

Hon. John Wilkinson: All we know is, the party of the moratoria over there doesn't want to have renewable energy, so we can go back to burning dirty coal, which affects everyone in this House and all of our children. On this side of the House, we are for renewable energy. You are for the burning of dirty coal.

Ms. Sylvia Jones: My question is for the Minister of the Environment. Based on your comments in the media today, you seem to believe that every problem resulting in the siting of industrial turbines will be solved by the companies who own them. That certainly explains why you've been ignoring the Whitworth and Kidd families in my riding since 2006. They have been forced out of their homes at the recommendation of their doctor, who used to be a medical officer of health, because of the constant noise and electrical pollution produced by the substation. Minister, after five years, isn't it time for you to act?

Hon. John Wilkinson: First of all, I want to thank the member for her question and for the advocacy on behalf of her constituents.

The reason the Ministry of the Environment is open 365 days a year, 24/7, is that people, if they feel that there is some detriment to their health due to an environmental issue, can call us. That's exactly why people call us. I want to say to the member that all the wind turbines that are up in the province are based on the old rules, and all of them are expected and required by law to comply. So when people complain, we take that very seriously and we investigate.

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One of the powers that we have at the Ministry of the Environment is the fact that they cannot operate without our approval. So when we call a company and say that we have a concern, they take action. We expect them to take action. We take the complaints seriously; we investigate them.

I'm more than happy to discuss with the member concerns about her own particular constituents, but—

The Speaker (Hon. Steve Peters): Thank you. Supplementary?

Ms. Sylvia Jones: Minister, they've been calling for five years. The point is, you have done nothing.

The substation is located 390 metres from the Kidd home and 490 metres from the Whitworth home, even though your own regulation states that substations must be, at minimum, 500 metres away from dwellings. You were also told in a meeting with the Amaranth councillors that there was no approval given for this substation, even though your ministry regulations demand it.

Minister, when are you going to stand up for the Kidds and the Whitworths in Dufferin-Caledon?

Hon. John Wilkinson: The question is, why did the member vote against the Green Energy Act, which was designed to ensure that we have, at the provincial level, the tools we require to ensure that companies are protecting human health? It is exactly why we uploaded responsibility for these issues to the provincial government: because it's our level of government that has the ability to deal with these companies and ensure that they are in full compliance with provincial laws.

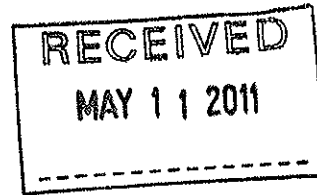
As I said to the member, I have reviewed the correspondence between my ministry and your constituents, and I'd be more than happy to have a discussion with you and your constituents about this matter. Again, it is very important to understand that in all of these particular cases, our job is to protect human health, and at the Ministry of the Environment, we take that job very, very seriously. As a result, we will continue to do what is required to protect human health—

The Speaker (Hon. Steve Peters): Thank you. New question.

Mr. Ted Arnott: There's only one thing spinning faster than the McGuinty Liberals' wind farms, and that is the rhetoric of the Minister of the Environment. It's really no surprise, given the complaints streaming in about wind farms, some 750 in the last two years alone. But instead of addressing the complaints and ensuring full compliance with the law, the Liberals are content just to brush off citizens with legitimate concerns. In fact, I'm receiving emails from people in Perth–Wellington, the environment minister's own riding. They are justifiably upset that their MPP isn't listening. They're angry that he keeps changing his story—and his story is inconsistent with the facts.

Yesterday, in a staged question, the minister said his ministry received some 45 wind farm applications, 24 of which were rejected for insufficient consultation. There's just one problem: No one believes him anymore. I certainly don't buy it. That's why he needs to release that list of applications and he needs to show proof that consultation was in fact the main reason why those 24 applications were rejected.

Remember, this minister approved a wind farm in his own riding even though the municipality chose not to submit the consultation forms which were necessary, or so he used to tell his constituents. The minister said that if a wind farm application was incomplete, it would not be approved. He's never denied saying it, and for changing his story and brushing off all who disagree with him, including his own constituents, he should apologize.



Dear Municipal Leader Jamie Cressman, CAO/Clerk,

Subject: AbitibiBowater Ontario Forest Certification Project

One component of our business strategy is to have our forested areas certified to the appropriate standard. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we are expanding our forest certification program. Forest certification is your assurance that the forests we have responsibility for are being managed to internationally recognized standards and that our planning and practices are independently verified by third party audits.

The AbiBow Canada Inc. Ontario woodlands have employed an ISO 14001 registered Environmental Management System since 2003 and our forests have been certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard since 2004. For 2011 our objective is to get the forested areas known as the Black Spruce and Dog River-Matawin Forests certified to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard.

This letter serves to make you aware of this project. Further information on the Forest Stewardship Council's Boreal Certification Standard is available at the following web site www.fsccanada.org. Please contact us if you would like additional information on this FSC process or if you would like to comment on the following related sub-projects:

- Pre-Industrial Forest Condition Report
- Forest Management Planning
- Forest Monitoring Plan
- Protected Areas Initiative
- Species at Risk – Managers List
- High Conservation Value Forest Assessment Report (i.e. forest sites of unique value)

Contact Mike Maxfield – Certification Coordinator (mike.maxfield@abitibibowater.com):

On behalf of AbiBow Canada Inc. I thank you for the continued interest and support over the years.

Yours truly,

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May 3, 2011

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Mayor Ron Nelson
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Dear Mayors Spacek and Nelson:

For the past two years, Ontario has been consulting extensively on the modernization of the forest tenure and pricing system to support a strong, vibrant, and diverse forest sector while ensuring that this critical public resource continues to be managed sustainably. We heard that the people of Ontario wanted change and that the current system was not inclusive. We also heard that the framework proposed in 2010 went too far and too fast for some.

My ministry's response to our consultation efforts to date is to move forward with a measured and adaptive approach. In the next 5 – 7 years, this approach would include:

- Up to two Local Forest Management Corporations (LFMC) in locations where there is an interest in, and support for, seeing a LFMC established in their specific area; and
- A significant shift to "Enhanced Shareholder" Sustainable Forest Licences (SFLs). The Enhanced Shareholder SFLs would consist of a group of mills and/or harvesters that collectively form a company to manage Crown forests under an SFL. This enhanced model would help achieve the objectives of tenure modernization, including more effective involvement of local and Aboriginal communities.

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On February 23, Bill 151, *Ontario Forest Tenure Modernization Act*, 2011 was introduced in the legislature. This Bill is important for enabling the implementation of some of the broader forest tenure and pricing modernization objectives. At this time, it is our view that the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*, with amendments proposed in Bill 151, would provide the necessary statutory framework to accommodate the establishment of Enhanced Shareholder SFLs.

Let me assure you that I remain committed to moving forward with Enhanced Shareholder SFLs as a key piece of tenure modernization. There is significant work to do with industry, stakeholders and local and Aboriginal communities to further develop and implement the proposed Enhanced Shareholder SFLs. This model is expected to be flexible and will be designed to take into account local circumstances. Discussions have already been initiated in a number of locations to move towards this model.

Forest tenure modernization is a complex task and we want to implement a system that works for Ontario. We are committed to continuing our consultation efforts and will seek advice on implementation and evaluation of both the LFMCS and Enhanced Shareholder SFLs. It's time to move forward and put our wood to work for Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Michael Gravelle, MPP, Thunder Bay-Superior North
Minister

c: Mark G. Speers, Director, Forest Tenure and Pricing Modernization

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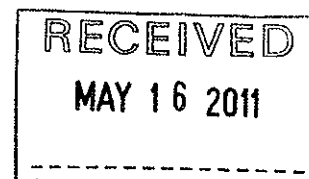
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May, 2011



Re : Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to let you know that nominations for the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship are now being accepted.

Established in 1973, the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship honours Ontarians who, through exceptional, long-term efforts, have made outstanding contributions to life in their communities.

I am pleased to invite you to participate by nominating a deserving citizen. Recipients will be presented with their medal by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at a special ceremony this Fall at Queen's Park.

Nomination forms are now available on-line by visiting the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration's website at: www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards. You may submit your nomination on-line by choosing the "Nominate Online" option, or download the PDF or HTML format from the website. For any further information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat at 416 314-7526, 1 877 832-8622 or (TTY) 416 327-2391. Nominations must be received by August 17, 2011.

I encourage you to take the time to nominate a deserving citizen in your community for an Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. The men and women we honour stand as shining examples to us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hoskins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION

April 26, 2011

To: Heads of Council
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Dan Mathieson
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Subject: Update on MPAC's Delivery of Assessment Products and Services

As part of our commitment to property assessment excellence and delivering outstanding service to Ontario municipalities, I am writing to provide an update on the work we are doing at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

This is the first update on MPAC activities that I have had the privilege to provide to my fellow Heads of Council since I was appointed Chair of MPAC last fall.

As Mayor of the City of Stratford, I am keenly aware of the role MPAC and property assessment play in meeting the needs of our shared customers – the property taxpayers of Ontario.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the following key areas: supplementary and omitted assessment, Property Assessment Notices, Requests for Reconsideration/Appeals, Enumeration, Stakeholder outreach, assessment of golf courses, and the Auditor General's Annual Report.

Addition of \$28.4 billion in supplementary and omitted assessment

I am pleased to report that MPAC added a record \$28.4 billion in supplementary and omitted assessments in 2010 – a 14 percent increase over 2009.

We continue to work with municipalities and third parties, such as building permit system vendors, and a new strategic alliance, the Electrical Safety Authority, among others, to improve our ability to add supplementary and omitted assessment on a timely basis. In 2011, MPAC will focus on improving access to occupancy permits and other information that will alert us when construction is complete and the property is ready to be assessed.

We also continue to rely on collaborative ideas and advice from the Municipal Liaison Group – Assessment Growth Sub-Group that includes representatives

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from 15 municipalities across Ontario. As a result of this partnership, we have developed a new strategy, over the past two (2) years, to ensure assessment growth is added to the roll in an accurate and timely manner. This includes the development of an assessment growth forecasting model to accurately calculate and measure growth estimates in each municipality.

Property Assessment Notices

Approximately one million Property Assessment Notices were mailed last fall to properties that had experienced a change including value, classification, ownership or school support. As well, more than 675 Assessment Rolls were returned by December 14, while other year-end products were provided to ministries, agencies and school boards.

Over the course of 2011, we will continue to mail Notices to properties where a change has taken place. We expect to mail about one million Notices again this year.

Requests for Reconsideration and Appeals

In 2010, MPAC processed more than 39,000 Requests for Reconsideration (RfR), representing less than one per cent of Ontario's more than 4.8 million properties. With respect to Assessment Review Board Appeals, more than 27,000 were closed by the end of last year.

We continue to work with our property taxpayer customers to resolve their assessment concerns, answer questions, and provide the information needed to better understand their assessment.

Enumeration 2010

In addition to property assessment, MPAC also provided a number of enumeration related products and services in support of the municipal and school board elections last year.

MPAC partnered with the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), tenant associations, Elections Canada and Elections Ontario to build on our efforts in support of the 2006 enumeration and identify ways to improve the process in 2010.

In building our plans for 2010, we also solicited feedback and suggestions from Ontario municipalities on how to improve the enumeration process. Almost 340 municipalities, more than 80 percent of all municipalities in Ontario, provided suggestions, many of which were incorporated into the 2010 enumeration process.

Approximately 2.4 million Municipal Enumeration Forms were mailed to households across the province last year to update the tenant and occupant

information in MPAC's assessment database. While the 2010 return rate of 39.57 percent was lower than 2006, our change rate was higher. This increase is an indication of the improvements made in targeting households that received the forms.

In addition to delivering Preliminary Lists of Electors (PLE) and Voter Notification Files to 414 municipalities, 24 school boards conducting their own elections, and 10 District Social Services Administration Boards, we also provided an Exceptions File and an Elector Differences Found Report. These products are not required by legislation and were made available at no additional cost. They provided municipalities with more up-to-date elector information, enabling Municipal Clerks to make revisions to the PLE prior to the election.

Detailed information was provided throughout the enumeration process to municipalities and school boards through Municipal Connect™ and School Board Connect™, newsletters, meetings, training and information seminars, and regular correspondence.

A post-2010 enumeration review is now underway with key internal and external stakeholders to ensure we move forward on the path of continuous improvement in providing municipal and school board election products and services.

We still face challenges gaining access to key birth and death information. Our Board is committed to continuing efforts in this area to ensure our enumeration products improve in the future.

Stakeholder Outreach Activities

MPAC's community outreach initiatives have proven to be highly valuable in raising awareness of assessment-related matters. In 2010, we hosted over 1,600 meetings and outreach initiatives with municipalities, government representatives, businesses and property taxpayer groups.

In 2010, we participated in the Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association (OMAA) conference and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Ontario West Municipal Conference.

More recently, we attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association (ROMA/OGRA) 2011 Combined Conference. MPAC representatives will also be in attendance at a series of upcoming municipally oriented conferences this spring.

Assessment of Golf Courses

In 2010, the National Golf Course Owners Association Canada (NGCOA) and MPAC agreed on the terms of settlement for golf course valuations for assessment purposes, providing a framework that can be used to bring this long-standing issue to a close.

The agreement establishes an income-based approach to assessing golf courses that takes into account green fees, food and beverage revenues, the capitalization rate and other revenues that will be used to determine a final value for all golf courses under appeal in Ontario. It will provide guidance for the 2012 assessment base year.

I would like to emphasize that the agreement includes two (2) important qualifications and exceptions. First, the municipality in which any particular golf course is located will have an opportunity to review the proposed new assessed value and to exercise its right to have an appeal heard by the Assessment Review Board. Second, if it is determined that the income pro forma approach will not produce a correct current value for any lands currently used as a golf course, MPAC will notify the parties of the current value and the valuation particulars.

This framework agreement will provide direction on the valuation methodology and each golf course will be reviewed on its own circumstances. The Minutes of Settlement and a pro forma agreement for each course in Ontario are currently being prepared and have been, or will be, sent to you for your review by your local Municipal Relations Representative.

Auditor General of Ontario – Annual Report

MPAC was one of 11 arm's-length agencies reviewed by the Auditor General of Ontario in his 2010 Annual Report. The Auditor General made nine (9) recommendations for improvement, all of which we have accepted and most of which are already implemented.

In particular, we are taking action to ensure more timely sales investigations and to accelerate the property inspection cycle. MPAC also appeared at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts in March, providing us with an opportunity to report on our progress on implementing the Auditor General's recommendations.

In closing, I want to reiterate that we are committed to keeping you up-to-date on our work in your municipality and across the province. We will be updating you on a regular basis as we move forward with preparations for the 2012 province-wide Assessment Update.

The key point of contact for your administrative staff is your local MPAC Municipal Relations Representative. I have asked our Municipal Relations Representatives to continue to contact your office and key staff to provide an update on our activities, answer any questions you may have, and to collaborate on ideas/changes to improve our mutual service to our shared customer – the property taxpayer.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local Municipal Relations Representative or Arthur Anderson, Director, Municipal Relations at 905 837-6993. If you would like to speak to me directly, I can be reached at 519 271-0250, extension 234.

Yours truly,



Dan Mathieson
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

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April 11, 2011

Attn: Lucy Kloosterhuis and Council

RE: Dealing with Human-Wolf Conflicts in Your Municipality

It is recognized that deer numbers in the Thunder Bay area have increased over the past several years. This increase can be attributed mainly due to non-severe winters. With the increase in deer population, there has been a corresponding increase in the wolf population. As a result, MNR has received a number of reports of human-wolf interactions.

This letter is intended to provide the Municipality with information to assist in making decisions and/or taking action with respect to protection of property related to human-wolf conflicts. The policies and management options in place under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (FWCA)*, and its regulations, allow municipalities to respond to these issues.

Options for consideration when dealing with wolves in the municipality are outlined below. The Fact Sheet "*Living with Wolves*" is also attached for your use.

On Municipal Property:

As a landowner, a municipality has the same protection of property provisions under the *FWCA* as all other landowners. Specifically:

A municipality or property owner (any person who owns or leases the property) can take action on their land if a wolf is damaging or about to damage their property by:

1. Personally harassing or killing the problem wolf; or
2. Using an agent (discussed below) to harass or kill a problem wolf on their behalf.

The following people are allowed to act as agents to protect property from problem wildlife (known as class agents):

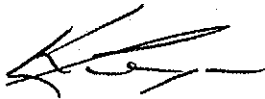
- Licensed trappers;
- Employees or agents of a member of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA);
- Members of the landowner's immediate family;
- Persons whose main business is dealing with removing problem wildlife (requires authorization from MNR to kill);
- Employees or agents of a municipality whose responsibilities relate to wildlife control.

A landowner or municipality may also invite a licensed hunter or trapper on their land to hunt or trap wolves on their property during the open season. Generally, open hunting and trapping seasons for wolves are year round in much of Ontario. You can learn more about wolf seasons in MNR's Hunting Regulations Summary, found online at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/FW/Publication. Hunting or trapping activities may be limited by municipal no discharge of firearm by-laws or use of traps by-laws.

It should be noted that wolves killed in protection of property within Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) 13 must be reported to MNR.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is interested in working with municipalities and the public to reduce the number of human-wildlife conflicts and the risks associated with these wildlife encounters. If your municipality is interested in meeting to discuss wolf issues, please contact Michael Deschamps at (807) 473-1128.

Sincerely,



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March 25, 2011

Her Worship Lucia Kloosterhuis
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Dear Mayor Kloosterhuis:

This letter is to update you on the progress of the Government of Ontario's 10-year infrastructure plan. As you know, in March 2010, the government committed to a 10-year infrastructure plan, which we plan on releasing later this year.

As we set out to craft the plan, the Ministry of Infrastructure embarked on a series of province-wide consultations, in which the public was invited to deliver oral and written submissions. So far, more than 200 submissions have been received and reviewed by my ministry.

That's why, at this point in the process, I felt it important to contact you today and provide an update on the approach we're taking as we move forward in developing the plan.

Ontario's Infrastructure History

A good system of public infrastructure, we can all agree, takes a long time to build and requires a long-term commitment by government. [See Figure 1] As you can see, a tremendous level of infrastructure investments occurred in the 1950s and the 1960s. The results are still with us today. That's when we started to build the 400-series highways. That's when the Toronto subway system was built. That's when we laid the foundations of our present-day system of community colleges. Subsequently, from the 1970s until the millennium celebrations, infrastructure investments were drastically reduced.



You will be aware that, in 2005, the Government of Ontario embarked on an ambitious plan – ReNew Ontario – which delivered over \$30 billion in much needed infrastructure investments across all sectors. Originally set out as a five-year vision, it was delivered in four years and helped expand and rebuild public infrastructure in communities across the province.

For the past two years, Ontario, Canada, and most of the world have been coping with the greatest global economic downturn since the Great Depression. In conjunction with our partners at the federal and local levels, we have combined our efforts to create jobs and stimulate the economy, and have done so through an unprecedented infrastructure stimulus investment.

What we have accomplished together is nothing short of remarkable. Nearly 10,000 stimulus projects have been approved across Ontario in the last two years. These projects are helping to create and support over 70,000 jobs in Ontario and will generate a series of legacy projects across the province.

Your Infrastructure Priorities

Ontario's partnership with municipal governments has resulted in dramatic capital investment over the course of the last few years. [See Figure 2]



Since 2003, we've built or repaired 700 bridges and over 5,500 km of roads (roughly equivalent to driving from Ottawa to Toronto and back six times). We've invested nearly \$11 billion in public transit so that communities across Ontario can undertake the most significant and extensive expansions in local public transit in a generation. Together we have built, renovated or expanded 13 courthouses; built 400 new schools, with 100 more underway; and committed almost \$1.8 billion in grants for municipal water and wastewater infrastructure.

Along with our government's ongoing municipal upgrading, the fiscal impact for municipalities has indeed been dramatic. More specifically, municipal upgrades will result in a net benefit of \$1.5 billion to municipalities by 2018. As a former Regional Chair and Mayor of Ottawa, I understand the pressures that municipal leaders face and recognize that ongoing funding from the Government of Ontario has gone a long way towards assisting local community planning.

Vision for the 10-Year Infrastructure Plan

The 10-year plan consultations that I mentioned earlier have highlighted for us the continued demand for public infrastructure. All sectors of the economy are in need of public infrastructure to meet the significant demographic and economic changes that are underway. Our population is growing. Our population is aging. Our population is increasingly diverse. These changes will result in demand for more transit, better roads, and more effective health care infrastructure, among other public infrastructure demands.

As we set out to craft a vision for the next 10 years, the Ministry of Infrastructure is conscious of the need to present a framework that is fiscally responsible and allows for medium-term flexibility, while still setting a clear course for infrastructure investment.

Fiscal responsibility has always been the core lens through which this government has operated. In the three years prior to the onset of the recession, the provincial government posted three consecutive balanced

budgets – at a time when ReNew Ontario was investing in communities across the province. At this time, with most comparative jurisdictions facing similar deficit levels, we cannot proceed without regard for the fundamental fiscal realities.

Medium-term flexibility is also a key factor as we seek to lay out a vision for the future. The Government of Ontario is obligated to present a plan that continues to make prudent assumptions about future economic growth. In our view, there exists a balancing point between providing stable funding and maintaining flexibility – and this is an area where we are devoting significant consideration.

Given these realities, we will prioritize our investments over the next 10 years according to key principles: matching our infrastructure to economic and demographic changes; building the core economic infrastructure that lays the foundation for Ontario's competitiveness and potential for growth; and getting better value through improved management of our assets. To be clear, we aim to set out a framework for continued infrastructure investments and will seek to ensure that you – our partners in the broader public sector – will always know what our conditions and criteria will be as we evaluate future needs.

I want to thank you for all the work that you and the staff of your organization have undertaken both as part of our capital planning process and to help ensure that we deliver infrastructure projects that meet the needs of Ontario communities. Working together, we will continue building a lasting infrastructure legacy that all Ontarians will be proud of.

In providing you with this update to our long-term planning process, I seek to continue the healthy dialogue and exchange of ideas that have been at the heart of our shared success. Over the next few months, as we continue to craft and finalize our long-term vision, I would encourage you to continue to engage with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

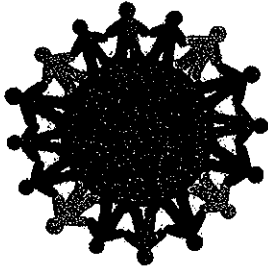
Please accept my very best wishes.

Sincerely,



Bob Chiarelli
Minister of Infrastructure

Ms Jamie Cressman, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge



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Tuesday, May 03, 2011

RE: Community Schools Alliance

Dear Municipal Colleagues,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the activities of the Community Schools Alliance and the progress that we have made over the past year in launching a new consultation process for student accommodation reviews.

In August of 2009, we formed the Community Schools Alliance to address a growing concern among municipalities across the province with the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) process. The ARC process was developed by the province to determine which schools in a municipality stay open, which ones get closed and where new schools will be located. As municipal leaders, we believe our community schools are critical components of our public infrastructure; our schools are as important to our communities as the municipal infrastructure for water, transportation and recreation that we build and maintain. Clearly we would not allow any of these to be shut down without meaningful public input into the decision making process. Likewise, we believe municipalities, parents and students should have a strong voice at the table where student accommodation decisions are made.

While the challenge was complex, our goal was simple. We wanted to establish a new protocol for communication between school boards and municipalities when addressing proposed changes in student accommodations. We also have been promoting greater use of our municipal facilities by schools and increased community use of our schools.

I am pleased to inform you that, thanks to the work of the Community of Schools Alliance, the County of Middlesex, the County of Elgin and the County of Oxford have each established a new letter of agreement with the Thames Valley District School Board. For your review, I have attached a copy of this letter of agreement.

While the development of these letters of agreement is a significant step, it is not the final step. The Community Schools Alliance would like to see similar communication protocols established across the province. I would encourage you to work with your colleagues and the local school boards to establish similar agreements in your community to ensure that there is transparency and accountability in your student accommodation process.

If you have any questions in regard to the work of the Community Schools Alliance or our letter of agreement please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Doug Reycraft
Chair, Community Schools Alliance



**Letter of Agreement
Between
The County of Middlesex
And
The Thames Valley District School Board**

The purpose of this Letter of Agreement (LOA) is to establish a consultation protocol between the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) and communities within the constituency of Middlesex County with a goal of establishing a collaborative and effective accommodation and review process.

The parties to the LOA are establishing a new consultation process to ensure that municipalities, residents, students and parents have the opportunity to understand and comment on the factors that comprise the education accommodation decision making process prior to the establishment of a TVDSB administrative recommendation or Board decision.

The County of Middlesex agrees that it is important for each municipality in Middlesex to have an understanding of the declining enrolment, program and facility challenges facing the TVDSB. Likewise, the TVDSB understands that community issues, goals and initiatives need to be considered into the decision making process.

To accomplish these goals, the parties have agreed to public annual meetings to discuss the educational accommodation challenges in Middlesex County.

The TVDSB agrees to:

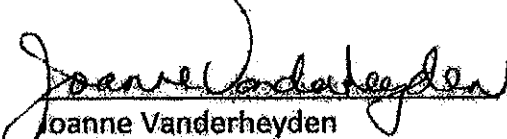
- Provide a suitable venue for the annual meetings
- Establish a date and time for the meetings
- Invite representatives from the TVDSB to attend the meetings
- Present a report at each annual meeting that outlines a regional approach to TVDSB challenges and options for consideration.

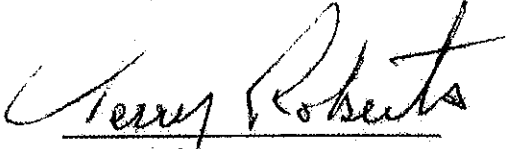
Middlesex County agrees to:

- Establish an invitee list for the annual meetings
- Provide meeting notification to invitees
- Provide written comments to TVDSB following the conclusion of the meeting. Such comments will be for the purpose of consideration in the development of TVDSB administrative recommendations and Board decisions.

The term of this LOA shall be for a period of four years from the effective date of signing and may be extended upon written mutual agreement of the County of Middlesex and the Thames Valley District School Board. The LOA shall be reviewed annually by the CAO for the County of Middlesex and the Director of Education for the TVDSB.

Signed on September 14th, 2010


Joanne Vanderheyden
Warden, Middlesex County


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Chair, TVDSB

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May 2, 2011



Mr. Jamie Cressman
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Dear Mr. Cressman:

Re: Revised Fee Schedule
Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and
Watercourses, Ontario Regulation 180/06

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) has been administering regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act* since 1974. Initially the Regulation was known as the Fill, Construction and Alteration to Waterways Regulation, which was replaced in 2006 by the Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulation, which added the regulation of wetlands.

In 1995, the Authority began charging fees to administer the regulations and over the years the Fee Schedule was amended as warranted. Effective June 1, 2011, per Board Resolution 42/11, the Fee Schedule is being updated. The updated Fee Schedule will reflect the current terminology of the Regulation and provides a more equitable distribution of fees. It is Staff's opinion that the updated Fee Schedule does not represent an increase in fees, rather a clarification and re-distribution of fee categories.

All permit applications received on or after June 1, 2011 will be subject to the updated Fee Schedule, attached. The revised Fee Schedule and revised Permit Application Form will be available on the LRCA website prior to the effective date.

If further information is required, please contact Tammy Cook, Watershed Manager, at the Authority office.

Yours truly,

Mervi Henttonen
General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

Fee Schedule

Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Ontario Regulation 180/06

Category	Description of Activity	Fee
Small Works	Accessory buildings and structures ¹ with a floor area less than 20 square metres (215 ft ²)	\$75
	Additions with a floor area less than or equal to 20 square metres (215 ft ²)	
	Infrastructure maintenance ²	
	Fill activity ³ of 25 to 100 cubic metres (approximately 2 to 6 tandem loads)	
	Docks and boathouses - new construction, modifications or extensions, less than 15 square metres (161 ft ²) in area	
Standard Works	New buildings, reconstruction, accessory buildings and structures ¹ and additions with a total gross floor area of 20 to 100 square metres (226 - 1,076 ft ²)	\$150
	Fill activity ³ of 101 to 500 cubic metres (7-33 tandem loads) or grading a property less than 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in size	
	Shoreline alteration ⁴ /natural erosion control ⁵ <50 metres in length	
	Channel/lake bed alteration ⁶ less than 200 metres in length or 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in area	
	Infrastructure including but not limited to: culverts, bridges, clear span structures less than 3 metres in width/span	
	Docks and boathouses - new construction, modifications or extensions, greater than 15 square metres (161 ft ²) in area	
Large Works	New buildings, reconstruction, accessory buildings and structures ¹ with a total gross floor area of 101 to 450 square metres (1087 - 4,844 ft ²)	\$300
	Fill activity ³ from 501 to 2000 cubic metres (34-134 tandem loads) or grading on property 0.5 - 1.0 hectare (1.2 - 2.7 acres) in size	
	Infrastructure including but not limited to: culverts, bridges, clear span structures between 3 - 25 metres in width/span	
	Channel/lake bed alteration ⁶ greater than 200 metres in length or 0.5 hectares (1.2 acres) in area	
	Shoreline alterations/natural erosion control 51 and 500 metres in length	
Major Works	Multiple unit projects or buildings greater than 450 square metres in area	\$500
	Reconstruction of a habitable structure in the floodplain	
	Fill activity ³ greater than 2,000 cubic metres or grading on a property greater than 1.1 hectares (2.47 acres) in area	
	Infrastructure including but not limited to: culverts, bridges, clear span structures greater than 25 metres in width/span	
	Shoreline alterations/natural erosion control greater than 501 metres in length	
Subdivision	Review and approval of large subdivisions.	\$750

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Category	Description of Activity	Fee
Permit Revisions	Minor Revisions	\$50
	Major Revisions	½ original Permit Fee
Permit Extensions	Permits are valid for two calendar years from date of issue. Permits may be extended for one additional year at a time to a maximum of five years prior to expiry of permit. Extensions beyond five years must re-apply for a new permit.	\$50
Violations	Applications submitted after the proposed project has commenced.	Double the prescribed fee
Property Inquires (Legal/Real Estate)	Written response to legal, real estate, financial institution inquires on behalf of land-owners or others.	\$75
Clearance Letters	Written clearance letter indicating proposed development is outside regulated area and permit is not required.	\$75
Other Services		
Screening Map Copies	Colour printed copies of Screening Maps (full map size)	\$30 per sheet
Map Creation Services	Project specific. Consult with Staff for estimate.	

Notes:

- 1 *Accessory buildings and structures* include sheds, retaining walls, gazebos, decks, etc. which are non-habitable.
- 2 *Maintenance* means repair to a structure involving no change in size, location or shape.
- 3 *Fill activity* includes placement, removal and/or grading material originating on the site or elsewhere.
- 4 *Shoreline alteration* includes boat launches, groynes, breakwalls, etc.
- 5 *Natural erosion control* means measures to control erosion using live plants, natural and native rock (i.e. rip-rap/blast rock, etc.).
- 6 *Channel/lake bed alteration* means dredging, channel diversion or re-alignments, etc.
- 7 The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority reserves the right to revise the Fee Schedule at any time without notice, subject to Board approval.
- 8 Permit fees are considered a processing fee and are non-refundable.

Effective Date of Fee Schedule: June 1, 2011
Board Resolution No. 42/11



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March 16, 2011

Mr. Jamie Cressman, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
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Dear Mr. Cressman:

The Ontario Heritage Trust is pleased to invite your council to participate in our 2011 volunteer Recognition Programs, including the Heritage Community Recognition Program, Young Heritage Leaders Program and the Community Leadership Program. With these Recognition Programs, municipal councils, regional councils, First Nation Band councils and Métis Community Councils can recognize community efforts to preserve Ontario's heritage.

As Chairman of the Trust, I appreciate the efforts of individuals, groups and communities who help preserve Ontario's unique and irreplaceable heritage treasures. I encourage you to work with your local Municipal Heritage Committee, Conservation Authority, historical societies, museums, land trusts and other local groups to identify individuals, groups and youth that are deserving of recognition. Staff and volunteers in your community may help you to identify citizens who are making or who have made exceptional contributions to heritage conservation.

To provide you with further details, enclosed are brochures for our 2011 Recognition Programs. **The new annual nomination deadline for all programs is June 30.** Also, you will find more information and nomination forms on the Trust's website at www.heritagetrust.on.ca. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Amber Bondy, Community Programs Officer at 416-314-4907 or amber.bondy@heritagetrust.on.ca.

I encourage your council to participate in these programs and celebrate the work being done to preserve and promote heritage in your community.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas H.B. Symons

Thomas H.B. Symons, CC, OOnt, FRSC, LL.D
Chairman



April 7, 2011

Dear Community Partner:

On behalf of the North Superior Workforce Planning Board, I am pleased to enclose ***Building a Superior Workforce: 2009 – 2012 Labour Market Action Plan – 2011 Update.***

In 2009, the North Superior Workforce Planning Board released “Building a Superior Workforce: 2009 – 2012 Labour Market Action Plan”. This Plan provided the strategic direction to help address shorter-term labour market adjustment needs, while laying the groundwork to position our region to leverage labour market opportunities in the future. The 2011 Update summarizes the specific actions initiated in 2009-10; adjustments made to accommodate changing circumstances, and the significant achievements made in responding to priorities.

Grounded in current labour market information, local intelligence, and community consultation, the updated Plan incorporates a number of new strategic actions to advance labour market recovery over the 2011-12 years.

The Plan can be accessed online at www.nswpb.ca

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marg Scott".

Marg Scott
Executive Director