final Budget, as approved by Lambton County Council, has now been published. The budget is available on the County website, or by clicking the link below:

2019 Final Budget - March 6, 2019

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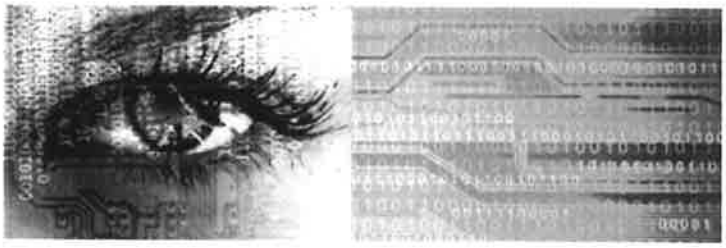
AMO watchfile



May 23, 2019

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- Identify energy savings in your facilities!
- LAS Blog: Energy Planning Tool update.
- Commodity programs - Electricity and Natural Gas.
- Careers with Toronto Transit Commission, Grey County and Toronto.

AMO Matters
AMO is exploring a potential partnership opportunity with a website builder. To help us with our research, please fill out the following survey on the current state of your municipality's website.

Has your community financed an innovative, exciting, or impactful infrastructure project with the federal Gas Tax Fund? Apply for an AMO Federal Gas Tax Award to celebrate your municipality's efforts!

Each week we will profile a key question about digital signatures. Q11: What is a certificate authority? Click here for the answer.

Eye on Events
AMO's first Wellness & Mental Health in the Municipal Workplace Symposium is taking place on May 29, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport. As a member of council or senior staff interested in promoting mental health and wellness in your workplace, you do not want to miss this symposium. Check out the program. Space is limited, so register today!

The AMO Trade Show has limited spots remaining - we may have to add more! If you are a municipal supplier or vendor with a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector - then this is a must not miss show. AMO's Annual Conference boasts one of the largest municipal trade shows in Canada. Find out more on what opportunities we can offer you to get your company out in front of the municipal sector. Register today for the 2019 AMO Conference in Ottawa August 18-21. Municipalities are on the frontline of key public services in Ontario. Find out what that means for your community.

ONE Investment's educational workshop is now available as an online course. Registration for Investments 101 - The Foundation for a Municipal Investment Strategy is available until June 30, 2019. Register here.

ONE Investment is inviting you to join the conversation about Prudent Investor to discuss your municipality's needs, address concerns, and showcase ONE Investment's solutions. We will be holding a free webinar on June 18 from noon to 1 pm. Register here.

Join special guests on May 28 for our Town Hall Tuesday Webinar, focused on group buying programs for municipalities. Representatives from the federal and provincial governments will explain the Federal Government's Canadian Collaborative Procurement Initiative, and the Province's Fleet Purchasing Program. Sign up today! It's free.

LAS

Utility costs eat up a large portion of municipal operating budgets. Participate in LAS' Energy Efficient Building Operations (EEBO) training and identify energy & costs savings in your facilities. Eligible for incentives through the IESO. Contact Christian today to book your custom workshop!

The Energy Planning Tool is getting an update this summer! We're making it easier for you to comply with O.Reg. 507/18. Check out the blog to see the new features and learn how EPT can simplify energy tracking and reporting.

If you missed our Commodity programs Town Hall Tuesday webinar this week, you can watch it by clicking on the following link.

Careers

Manager, Chief Executive Officer Business Support, Council Relations - Toronto Transit Commission. Requisition ID: 966. Employment Type: Temporary for a period of up to 12 months. Reports to: Chief of Staff. Last day to apply: May 23, 2019. Please contact Human Resources – Talent Management at 416.393.4570 or visit the TTC Career Centre.

Maintenance Manager (Permanent) - Grey County. Department: Transportation Services. Candidates for the above position are invited to submit resumes prior to June 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to: Klarika Hamer, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Services Department, County of Grey, 595 9th Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 3E3. Fax: 519.376.0967; Email: Klarika.Hamer@grey.ca; Web: Grey County Careers.

Director, Policy & Strategic Support - City of Toronto. Reports to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards. For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit us online at Jobs at the City. To apply online, submit your resume, quoting File #2325159 X, by June 6, 2019.

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AMO watchfile

May 30, 2019

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- Introduction of Animal Cruelty Enforcement Legislation (Bill 117).
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- We may have to add more spots to the AMO Conference trade show!
- 80 days remaining until the 2019 AMO Conference.
- Investments 101 online course available!
- A conversation with ONE Investment.
- Careers with Ajax, South Bruce, Woodstock, Durham Region, Cochrane and Toronto.

AMO Matters
AMO's federal Gas Tax website, www.gastaxatwork.ca, has a new look with an enhanced mapping tool. Find out exactly where and how the Fund is invested in Ontario's communities.

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Each week we will profile a key question about digital signatures. Q12: Can someone sign offline? Click here for the answer.

Enter promotion code **63647** when ordering and save 15% on Deluxe Canada products including customizable forms, cheques, print marketing, promo & apparel, and more. This continues AMO's member discount with the company formerly known as NEBS.

Provincial Matters
Ontario has tabled legislation introducing interim animal cruelty enforcement measures. AMO has advocated for a provincially resourced system that allows for participation from interested OSPCA-affiliates and willing municipalities.

Eye on Events
For information on speaking opportunities and other event sponsorships at the 2019 AMO Conference in Ottawa, please contact Lorna Ruder, tel: 416.971.9856 x341.

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Careers

Grants & Strategic Initiatives Coordinator - Town of Ajax. Reports to: Manager of Strategic & Public Affairs. This is a non-union position that works 35 hours per week. Applications are accepted at Town of Ajax Careers until 11:59 p.m. on June 2, 2019.

Manager of Operations - Municipality of South Bruce. A complete job description is available on the Municipality of South Bruce website. Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume no later than 12:00 noon, June 10, 2019 to: Municipality of South Bruce, Att: Leanne Martin, CAO/Clerk, P.O. Box 540, 21 Gordon St. E., Teeswater, Ontario N0G 2S0. E-mail: lmartin@southbruce.ca.

Director of Public Works - City of Woodstock. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Resumes and cover letters will be received online at City of Woodstock Career Opportunities no later than 4:00 p.m. June 10, 2019. A copy of the job description is available upon request.

Senior Financial Analyst 2 (Job ID 10615) - Region of Durham. Reports to Director of Financial Planning. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit the Region of Durham website and apply online directly to Job ID # 10615 no later than June 16, 2019.

Chief Administrative Officer / Economic Development - Town of Cochrane. Applications will be received until the position is filled. The selection process begins on June 20, 2019. To receive more information about Cochrane, please contact the Town of Cochrane. To get more information about this position or to submit your resume, please contact Evelyn Dean at E. Dean & Associates or leave a message at 519.538.4391.

Director, Office of Emergency Management - City of Toronto. Reports to the Toronto Fire Chief. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please submit a resume and cover letter online at Odgers Berndtson Opportunities. To acquire more information about the role, please contact Camille Petitti at Camille.petitti@odgersberndtson.com.

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Provincial Matters
The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is extending consultation on excess soils and brownfields **until Monday, June 17**. Please visit the Environmental Registry by clicking on the link or by searching EBR 013-5000.

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Director of Community & Customer Service - Loyalist Township. Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. Posting No.: LT-36-2019 Director of Community & Customer Service. A detailed job description is available on the Loyalist Township website. Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume by June 16, 2019 to jobs@loyalist.ca.

Director of Economic Growth & Community Development Service - Loyalist Township. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Posting No.: LT-35-Director of Economic Growth & Community Development Service. A detailed job description is available on the Loyalist Township website. Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume by June 16, 2019 to jobs@loyalist.ca.

Manager, Business Planning & Budget Innovation (Job ID 11914) - Region of Durham. Reports to the Director, Business Planning, Budgets & Risk Management. To learn more about this opportunity, please visit the Durham Region website and apply online directly to Job ID# 11914 no later than June 23, 2019.

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AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

POLICY UPDATE

May 24, 2019

Money-saving solutions – some help is at hand

Provincial funding changes and cuts. Calls for efficiency and line-by-line reviews. It's a lot to grapple with – especially after all the hard budget decisions that have already been made by Council.

Yes, AMO is pressing the Government of Ontario daily on municipal impacts of the provincial budget and announcements. We need the province to provide real numbers on the cuts to cost-shared services rather than municipal governments making assumptions. Finding 4 per cent in savings when municipal governments collect just 9-cents of every household tax dollar is a bigger challenge than that of the Province, which collects 44-cents of every household tax dollar. It is that 9 cents that sees our members always and continuously looking for efficiencies.

With its business services arm, LAS, AMO also offers money-saving solutions specifically for municipal governments. These are turnkey programs that can help and with little lifting on your part.

1. **Short-term**: If you have money in the bank – earn more. Every dollar matters. At 2.415%, ONE Investment's High Interest Savings Account delivers higher returns by aggregating investor deposits. It's still fully liquid and every deposit is in your own investment account. This is one quick way to make sure the money you have is earning as much as possible.

2. **Mid-term:** Save time and money through AMO's digital partnerships that offer technology solutions at special member pricing. eScribe offers cloud-based, paperless meeting management. Notarius offers digital signatures. Each streamlines process and reduces costs. Modernization funding may help smaller communities take advantage of these services.

3. **Long-term:** LAS offers dozens of programs that can help save money over the long-term. Many programs were procured through a competitive process to leverage economies of scale, like LED lighting projects that cut energy and maintenance costs and road assessment services that improve asset management. These are just a few examples.

Just as AMO will continue to advocate on your behalf at Queens Park, LAS continues

to expand its programs to meet your needs at home. Stay tuned because new programs are still to come in 2019.

If you have any questions about business services, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

BREAKING NEWS

May 24, 2019

AMO partners with occupational health and safety service provider

May 24, 2019 – Toronto and Markham, Ontario: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is pleased to partner with 4S Consulting Services Inc. (4S) to offer members health and safety training and consulting services, including a comprehensive online management system, at exclusive pricing.

The partnership with 4S will help municipal governments continue to build an effective Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) program that improves productivity, reduces costs, and creates a safer workplace.

4S takes an approach that engages all employees, from senior management to frontline workers, in building a strong workplace safety culture. Its online platform provides a comprehensive way to easily track and manage all employee training, workplace incidents, and various procedures and compliance checklists.

"We've partnered with 4S because they offer tools that will help governments better manage health and safety requirements in the workplace," said AMO President Jamie McGarvey. "At a time when every tax dollar must be stretched as far as possible, this system makes it easier to track and maintain compliance with provincial legislation and regulations."

"At 4S, we strive to ensure our clients embrace health and safety as part of their organizational culture, so it is an integral part of the operations," said Sabesh Kanagaretnam, CEO, 4S Consulting Services Inc. "As an OHS partner, AMO members will benefit from the products and services that have helped several municipalities to build and manage safety programs easily and effectively while improving productivity."

This is the latest of several AMO partnerships aimed at helping municipal governments access services that are tailored to Ontario municipal needs and that help improve efficiency at special pricing for AMO members.

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Ontario and Canada's political system.

About 4S Consulting Services Inc.

A Markham-based Canadian advisory firm, 4S has been in the business of providing innovative occupational health and safety company products and services for 15 years. 4S is the only workplace safety services provider that helps its clients in building a strong and sustainable safety culture. This is done through three major pillars – online safety management system, consulting, and training.

The strong methodology of 4S not only helps municipalities and companies get into compliance, but also ensures that they continue to build a safe workplace, and stay in compliance. 4S helps companies protect their employees with a "live" occupational and safety management program that keeps their OHS program and training requirements current as regulations are updated, and staff and business needs change. For More Information, **CLICK HERE**.

AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

POLICY UPDATE

May 27, 2019

Welcome Fiscal Relief for This Year

This morning Premier Ford and Minister Steve Clark announced that there would be no in-year cuts to public health, child care, and ambulance services.

This relief is welcomed by all.

Through face to face meetings and by letter, AMO had asked to sit with the Province to look at how to problem solve our fiscal sustainability challenges together.

We are glad we will have that opportunity. We will keep AMO members updated as more information is available.

AMO Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, mturner@amo.on.ca, 416-971-9856 ext. 318.

Gas Tax Update

May 29, 2019

Applications for the 2019 AMO Federal Gas Tax Awards has been extended to June 7th. The Awards celebrate projects that demonstrate excellence in the use of the federal Gas Tax Fund. Apply by filling out the short application attached here.

Our dedicated Federal Gas Tax Fund website has a new look. The website includes the unique mapping tool with information about exactly where and how the Fund is invested in Ontario's communities.

Follow us on Twitter @GasTaxinOntario and on Instagram @federalgastaxontario.

AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

POLICY UPDATE

May 31, 2019

AMO on Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*

AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, spoke to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy on our proposed amendments and recommendations on Bill 108. AMO's written submission speaks to municipal governments' concerns about the impacts of the Bill if passed as is.

AMO's comments include:

- A return to *de novo* hearings at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) is a big step backwards and is not supported. Local councils take their democratic responsibilities seriously.
- There is great municipal concern that legislation could result in lowering the development charge revenue that is needed so growth can pay for growth. Municipalities need to be able to support growth in our communities.
- There is concern that changes will increase the municipal administrative burden.
- The shortening of timelines means greater emphasis on the need for complete applications.
- The objectives of Bill 108 are worthy – to increase the mix and speed of housing development, especially affordable housing.
- Municipal governments agree with the objectives. The municipal sector will monitor whether its implementation achieves the expected outcomes.

The Standing Committee will undertake a clause-by-clause review before June 4, after which we will know whether our advice is accepted. The Legislature is expected to pass Bill 108 next week.

This timing is driven by the legislative agenda, which unfortunately has not provided for broad consultation on the many Bill 108 schedules. Bill 108 will require numerous regulations for implementation. Draft regulations generally involve public consultations. AMO will continue to advocate for municipal involvement in Bill 108 regulations.

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Development Charges and Community Benefits Charge: Matthew Wilson, Senior

AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

POLICY UPDATE

June 7, 2019

Bill 108 Receives Royal Assent with Several Amendments

Bill 108, *the More Homes, More Choice Act,* 2019 has now passed third reading at Queen's Park and received Royal Assent. It is now law in Ontario. The Act makes significant changes to the planning appeals process and to development charges. It also introduces a new Community Benefit Charges (CBC) under *the Planning Act* and makes changes to the planning process, conservation authorities, endangered species legislation, environmental assessments and to the *Ontario Heritage Act.*

AMO advocated vigorously on behalf of municipal interests throughout the legislative process, including by presenting before the Standing Committee of Justice Policy, and through our government relations work. A few amendments were introduced during the committee stage, including one that AMO and others proposed on including capital costs for ambulance services in development charges calculations.

Bill 108 will require numerous regulations for implementation. Draft regulations generally involve public consultations. AMO will continue to advocate for meaningful municipal involvement in Bill 108 regulations.

***Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act*:**

Despite calls from AMO and municipal governments to allow the LPAT to continue to evaluate appeals based on compliance and conformity, *de novo* hearings will now be re-introduced. This move will take authority away from local councils and reverts back to an appeals process known to have a legacy of delays. It is unclear how the return to *de novo* hearings will lead to the faster provision of affordable housing.

Development Charges:

We believe that the new changes to development charges will negatively impact municipal finances and go against the principle that growth should pay for growth. If a development is rental housing, institutional, commercial or industrial, development charge payments are now payable to the municipality as six annual installments commencing at occupancy. An amendment to Bill 108 following committee extends the repayment timeframe to 20 years for non-profit housing. Previously, development charges were payable in advance. This change will reduce the amount of revenue municipalities receive from development charges. It will also increase administrative

burden for municipal governments.

On a positive note, municipal governments may now charge the full capital cost of waste diversion services as a development charge. Following ours' and others' proposed amendments at the committee stage, capital costs for ambulance services will now also be included in development charge calculations.

Community Benefit Charges:

Height and density bonusing under Section 37 of the *Planning Act* has been replaced with a new Community Benefit Charges framework. The CBC framework will allow municipal governments to pass by-laws covering a particular area to impose charges against land to pay for the cost of facilities, services and other matters required because of new development. Notably, costs eligible for development charges are excluded from CBCs. Eligible services and the methodology for calculating CBCs will be determined in regulation.

Other Planning Act Changes:

Timelines for making decisions related to official plans are reduced from 210 to 120 days and from 150 days to 90 days for zoning by-law amendments. Plans of subdivision are also sheltered from third party appeals. As well, the use of Inclusionary Zoning will now be limited to transit areas. This limits the utility of this affordable housing tool.

Conservation Authorities:

The mandatory 'core services' of conservation authorities will now be prescribed by regulation. Conservation authorities must also now enter into agreements with municipal governments on service delivery. Municipal governments want assurance that this new regime will not only bring transparency to the financial relationship with Conservation Authorities but will continue to support reaching the 'triple bottom line'.

Endangered Species:

Bill 108 also introduces a new approach to endangered species protection. Species at risk will now be considered in the broader geographic context when determining species' status. The Minister is also now able to enter into landscape agreements that authorize activities that would otherwise be prohibited in relation to listed species under certain circumstances. As per an amendment to the bill, alternative approaches will need to be considered before undertaking an activity that could adversely affect a listed species. While this direction holds potential to protect species at risk, a strong commitment from the province is required to provide leadership and tools to make this a success.

Environmental Assessment Act:

The Bill will reduce the need to undertake a lengthy justification for low risk activities. AMO looks forward to participating as further information, regulations and guidance are developed.

Ontario Heritage Act:

Ontario Heritage Act changes will require municipal councils to notify property owners if their properties or included in the register due to cultural heritage value or interest. The changes also introduce new timelines aimed at making the heritage process more transparent. A technical amendment was made at the committee stage that the Trust is included in notices. The language around erecting structures on a heritage site was also clarified to stress that the attributes that give heritage significance should not be altered or demolished.

AMO Contacts:

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Dear Heads of Council:

Our government was elected to clean up Ontario's financial nightmare that was created by 15 years of mismanagement and irresponsible actions on the part of the Liberals. The $15 billion annual deficit and $347 billion long-term debt they left to our children and grandchildren is a direct threat to critical public services the people of Ontario rely on. The interest payments on our debt alone amount to $1 billion a month, not one cent of which goes to hiring more front line-emergency workers, lowering taxes or paying down the debt.

Getting Ontario back on a path to balance is essential for protecting important government services, long-term prosperity, attracting investment and creating good-paying jobs.

And we also believe that every government needs to step up and do its part; there is only one taxpayer, and the job of finding savings while protecting core services rests with every elected official in Ontario.

Having spent time at the city level I also understand that, with municipal budgets already set for the 2019-20 fiscal year, our partners need to have flexibility to achieve those savings.

After listening to the concerns of our partners and following the advice of my Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, our government has made the decision to maintain the in-year cost sharing adjustments for land ambulance, public health and child care services.

Minister Clark has advised us to take this approach on the understanding that, as partners, Ontario's municipalities will use the additional time to work with the Government of Ontario to transform critical shared public services and find the efficiencies that will ensure their sustainability.

Our commitment to provide $7.35 million, through the Audit and Accountability Fund, to help large municipalities find four cents on every dollar will support these efforts. And the $200 million we have committed to small and rural municipalities to modernize services will also play an important part in meeting these objectives.

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Our government was elected to protect public services for future generations, and a big part of that is by balancing the budget in a responsible way – that was our commitment. It is reassuring for me to hear that municipalities understand the fiscal challenges we face, but more importantly they understand that we face these challenges together. I look forward to working collaboratively with you to find savings, strengthen front-line services and protect what matters most to the people of Ontario.
Sincerely,

The Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

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Ontario

May 31, 2019

From: Adam Redish, ADM, Infrastructure Policy Division

Dear Mayor/CAO/Stakeholder:

In December 2017, the province introduced the Ontario Regulation 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act*, 2015. Given that municipalities like yours own a significant portion of public infrastructure in Ontario, the delivery of critical services like roads, bridges, water and wastewater rely on well-planned and well-maintained infrastructure. Good asset management planning helps municipalities make forward-thinking, evidence-based decisions about their assets.

Through recent consultations led by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on burden reduction, we heard from municipalities and municipal stakeholder organizations that communities are looking for proactive reminders on reporting dates. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that all municipalities must have a finalized strategic asset management policy in place by July 1st of this year. Further requirements are being phased in from 2019 to 2024. A summary table outlining key regulatory milestones can be found in the addendum to this letter.

We also want to make sure that communities are aware that provincial funding programs for municipal infrastructure are aligned with the requirements of the regulation. For example, under the current intakes of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), successful municipal applicants will be required to:

- Complete an asset management planning self-assessment questionnaire before entering into a transfer payment agreement with the Province; and
- Submit their strategic asset management policy and asset management plans in accordance with the regulation for the duration of the project.

This means that if a municipality's capital project is approved by the province under ICIP in 2020 - with a project completion date of 2022 - the municipality would be required to immediately submit a copy of its strategic asset management policy upon provincial approval of the project. The municipality would also be required to submit its asset management plan for core infrastructure by July 1, 2021 to remain eligible for funding. Additional details will be made available through transfer payment agreements.

The Ministry will be conducting random audit checks for compliance of submitted strategic asset management policies and asset management plans annually.

We also want to make sure you are aware that the province is providing tools and supports to help municipalities, particularly smaller communities, to implement the requirements of the regulation. An initial offering of tools and supports has been made available. This includes:

- A strategic asset management policy toolkit, which is available to all municipalities. It provides valuable guidance to help municipalities meet the first set of requirements set out in the regulation before July 1, 2019.
- Expert assessments through the AMP It Up 2.0 initiative delivered by the Municipal Finance Officers' Association, which is targeting municipalities with populations of less than 25,000 to help them develop and improve their asset management plans.
- Expansion of communities of practice activities delivered by Asset Management Ontario, including guidance materials, group seminars and online forums for public sector asset management practitioners across Ontario.

Investing in the right infrastructure, at the right time, and in the right place will help stretch capital dollars and sustain critical services across Ontario. The province will continue to work with municipalities across Ontario to help address infrastructure challenges. For more information on asset management planning, including tools and supports available, please visit our new Municipal Asset Management Planning web page.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at MunicipalAssetManagement@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

Adam Redish
Assistant Deputy Minister
Infrastructure Policy Division

ADDENDUM – ASSET MANAGEMENT REGULATION MILESTONES

Date	Milestone
July 1, 2019	Date for municipalities to have a finalized strategic asset management policy that promotes best practices and links asset management planning with budgeting, operations, maintenance and other municipal planning activities.
July 1, 2021	Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for core assets (roads, bridges and culverts, water, wastewater and stormwater management systems) that identifies current levels of service and the cost of maintaining those levels of service.
July 1, 2023	Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for all municipal infrastructure assets that identifies current levels of service and the cost of maintaining those levels of service.
July 1, 2024	Date for municipalities to have an approved asset management plan for all municipal infrastructure assets that builds upon the requirements set out in 2023. This includes an identification of proposed levels of service, what activities will be required to meet proposed levels of service, and a strategy to fund these activities.

Conservation Update

June 2019

A Statement From the SCRCA Regarding Provincial Funding Cuts

The St. Clair Region Conservation Authority (SCRCA) values the long-standing partnership with the Province of Ontario to deliver important services to our local communities. The annual Provincial Transfer Payment provided by the province supports key programs including flood management, mitigation and warning, erosion control projects, municipal plan input regarding natural hazards and resource management, and the administration of the Conservation Authority.

In April 2019, the SCRCA was informed that provincial funding for these programs would be reduced by almost 50% from $310,000 to $160,000 for 2019-2020. Although the Authority recognizes the province's commitment to reduce the provincial deficit, we are disappointed in the severity of the cut to Conservation Authorities for these important programs, particularly with Ontario experiencing more severe and frequent weather and flooding events.

Despite the impact these cuts will have on the 2019 budget and beyond, the SCRCA is committed to providing critical flood management and mitigation services to local communities within the watershed. Similar to other Conservation Authorities, however, the SCRCA will be reviewing and evaluating all business areas in light of the recent funding cuts to ensure the province and member municipalities receive clear reporting on the capabilities of Authority programs moving forward.

Our Campgrounds are Open!

The camping season is here! Ensure your summer plans include a trip to one of our three local campgrounds! For more information on how to reserve a campsite, visit www.scrca.on.ca/camping or contact one of our campgrounds directly.

A.W. Campbell Conservation Area – (519) 847-5357
Lorne C. Henderson Conservation Area – (519) 882-2280
Warwick Conservation Area – (519) 849-6770

Keep your eyes out for our new Camp St. Clair Visitor's Guide! It can also be accessed online at www.scrca.on.ca.

St. Clair Conservation

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Check out our website at scrca.on.ca

Spring Flooding Update

Flooded area along Tile Yard Road just south of Courtright Line.

Springtime is often associated with flooding season throughout Ontario. Increased snowmelt, coupled with saturated soils and wet weather results in sometimes severe riverine flooding throughout the province.

Authority staff have been monitoring water levels along the Sydenham River throughout the spring freshet. Higher amounts of precipitation led to the release of 12 Flood Bulletins including 5 Flood Watches and 4 Flood Warnings between April 12th and May 14th. Although flooding was reported in Wallaceburg, levels did not reach the operating criteria for the W. Darcy McKeough dam.

In addition to meteorological data, the SCRCA monitors a system of 11 stream gauges and five snow sampling sites to assess water levels in the Sydenham River. We work closely with our municipalities to ensure local residents are made aware of impending flood risks or unsafe river conditions.

A tributary of the Sydenham River showing water levels exceeding top of bank in early spring.

St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation Holds Annual General Meeting

From left to right: Duncan Skinner, President of the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation presents service awards to Rex Crawford and Lyn Goddard at the Foundation's Annual General Meeting. Both Rex and Lyn have been sitting on the Foundation Board of Directors for 15 years.

The St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation raises funds to support Authority programs and projects. The Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on March 21, 2019. Duncan Skinner was elected President of the Foundation and Norm Giffen was elected Vice President.

The Foundation committed $92,500 to support a number of Conservation Authority programs including:

- Conservation Education - $60,000
- Scholarships - $3,000
- Memorial Forest Tree Planting - $7,000
- Intern Positions - $15,000

SCRCA Launches Tree Fund

In light of the cancellation of the 50 Million Tree Program, the SCRCA is launching the SCRCA Tree Fund in hopes that tree planting efforts will continue beyond 2019.

The SCRCA has partnered with Forests Ontario in the delivery of the 50 Million Tree Program since 2008. The goal of this program was to plant 50 million trees throughout Ontario by 2025. In the St. Clair Region, that translated to an investment of $700,000 and the planting of over 515,000 trees!

The goal of the SCRCA Tree Fund is to secure enough funding to plant 40,000 seedlings.

Authority staff busy unloading this year's delivery of large stock trees and seedlings. Many of these trees were purchased as part of the 50 Million Tree program. While current projects for this year are still supported, the cancellation of the 50 Million Tree Program will impact our tree planting program in 2020 and beyond.

Sydenham River Watershed Phosphorus Management Plan

Through funding provided by Environment and Climate Change Canada, the SCRCA is coordinating the development of a Phosphorus Management Plan for the Sydenham River watershed to reduce the impact of this nutrient on the Great Lakes basin. Phosphorus is an element that is essential to life but when it becomes available in excessive amounts in freshwater environments it can cause algal blooms and hypoxic (low oxygen) conditions. This severely degrades the water quality of lakes and rivers and can impact the safety of water for drinking, recreation, and wildlife. The objective of this multi-year project is to work with local stakeholders and First Nations to identify sources of phosphorus, collect and analyze available data, and determine the most cost-effective solutions for the watershed.

In November, the SCRCA hosted an initial meeting to introduce the project and receive direction from stakeholders, First Nations, and community members. Preliminary feedback from this meeting also led to the formation of the committees that will guide the development of the management plan.

Over 65 people were in attendance representing a variety of interests including municipalities, counties, First Nation communities, government agencies, agriculture, among others.

Open Houses held for the St. Clair River Sediment Management Project

Residents of Sarnia, Courtright, and Wallaceburg as well as Walpole Island and Aamjiwnaang First Nations were given updates on the current status of the St. Clair River Sediment Management Project in mid-April.

With the project entering the Detailed Engineering and Design Plan Phase, representatives from the federal and provincial government along with SCRCA Project Manager, Mike Moroney, provided an overview of the tasks and timelines associated with this phase of the project. Expected to take two years, the Detailed Engineering and Design Plan Phase of the project will determine the logistics of the sediment remediation and include a comprehensive estimate of costs.

In December, the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority was granted funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada; the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; and Dow Canada to initiate a Detailed Engineering and Design Plan for the management of three pockets of contaminated sediment in the St. Clair River.

More information will be available on the St. Clair River Sediment Management Project website (www.stclairsediment.ca) as the project progresses.

Mike Moroney, Project Manager at the SCRCA, discusses the Detailed Engineering and Design Plan Phase of the St. Clair River Sediment Management Project at an open house held in Sarnia, Ontario.

Next Conservation Authority Board Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2019 1:00 pm
Warwick Conservation Area

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May 30, 2019

Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston Council
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Dear Members of Council,

As one of your representatives for the Lambton Historical Society, I would like to thank the Municipality for hosting our meeting on May 23rd. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

We are looking ahead to our Christmas dinner meeting, in the past this meeting was held at a venue in Petrolia. Unfortunately, that venue is no longer able to accommodate our groups request in the future.

The Lambton County Historical Society is non-profit and our meetings are generally held at various locations in Lambton County and the rental fee is waived. Our Christmas meeting includes a dinner, which each member covers the cost of their meal.

I am writing to Council, to request the use and waiving of the rental fee for the Upper Hall at the B.A.I.C.C.C on November 28, 2019 for the Lambton County Historical Society annual Christmas Dinner and Meeting

Thank you on behalf of the Lambton Historical Society.

Marjorie Cumming

2019 MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY

DECORATION DAY & MEMORIAL SERVICE

7649 LA SALLE LN, BROOKE-ALVINSTON TWSP., LAMBTON COUNTY

DATE: Sunday, June 23, 2019 **TIME:** 2:30 p.m.
SPEAKER: Rev. Brian Aitkin **SPECIAL MUSIC:** Rev. Brian Aitkin **PIANO:** Raymond Greer

Mt Carmel Board and family would like to extend our condolences to the Hester Hay family with the passing of Hester. She so faithfully served as our secretary for many years. We will miss her sweet smile.

We have secured the contractor to proceed with the residing and necessary restorations to our church building. Thank you for your continued financial support. We so appreciated the aid to maintain and care for our precious property.

If you have moved or would like to be added to our data base, email (lteskey2@cogeco.ca) or contact Lynda Teskey at the address or phone number below. We would like to continue updating our data base to keep you informed. Thank you.

We would love to have you join us after the service for a time of reflection and fellowship.
Refreshments will be served.

We welcome Barb Bygrove to our board. We appreciate all board members, working together, for the best interest of Mt. Carmel.

And if you have any email updates, questions or concerns, please contact:

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Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date:	April 16, 2019	No:	RESOLUTION - 131-2019
Moved by Councillor Scott Brum		Disposition:	CARRIED
Seconded by Councillor Heather Lang		Item No:	9.1

Description: Request for Support #1-4
2. Councillor Scott Brum - Government of Ontario E-Learning

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario is proposing education adjustments; **AND WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario announced that secondary school students will be required to take four (4) out of the thirty (30) high school credits as online courses; **AND WHEREAS** thirty (30) credits are required for an Ontario high school diploma, the government is not providing rural Ontario with the same broadband access as the rest of the Province; **AND WHEREAS** throughout much of rural and northern Ontario, broadband service is lacking, making e-learning impossible, and may set our students up for a two-tier education system due to the lack of internet access; **AND WHEREAS** online e-learning will disproportionately affect students with special needs, who may need more attention from their teachers, and students in low-income families, who may not have access to a laptop and internet at home to do their online course work; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of McNab/Braeside respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to reconsider these online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as the urban students; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this motion be circulated to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Education Lisa M. Thompson, MPP of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke John Yakabuski, MP of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke Cheryl Gallant, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, AMO, and ROMA.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

	Yea	Nay
T. Peckett	___	___
B. Armsden	___	___
H. Lang	___	___
S. Brum	___	___
O. Jacob	___	___

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated his/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

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Our Focus: Your Future

Community Services

Legislative Services

May 22, 2019
File #120203
Sent via email: Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Issuance of Cannabis Licenses in Residentially Zoned Areas

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 21, 2019 passed the following resolution:

> **That:** Council requests the Federal Government to provide information on all cannabis licenses including personal medical licenses to the Town of Fort Erie when licenses are issued, and further
>
> **That:** A public process take place in connection with granting cannabis licenses and their location, and further
>
> **That:** This resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Health, the Niagara Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Yours very truly,

Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk
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c.c The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health *Sent via email: Ginette.petitipastalor@parl.gc.ca*
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