

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

A G E N D A

- DATE:** February 22, 2012
- TIME:** Immediately Following  
Committee of the Whole  
Administration and Operations
- PLACE:** Council Chambers  
Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Complex
- PRESIDING:** Mayor L. Kloosterhuis
- MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:** Councillor J. Byers  
Councillor E. Collingwood  
Councillor B. Kamphof  
Councillor A. Vis
- MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:** Jamie Cressman, CAO  
Judy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk
- ORDERS OF THE DAY:** OPENING THE MEETING  
DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST  
ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA  
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS  
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
MAYOR'S REPORT  
REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
BY-LAWS  
PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
NEW BUSINESS  
ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RES THAT with respect to the February 22, 2012, Council Agenda we  
1 recommend that the agenda as printed including any additional  
information and new business be confirmed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting

Minutes of Council Meeting held on February 13, 2012, for approval. 6 – 12

RES THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 13, 2012,  
2 be approved as submitted.

Discussion on the above noted minutes.

Committee of the Whole Closed Session

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Closed Session Meeting held on February 13, 2012,  
for approval. 13 – 14

RES THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Closed Session  
3 Meeting held on February 13, 2012, be approved as submitted.

Committee of the Whole  
Planning and Development

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Planning and Development Meeting held on  
February 13, 2012, for approval. 15 – 20

RES THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Planning and Development  
4 Meeting held on February 13, 2012, be approved as submitted.

AND FURTHER THAT all resolutions contained therein are approved as if  
passed by Council at a regular or special meeting of Council.

MAYOR’S REPORT

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP REPORTS

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Trails Master Plan

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Email from Erik Dickson dated February 16, 2012, providing an update on the Trails Master Plan and requesting to establish a date for a public open house to show the draft report and gain feedback.

Hwy 11/17 Route Planning  
Kakabeka Falls Highway By-Pass Committee

Copies of the maps for Alternative BCD1R and BCD4R along with assessment information distributed separately.

List of Accounts

RES THAT we recommend that the List of Accounts as of  
5 February 16, 2012, prepared by the Finance Department  
in the amount of \$246,721.84, BE APPROVED for  
payment.

Scotia Bank  
Hockey Day in Canada

RES THAT the Oliver Paipoonge Council supports the Scotia  
6 Bank Hockey Day in Canada and waives the fee for the  
hall rental and bartendars as well as the refreshments  
provided on the dinner table for the banquet held on  
February 11, 2012.

BY-LAWS

RES 7

THAT the following By-law be introduced, read, dealt with individually, engrossed, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed and numbered:

- 1. A By-law to authorize the execution of a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement between HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources and The Corporation of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, BE APPROVED; 23

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to affix their signatures to said by-law.

BY-LAW NO. 676-2012

PETITIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Action Items**

Dawson Road Truck Traffic 24

Email from Peter Brink, Sandy Acres Farm dated February 16, 2012, requesting the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge lobby MTO to keep Highway 102 open to all commercial traffic.

Emerald Ash Borer 25 – 26

Letter from Toni Ellis, President, Ontario Urban Forest Council dated February 12, 2012, attaching a resolution with respect to the above noted.

**For Information**

Norwest Planning Workshop 2012  
Planning Challenges in a Changing Economy 27 – 31

A copy of the draft agenda for the Norwest Planning Workshop 2012 to be held at the Travelodge Hotel Airline March 21 and 22, 2012.

Drummond Recommendations

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Email from AMO dated February 15, 2012, providing information with respect to the Drummond Recommendations.

Media Release from the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association dated February 16, 2012, relative to the above noted.

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LAS and AMO  
Town Hall Sessions – Spring 2012

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Information from LAS and AMO relative to the 2012 Town Hall Information/Update Sessions, for information.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CLOSED SESSION

RES 8 THAT we resolve into a Committee of the Whole Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to identifiable individuals.

RES 9 THAT we revert back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting to continue with the business at hand, the hour being 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

RES 10 THAT the Council Meeting held on February 22, 2012, be adjourned the hour being 9:12 p.m.



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE  
 COUNCIL MEETING  
 MINUTES

DATE: February 13, 2012  
 TIME: 9:17 p.m.  
 PLACE: Council Chambers  
 Oliver Paipooonge Municipal Complex  
 CHAIR: Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis  
 PRESENT: Councillor J. Byers  
 Councillor E. Collingwood  
 Councillor B. Kamphof  
 Councillor A. Vis  
 MUNICIPAL OFFICERS: Jamie Cressman, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Judy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**Resolution No. 48-2012**

MOVED BY Councillor B. Kamphof  
 SECONDED BY Councillor E. Collingwood

THAT with respect to the February 13, 2012, Regular Agenda we recommend that the agenda as printed including any additional information and new business be confirmed.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Meeting

Minutes of Council Meeting held on January 25, 2012, for approval.

**Resolution No. 49-2012**

MOVED BY Councillor E. Collingwood  
SECONDED BY Councillor B. Kamphof

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 25, 2012, be approved as submitted.

CARRIED

Discussion on the above noted minutes.

Committee of the Whole  
**Administration and Operations**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Administration and Operations Meeting held on January 25, 2012, for approval.

**Resolution No. 50-2012**

MOVED BY Councillor B. Kamphof  
SECONDED BY Councillor E. Collingwood

THAT the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Administration and Operations Meeting held on January 25, 2012, be approved as submitted.

AND FURTHER THAT all resolutions contained therein are approved as if passed by Council at a regular or special meeting of Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

**DSSAB**

Mayor L. Kloosterhuis provided a verbal report with respect to the above noted.

Ambassador Program  
**North of Superior Travel Association**

At the January 23, 2012, Council Meeting a letter from Robert Patterson, NOSTA Development Coordinator, requesting a meeting to explain the above noted program was presented. A copy of the Ambassador Program Presentation, distributed separately.

Mayor L. Kloosterhuis and Councillor A. Vis made a verbal report relative to the meeting held on February 3, 2012, with Robert Patterson.

**Agriplex**

Verbal report from Mayor L. Kloosterhuis relative to the above noted.

Council requested a tour of the facility be arranged at a future date and that the Fire Chief be in attendance.

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP REPORTS

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS







Quotation – Municipal Counsel  
Upcoming Budget Deliberations

Letter from Rosalie Evans, Weiler, Maloney, Nelson dated January 27, 2012, relative to an offer to provide a quotation for municipal counsel in upcoming budget deliberations.

TBDSSAB  
Early Childhood Educators Coming to Thunder Bay

Media Release from the TBDSSAB dated January 27, 2012, relative to the above noted, for information.

Rural Voices Network

Email from Manon Germain, Project Manager, Rural Voices Network dated February 2, 2012, entitled Rural Voices Network Moves Toward Phase 2 of the Project to Better Understand Rural Ontario, for information.

Transmitter to Carry Out  
Development Work for the East-West Tie Line

Notice of Proceeding from the Ontario Energy Board relative to the above noted, for information.

Renewable Energy Production  
and the Ontario Green Energy Act

Media Release relative to National Farmers Union in Ontario dated February 1, 2012, communication entitled “NFU Position on Renewable Energy Production and the Ontario Green Energy Act”.

Private Members Bill  
Paving of Highway Shoulders

Letter from Ashley Mancuso, Council and Committee Services Coordinator, Town of Halton Hills containing the resolution they passed with respect to the above noted, for information.

Appeal Court  
Town of Milton

Communication from Linda Boyle, Executive Director, Ontario Municipal Insurance Exchange, dated February 8, 2012, relative to a recent decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal involving the Town of Milton.

Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board

Memorandum from Ontario 9-1-1 Advisory Board dated February 7, 2012, seeking financial assistance.

TBDSSAB  
Employment Services Review

Email from Melissa Harrison, CAO, TBDSSAB attaching reports with respect to the above noted. A copy of the reports will be circulated at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Reschedule

2012 Capital and Operating Budget Meeting

Resolution No. 58-2012

MOVED BY                      Councillor A. Vis  
SECONDED BY                Councillor J. Byers

THAT the 2012 Capital and Operating Budget be cancelled  
and rescheduled as follows:

Monday, March 5, 2012, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Rural Health Fair

It was noted that the Rural Health Fair will be held August 15, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 59-2012

MOVED BY                      Councillor A. Vis  
SECONDED BY                Councillor J. Byers

THAT the Council Meeting held on February 13, 2012, be adjourned  
the hour being 9:58 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis

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Jamie Cressman  
Chief Administrative Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CLOSED SESSION

MINUTES

DATE: February 13, 2012

TIME: 8:20 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers  
Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Complex

CHAIR: Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis

PRESENT: Councillor J. Byers  
Councillor E. Collingwood  
Councillor B. Kamphof  
Councillor A. Vis

MUNICIPAL OFFICER: Jamie Cressman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Judy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk  
Sharron Martyn, Planner  
Mike Horan, Fire Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. Kloosterhuis called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Identifiable Individuals

Mike Horan, Fire Chief provided information to Council.

Mike Horan, Fire Chief left the meeting room at this time.

Proposed Land Acquisition

Jamie Cressman, CAO, and Sharron Martyn, Planner, provided a verbal report with respect to the above noted.

Council directed the CAO to proceed as discussed.

Solicitor Client Privilege

Letter from Allan G. McKittrick, Solicitor, relative to the above noted.

Jamie Cressman, CAO, provided a verbal report with respect to the above noted.

Sharron Martyn, Planner left the meeting room at this time.

Identifiable Individuals

1. Jamie Cressman, CAO, will provide a verbal report.

Council directed the CAO to proceed as discussed.

2. Report No. 2012.01CS with respect to the above noted.

Following a discussion, Council directed the CAO to proceed as directed and submit a further report to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Mayor L. Kloosterhuis

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Jamie Cressman  
Chief Administrative Officer



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES

Planning Department  
Fire and Emergency Services  
Community Services Department  
Building and Property

DATE: February 13, 2012

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers  
Oliver Paipooonge Municipal Complex

CHAIR: Councillor A. Vis

PRESENT: Mayor L. Kloosterhuis  
Councillor J. Byers  
Councillor E. Collingwood (*late with notice*)  
Councillor B. Kamphof

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS: Jamie Cressman, CAO  
Judy Jacobson, Deputy Clerk  
Sharron Martyn, Planner  
Mike Horan, Fire Chief  
Larry Eyres, By-law Enforcement Officer  
Tom Butler, Chief Building Official

CALL TO ORDER

Councillor A. Vis called the meeting to order.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest noted at this time.

CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

**Resolution No. 44-2012**

MOVED BY Mayor L. Kloosterhuis  
 SECONDED BY Councillor J. Byers

THAT with respect to the February 13, 2012, Committee of the Whole Planning and Development Agenda we recommend that the agenda as printed including any additional information and new business be confirmed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Committee of the Whole  
Planning and Development

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Planning and Development /Administration and Operations meeting held on January 9, 2012, for discussion.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Fire and Emergency First Response

Minutes of the Fire and Emergency First Response Officer Meeting held on November 15, 2011, for information.

Mike Horan, Fire Chief, appeared and responded to questions with respect to the above noted.

2011 Year End Report  
Fire and Emergency Services

Report No. 2012.05 Fire and Emergency Services 2011 Year End Report was presented at the January 25, 2012, at which time it was deferred to the February 13, 2012, meeting.

Mike Horan, Fire Chief, appeared and responded to questions with respect to the above noted.

At the January 25, 2012, meeting it was requested the List of Accounts as of January 18, 2012, be resubmitted.

Mike Horan, Fire Chief, appeared and responded to questions with respect to the above noted.

Council directed the CAO to review the Retirement Policy for any retiree's in the Fire and Emergency Services.

It was suggested that farm buildings be included in the preplanning conducted by the Fire and Emergency Services in the future.

By-law Enforcement

Monthly report for January 2012 from By-law Enforcement.

Larry Eyres, By-law Enforcement Officer was in attendance to respond to questions with respect to the Property Standards and Yard Maintenance By-laws to be presented at the Council meeting later in the evening.

Larry Eyres, By-law Enforcement Officer, appeared and responded to questions with respect to the above noted.

Building

Monthly report for January 2012 from the Building Department.

Tom Butler, Chief Building Official appeared and responded to questions with respect to the Draft Building By-law which was contained in the agenda.

Council directed Administration to prepare a report for the March meeting to justify the increase in fees.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report – Planning Department

Report from Sharron Martyn, Planner relative to the above noted. Copies of the map for the Rubin Subdivision, distributed separately.

Sharron Martyn, Planner appeared and responded to questions with respect to the Report.

Council directed Administration to provide the appraisal reports for the lots in the Rubin Industrial Park to the next meeting.

Contract for Planning Services  
Lakehead Rural Planning Board

Report from Sharron Martyn, Planner, dated February 8, 2012, relative to the above noted. By-law No. 675-2012 to authorize the execution of the agreement will be presented at the Council meeting to be held later in the evening.

Sharron Martyn, Planner appeared and provided additional information with respect to the Report.

Official Plan  
Oliver Paipoonge

Letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing attaching a copy of the modifications to the Official Plan, distributed separately.

Following a discussion, it was the consensus of Council that the CAO, Planner and the Mayor go through the document to accept/reject the minor items and to request Don Manahan, Manahan Consulting meet to discuss the major modifications.

March 21 & 22, 2012 – Planning Workshop  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Information with respect to the upcoming Planning Workshop will be distributed to Council separately when it becomes available.

Council directed Administration to register Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis and Councillors Jim Byers, Bernie Kamphof, and Allan Vis for the above noted workshop.

Committee of Adjustment

Dale and Dawn Dysievick  
Application No. 1B/01/12

Application on behalf of Dale and Dawn Dysievick on property known as Con 2, N/R PT Lot 15, Geographic Township of Paipoonge, now Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge for a proposed lot addition, for comment.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Municipal Complex Furnace

Report No. 2012.07 to provide Council with information on problems incurred with the furnace at the Municipal Complex from January 30 – February 1, 2012.

Council directed Administration to prepare an Emergency Plan for the Municipal Office and submit to the March meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION

CAO Report

Report from Jamie Cressman, CAO, dated February 8, 2012.

Jamie Cressman also advised Council that the bulldozers at the Landfill Site were in need of repair.

## ROMA/OGRA

Municipal Delegations

Copies of the municipal delegation forms for the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Infrastructure, Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Natural Resources, Transportation and Community and Social Services for discussion, distributed separately.

Following a discussion it was requested that a new furnace and ventilation system for the Municipal Complex and a new roof and siding for the Murillo Library be included to the delegation package for the Minister of Infrastructure.

## Workshop

Municipal Roads Technologies

A copy of the agenda for the above noted workshop held on February 1 and 2, 2012, attended by Peter Whittington, Public Works Superintendent. Copies of the presentations will be available on the OGRA website within the next few weeks.

Council directed Administration to submit a report to Council on any workshops they attend.

Placing of Snow on Roads and Highways

At the January 25, 2012, Committee of the Whole Planning and Development meeting Council directed Administration to provide a sample notice to be used by the Municipality for matters pertaining to the above noted, if required.

A sample notice and information sheet for Council's perusal.

Council directed Administration to review the sample notice and letter and resubmit to Council in March.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Committee of Adjustment

Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment Meeting held on December 8, 2012, for information.

Library

Minutes of the Library Board of Directors' Meeting held on January 10, 2012, for information.

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Minutes of the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on December 14, 2011, for information.

Lakehead Source Protection Committee

Minutes of the Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Committee Meeting held on December 7, 2011, for information.

Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit Meeting held on December 13, 2011, for information.

Rosslyn Village Water System

Summary of the ALS Laboratory Group Analytical Reports and Certificate of Analysis reports for the period up to January 16, 2012, to January 23, 2012. There are no adverse reports.

## PENDING ITEMS

List of Pending Items, for information.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bank of Nova Scotia Hockey Day in Canada

Council directed Administration to forward a letter of appreciation to Lorne Vis on the excellent job and his hard work and dedication in coordinating the Bank of Nova Scotia Hockey Day in Canada on February 10 and 11, 2012.

Council also directed Administration to submit a thank you to Peterson Lumber for donating all the wood for the bonfire held on February 10, 2012, at the NorWest Arena.

Agriculture Wildlife  
Damage Compensation Program

Council directed Administration to place a Notice in the March edition of the Oliver Paipooonge Newsletter stating that "Effective April 1, 2012 ALL claimants will be required to have a Premises ID and a Farm Business Registration (FBR) number in order to receive compensation for livestock that are killed or injured by predators eligible under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program".

Councillor E. Collingwood attended the meeting at this time, the hour being 8:10 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 45-2012

MOVED BY                      Councillor J. Byers  
SECONDED BY                Mayor L. Kloosterhuis

THAT we resolve into a Committee of the Whole Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to identifiable individuals, proposed acquisition of land and solicitor client privilege.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 46-2012

MOVED BY                      Mayor L. Kloosterhuis  
SECONDED BY                Councillor J. Byers

THAT we revert back to the Committee of the Whole Meeting to continue with the business at hand, the hour being 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 47-2012

MOVED BY                      Mayor L. Kloosterhuis  
SECONDED BY                Councillor J. Byers

THAT the Committee of the Whole Planning and Development Meeting held on February 13, 2012, be adjourned the hour being 9:12 p.m.

CARRIED

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Councillor A. Vis

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Jamie Cressman  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Jamie Cressman

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**From:** Erik Dickson <edickson@scatliff.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 4:53 PM  
**To:** 'Jamie Cressman'  
**Cc:** 'Bob G. Somers (Bob G. Somers)'  
**Subject:** RE: Trails Master Plan Update

Hi Jamie,

Our team met today and came up with a schedule for completing the trails project. We would like to propose March 26 for coming to Oliver Paipoonge to hold a public open house to show the draft report and gain feedback. We feel that this date would provide adequate time for public notifications (ideally placed in the March newsletter and on your website as well as posters placed in the municipality), as well as the time required for an initial draft review by yourself of the trails plan.

We would submit the first draft of the plan by March 15 which would give you a week for review (return comments by March 22) and a couple days for us to make any revisions necessary as well as prepare the open house materials. After the Open House we would make any revisions based on public feedback and provide a final report on March 30.

In the mean time I will be providing you with the report outline as well as continuing with some follow-up phone calls to the different stakeholder organizations that have been providing us information. Could you please let us know if the 26<sup>th</sup> works for you for the Open House so that we may make travel arrangements as well as get you what information you require to place the notice in next months newsletter?

Thanks Jamie! Have a good day!

Regards,  
Erik Dickson

**SCATLIFF + MILLER + MURRAY**

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**From:** Jamie Cressman [<mailto:jamie.cressman@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 09, 2012 7:40 AM  
**To:** 'Erik Dickson'  
**Subject:** RE: Trails Master Plan Update

Thanks Erik, I look forward to the update.

Jamie

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**From:** Erik Dickson [<mailto:edickson@scatliff.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 6:03 PM  
**To:** 'Jamie Cressman'  
**Subject:** RE: Trails Master Plan Update

Hi Jamie,

How are you doing? Hope you have been having a good winter so far. The timing of your email is good as we actually have an internal team meeting scheduled for Monday to set the final project timeline with internal deadlines to the end of March. So I will be able to give you a more formal update early next week.

Lately we just completed a base map to use for all mapping purposes and also mapped the origins and destinations from the public meeting. We're now working on the concept routes map. In the last couple weeks I have had some conversations with Shaun from the Trans Canada Trail as well as the Thunder Bay Hiking Association regarding partnerships and possible funding opportunities. Things seem to be coming together nicely now.

After our meeting on Monday, I will be in contact with you regarding the final stages of the project. Have a good week!

Regards,  
Erik Dickson

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**From:** Jamie Cressman [<mailto:jamie.cressman@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2012 2:24 PM  
**To:** [EDickson@scatliff.ca](mailto:EDickson@scatliff.ca)  
**Subject:** Trails Master Plan Update

Hi Erik

Can you provide me with an update on the Trails Master Plan. I had a request from the funding agency to provide an interim update.

Thanks

Jamie Cressman, CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge  
P.O. Box 10, 4569 Oliver Road  
Murillo, Ontario, P0T 2G0  
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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

BY-LAW NO. 676 - 2012

*A By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources the Corporation of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge for forest fire management.*

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001*, c. 25, s. 9 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge deems it expedient to enter into an agreement with the HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO as represented by the Minister of Natural Resources for forest fire management;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Agreement attached hereto and marked as Schedule "A" being an Agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources.
2. That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Minister of Natural Resources.
3. That By-law No. 458-2007 be and is hereby repealed.
4. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date it is passed.

Enacted and passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, A.D. 2012 as witnessed by the Seal of the Corporation and the hands of its proper Officers.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

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Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis

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Jamie Cressman  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

## Jamie Cressman

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**From:** Oliver Paipoonge <mayor.lucy@xplornet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 12:43 PM  
**To:** 'Jamie Cressman'  
**Subject:** FW: Highway 102

Please include in our package if not too late. I responded to Peter but wanted council to read the letter as well. Lucy

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**From:** Peter Brink [<mailto:pbrink@lakeheadu.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 11:06 AM  
**To:** [mayor.lucy@xplornet.com](mailto:mayor.lucy@xplornet.com)  
**Subject:** Highway 102

Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge

February 16, 2012

To Lucy Kloosterhuis,

I am writing this letter to you to inform you of my concerns regarding the City of Thunder Bay's decision to divert all transport traffic off Highway 102. This proposal will divert an estimated 500 additional transports through Kakabeka Falls every day (with a school next to the highway). My question is whether anyone from the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge looked into the potential impact that this additional traffic will put on this section of highway.

There are 3 already deadly intersections (HWY.130 & 11-17, Twin City Crossroads & HW 11-17, and Mapleward & HW 11-17). Every morning I drive down this stretch on my way to work, people pull out of those intersections onto 11-17 and cut off passenger and commercial vehicles alike. How will this additional traffic affect those intersections? There have already been fatalities; can the same be said for Highway 102?

On a personal level, I farm on that section of highway and over the past few years it has been increasingly difficult getting tractors and equipment on and off the highway. Even though it is becoming very dangerous for me and the people that work on my farm, it is something that I have to do to continue operations. I am not opposed to transport traffic using 11-17, that would be silly, I am opposed to closing a Queens highway (102) and shunting that traffic onto an already busy road.

We all know that the City of Thunder Bay will work to lobby the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) to end commercial traffic on Highway 102. I've spoken to MTO officials and they told me that this decision will not be taken lightly, even with 100% support from city officials.

What am I asking for? That the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge to lobby MTO to keep highway 102 open to all commercial traffic.

Regards,

Peter Brink

Sandy Acres Farm



Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge

February 12, 2012

Dear Ms. Cressman,

You may be aware that Ontario, along with many other jurisdictions, is being hit hard by the imported pest Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus plannipennis*. It has already killed tens of thousands of ash trees. The Municipal Arborists and Urban Foresters, a Committee of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Ontario Urban Forest Council are working to raise awareness about EAB and the environmental and economic fallout.

Public property owners, homeowners, businesses, institutions, and utilities will have to deal with thousands of ash trees before they become a liability and bear the cost of implementing programs to deal with this terrible loss to our urban forest.

Effective EAB programs involve the following:

- Identifying ash trees, size and locations (an inventory)
- Monitoring the distribution of the pest within local areas
- Identifying and treating trees worthy of preservation
- Tree removal on public and private lands, and disposal of wood waste
- Replanting replacement trees.

Currently, neither the Federal nor Provincial Governments are providing sufficient financial/management support to municipalities for implementation of any part of an EAB program. Therefore, we have prepared the attached proclamation calling for **A FEDERAL and PROVINCIAL ROLE IN URBAN FORESTRY**.

Attached is a proclamation we are sending to Clerks across Ontario. We are seeking your Council's endorsement of this proclamation, if they have not done so already, and would ask that you present this to your respective Council for consideration. Thank you for your assistance in bringing this to your Council's attention. If you have any questions, please contact me at 519-362-9469

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Toni Ellis".

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## **A FEDERAL and PROVINCIAL ROLE IN URBAN FORESTRY**

**WHEREAS** over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests;

**AND WHEREAS** the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which provide services through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, and filtering storm water, as well as beautifying our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests;

**AND WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec

**AND WHEREAS** the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting;

**AND WHEREAS** Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focused on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management; and

**AND WHEREAS** other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area;

**AND WHEREAS** Canada engages municipalities in a number of substantial infrastructure programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer- and any future significant imported diseases and insects -as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That all municipalities across Ontario be encouraged to endorse this proclamation and that this resolution be distributed to The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; The Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; The Honorable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance; Local Federal Member of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_;

Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources; Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Local Provincial Member of the Ontario Legislature \_\_\_\_\_, Tim Hudak, MPP, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Opposition Party; Andrea Horvath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

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Northwest Planning Workshop 2012

## DRAFT A G E N D A

### DAY 1

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 **REGISTRATION & LUNCH**

1:00 – 1:10 **OPENING REMARKS**

*Audrey Anderson, Team Lead, Community Planning & Development,  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH), MSO-NW*

1:10 – 1:30 **PPS UPDATE**

*Speaker: Murray Armstrong, Planner, MMAH*

An overview of the current status of the Province's 5-YR PPS Review

1:30 – 2:15 **PLANNING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – PART II**

**Speakers:**

*Bridget Schulte-Hostedde, Planning Manager (A), MMAH, MSO-NE*

*Peter Boban, Team Lead, Regional Housing Services, MMAH, MSO-NW*

This session will explore a range of practical tools, techniques, best practices and strategies to support long-term planning and development of affordable housing. The session will also focus on the importance of partnerships and collaboration amongst municipal planning administrators and district housing Service Managers to meet long-term needs.

DAY 1 continued...

2:15 – 2:45 **PLANNING FOR AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

*Speaker: Alejandro Cifuentes, Planner MMAH, MSO-NW*

According to World Health Organization (WHO), the population of senior citizens (over age 65), throughout the world will more than double within the next few decades. With one of the largest populations of seniors per capita in the country, it is time for Northwestern Ontario municipalities to jump on the wagon and get ready for the "Grey Tsunami. This session will provide resources on Age-Friendly Communities and it will allow the participants to learn about the tools to help communities assess their Age-Friendliness and identify where and how they can become more Age-Friendly.

2:45 – 3:05 **REFRESHMENTS**

3:05 – 3:45 **OVERVIEW OF THE GROWTH PLAN FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO**

*Speakers: Tanzeel Merchant, Manager, & Maya Harris, Senior Associate, Growth Planning and Analysis, Ontario Growth Secretariat, Ministry of Infrastructure*

The Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, 2011, is a 25-year growth plan. It contains policies to guide long-term decisions and investments in Northern Ontario to support a prosperous economy, a resilient work force and a healthy environment. This presentation will provide participants with a brief overview of Growth Plan's policies and a more detailed understanding of the Plan's "Chapter 4" which focuses on Communities.

3:45 – 4:30 **URBAN DESIGN STUDY**

*Speakers: Leslie McEachern, Planning Manager, City of Thunder Bay*

The purpose of this session is to share the City of Thunder Bay's Urban Design Study and Guidelines that are currently under development. The Urban Design Guidelines will improve the quality of the City's built environment consistent with the *Clean Green and Beautiful Initiative* and the City's Official Plan. They will assist developers, architects, landscape architects, urban designers and professional planners when developing site plan applications.

4:30 – 5:00 **COMPLETE PLANNING ACT APPLICATIONS**

*Speaker: Sylvie Oulton, Assistant Planner, MMAH, MSO-NW*

This session will focus on the fundamentals of Ontario's land use planning system with a focus on complete applications.

## DAY 2

Thursday, March 22, 2012

8:00 – 9:00 **HEALTHY BREAKFAST**

9:00 – 9:05 **OPENING REMARKS**

*Audrey Anderson, Team Lead, Community Planning & Development,  
MMAH, MSO-NW*

9:05 – 10:15 **PREPARING FOR OMB HEARINGS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!**

*Speaker: Allan G. McKittrick Q.C., McKittricks Law Office*

If you don't know what to do if you're required to go to an OMB hearing, you will after this session. The following topics are examples of what will be covered followed by a Question and Answer period: getting ready for the hearing; physical set up, preparation of oral and documentary evidence; preliminary conferences and motions; conduct of the hearing; expert witnesses; etc

10:15 – 10:35 **REFRESHMENTS** – sponsored by McKittricks Law Office

10:35 – 11:15 **TAKING STOCK OF OUR HERITAGE RESOURCES**

*Speaker: Andrew Hinshelwood, Regional Archaeologist, Ministry of  
Tourism, Culture and Sport*

This session will review the use of information on provincially registered archaeological sites and answer your questions related to archaeological and cultural heritage.

11:15 – 12:00 **COTTAGE LOT DEVELOPMENT - (CROWN LAND DISPOSITION)**

*Speaker: Gary Davies, Northwestern Regional Land Specialist, Ministry of  
Natural Resources*

This session will provide information on the process of Crown Land disposition as well as offer insight on how municipalities may utilize crown land within their municipal boundaries for development opportunities.

12:00 – 12:15 **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS/CLOSING REMARKS/DRAW**

12:15 – 1:15 **LUNCH**

*DAY 2 continued...*

1:15 – 3:00 **MNR DATA SENSITIVITY TRAINING/ REFRESHER**

*Presenter: Wasyl Bakowsky, Ministry of Natural Resources*

This formerly all-day session has been condensed! The result of this training will give you the ability to access the most up to date MNR data on-line, which is required for application review. For those of you who took it a few years ago, it will be an invaluable refresher.

3:00 – 3:15 **REFRESHMENTS**

3:15 – 4:30 **MNR DATA SENSITIVITY TRAINING/ REFRESHER continued**

4:40 Wrap up



## JUDY JACOBSON

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### **Drummond Recommendations**

The much anticipated Drummond Report was released today. The report spans over 500 pages with 362 recommendations across a range of areas where the Commission believes the government has an opportunity to address the deficit. The Commission has put forth key recommendations based on limiting provincial spending growth to 0.8% annually through to 2017-18.

There are many recommendations throughout the report that relate to municipal governments. Some of the recommendations reflect work that AMO and its membership have been promoting – matters such as POA fine collection enhancements, changes to the labour negotiation/arbitration process, long range infrastructure planning/asset management, and making sense of the land use planning system. The Commission is also recommending altering the upload agreement and the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. The Commission is clear that when it speaks about consolidation of programs, the efficiency in administration is the goal and that accountability is not about excessive rules and reports, but about outcomes.

At this point, what the government may or may not do with the recommendations is not known. But the Finance Minister has asked for reaction and input and AMO will do just that. Our analysis of all of the recommendations is underway in order to have the necessary discussions with the government before the provincial budget is completed.

### ***Key Elements of the Commission's Report***

#### ***Infrastructure***

The Commission made several recommendations related to municipal infrastructure management and funding. These are: better use of detailed long term asset management practices in broader public sector organizations to better manage assets; a strategic asset management plan targeted at the municipal sector that looks at funding options, and private sector involvement. The report also asks whether stable and predictable funding from the province for infrastructure will contribute to more effective and efficient infrastructure management. The Commission also commented positively on the use of alternative financing and procurement methods and recommends full cost recovery for municipal water and wastewater services be implemented.

#### ***Transportation***

The Commission recommends better coordination and rationalization of public transit networks in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Areas to better integrate Go Transit/Metrolinx services with municipal transit. The objective is to reduce overlap and duplication through rationalized routes, coordinated fares and common purchasing. The report seeks “honest discussions” regarding revenue solutions such as tolling or congestion charges. Increasing efficient delivery of transportation in the area serviced by the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission was also discussed. Finally, the Commission also recommended that the Ontario Government work with the Federal Government to pursue a national transit strategy.

#### ***Environment***

The Commission reviewed the organizations involved in environmental protection and planning in Ontario and recommended that: the roles of planning agencies such as municipalities, Conservation Authorities, provincial ministries and the federal government be reviewed and rationalized. It also noted that streamlining the Environmental Assessment process between the federal and provincial governments should be pursued. It further states that full cost recovery for water taking charges be used to ensure adequate funding for environmental protection is maintained. The Commission also recommended that Ontario Clean Water Agency be reviewed with a view to transforming it into a for-profit government entity to improve its competitiveness and ability to attract qualified personnel.

### ***Law enforcement and the administration of justice***

The Commission calls for the review of core responsibilities of police to eliminate their use for non-core duties including an examination of alternative models of police service delivery and calls for improvements to the collection of unpaid *Provincial Offences Act* fines.

### ***Labour Relations***

As a principle the report stated that “the labour relations system in Ontario should be balanced, effective and transparent”. A number of the report’s recommendations propose changes to the current interest arbitration system include: the establishment of an independent tribunal or commission to create, maintain and manage a roster or panel of arbitrators; establish time limits on the process; and develop specific and well-defined objective criteria that arbitrators would be required to account for in formulating their awards/decisions.

The report further recommended that the government facilitate a voluntary movement to centralized bargaining for municipalities- particularly in relation to police and firefighting bargaining. It was noted that, *“The benefit of this voluntary approach of centralization for municipal bargaining is that municipalities might not be completely “centralized,” but rather become “more centralized” in bargaining. The larger municipalities, or some groups of them, will tend to bargain together, and, likewise, the smaller municipalities will bargain together but separate from the larger ones.”*

### ***Finance - the upload and OMPF***

Of note in particular from the Commission’s report is the following two paragraphs describing provincial-municipal fiscal relations:

*“Between 2010 and 2018, provincial support is projected to grow by 5.2 per cent per year. Such a rate of growth is simply unaffordable. It significantly exceeds the 0.8 per cent annual growth target for total program spending identified in this report. A portion of the projected growth comes from the remaining \$500 million of uploading. Excluding that, support would grow by 3.5 per cent per year — a rate of growth that is still far in excess of our 0.8 per cent annual growth target. The projected 3.5 per cent annual growth in the absence of the remaining uploads can be attributed mainly to increased costs associated with uploads that have already been completed — the uploads of ODB and ODSP. As a result of factors such as increased caseloads, the costs to the province (and by extension, the effective savings to municipalities) of these already completed uploads continue to increase.*

*The Commission supports the general notion of the upload — these matters are better financed by the broader, more diverse provincial revenue base. And we realize that any change in the upload simply shifts the fiscal problem in the province from one jurisdiction to another; it does not solve it. Most of the province’s municipalities are also struggling with their budgets.”*

The Commission recommends extending the period of the final \$500 million of upload by another two years, so it is not complete until 2020.

The report recommends that, “beginning in 2013, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) declines to the planned \$500 million by 2016”. The Commission suggests a \$25 million decrease occur in each of the next four years beginning in 2013. AMO is concerned with this recommendation as OMPF is more than just a social programs grant. Equalization to rural and northern communities is an essential component of this Fund. Further analysis of the numbers used by Mr. Drummond is needed to get a better understanding of this recommendation.

The report also notes the province and municipalities must work together to establish an accountability framework that would track how municipalities are investing the “benefits” realized as a result of the uploads.

### ***Relations with the Federal Government on Housing***

Diminishing federal funding and the challenges posed by funding for short term programs in the area of social and affordable housing as a key pressure and risk. It is recommended that Ontario negotiate with the federal government to commit to a housing framework for Canada that includes long-term federal funding and encourages its housing partners, including municipal governments, to work with the federal government to secure this commitment.

### ***Health***

The Commission outlines numerous recommendations that focus on the key objectives of “achieving efficiencies” while “enhancing care”. This includes a 20 year plan to transform the current system moving towards a focus on health promotion and a transfer of health care management to a regional authority, most notably, the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs).

The transformation begins with a 2.5% cap on health care spending through to 2017 -2018. This translates in to a cost reduction per person on health care by a total of 5.7% or 0.8% through to 2017-18. In total 105 recommendations on health care were put forward by the Commission. Many of the recommendations touch on the complex interfaces between municipalities and the health care system. For municipalities there are a number of potential implications related to funding and governance.

### ***Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs)***

The Commission recommends an expanded role and function for the LHINs at the same time as contemplating the need to reduce the number of LHINs and to better align boundaries. The recommendations as stated, would see the LHINs having greater authority and mechanisms to ensure efficiencies through consolidation, integration and alignment of health services within regions. Included, is a vision of representative bodies of specific health services, for example, long term care, being established to interface with the LHINs. The Commission also recommends that public health come under the LHIN umbrella and that all public health costs (the municipal 25%) be uploaded.

The Commission, does not speak to addressing governance or funding issues in relation to the expanded role and authority of the LHINs. In the event of the recommendations being implemented, this would be of great interest to municipalities and to ensure that a direct interface with municipal governments continue as long as they are funding and service delivery partners.

### ***Long Term Care***

A number of recommendations related to the growing costs and pressures on long term care homes. It recommends a move to a focus on primary care and expanded home care services in an effort to divert funding away from more costly interventions that do not always provide the best health outcomes. The Commission also, however recommends to “resist the natural temptation to build many more long-term care facilities for an aging population until the government can assess what can be done by emphasizing to a greater extent the use of home-based care that is supported by community services.” While

focused on the future, the recommendations do not contemplate current and near term pressures on long term care and how to address these.

Other areas of interest related to health. On the heels of the recently released report by Commissioners Francis Lankin and Munir Sheikh on reforming Ontario's social assistance system, the report recommends moving away from targeting the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) to seniors and others in receipt of assistance towards a benefit available based on income. This would likely mean providing ODB to Ontario's low income earners based on a certain income level.

The Commission also recommends not letting concerns about successor rights stop (health care and service) amalgamations that make sense and are critical to successful reform. Recognizing the challenges with transforming a system that includes union agreements, the Commission argues this should not be a stumbling block in achieving the proposed transformation of health in the province.

### ***Full Day Kindergarten***

The Commission recommends, foremost, the cancellation of the Full Day Kindergarten Program, given the cost to implement the program in its entirety. If full day kindergarten is cancelled, it is recommended that existing school space appropriately be used for child care. In the absence of the government accepting this recommendation, the Commission recommends reducing costs through changing the staffing model and delaying implementation out to 2017-18 rather than 2014-15.

Addressing school closures and capital asset pressures, the Commission recommends the government amend the Education Act to give power to the minister to order the sale of closed schools or other unused properties, recognizing unmet need for space across the broader public sector.

### ***Social Programs***

Over the past ten years, spending on social programs has grown on average 6.0 per cent per year. This includes both Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (which has been growing by 5% per annually over the same period). In an effort to slow expenditure growth, the Commission provides numerous recommendations that focus on consolidating and streamlining service delivery across governments that will lead to efficiencies and reducing barriers to exiting social assistance—a concern that is referred to as the “welfare wall”. Many of the recommendations are not new in discussions on social policy, though implementation considerations will be of interest to municipalities. It should be noted the recommendations do not exactly reflect recent recommendations put forth in the second report on the social assistance review by Commissioners Lankin and Sheikh.

The Commission recommends moving aggressively towards a fully integrated benefits system that simplifies client access, improves client outcomes and improves fiscal sustainability through greater program effectiveness and reduced administrative costs. What this includes is a contemplation of a single benefit, a range of case management from automation to intense client focused, and streamlining and coordinating the number of employment services available to clients with Employment Ontario as lead. The Commission supports the recently released Mowat Report of Employment Insurance.

The Commission advocates for the federal government to establish a national income support program for people with disabilities.

The recommendations point to a potential shift in the municipal role on several fronts, such as the provision and oversight of employment supports, and areas of administration like provision of benefits. The recommendations offer a complex disentanglement of provincial and municipal responsibilities including moving to provincial administration in several areas including issuing of

benefits. The Commission also recommends that any savings realized through a more streamlined and efficient approach be reinvested by increasing asset limits and raising basic needs and shelter amounts.

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## Jamie Cressman

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### MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release: February 16, 2012

### NOMA RESPONDS TO DRUMMOND REPORT

THUNDER BAY – The Commission on the Reform of Ontario’s Public Service released its final report in Toronto yesterday. The report provides hundreds of recommendations to Government including funding cuts and program changes. Of particular concern to NOMA municipalities is the recommendation to delay by two years the planned upload of \$1.5 billion in provincial costs from the municipal property tax base.

“Our municipalities are facing extreme challenges with population declines, industrial closures, increasing social costs, and declining tax revenues,” says Ron Nelson, NOMA President. “This makes it exceedingly difficult to maintain the services that people need and want. Any delay in uploading these costs from our municipal budgets would further extend these challenges.”

The Commission acknowledges that the provincial-municipal relationship is “complex and intertwined”. Many of the Commission’s recommendations touch on services and responsibilities that are of interest to municipalities. There is merit to exploring the recommendations in areas such as:

- Social programs and housing;
- Health Care;
- Infrastructure, real estate and electricity;
- Justice system;
- Offenses Act; and,
- Labour relations.

NOMA represents the interests of municipalities from Kenora and Rainy River in the west to Hornepayne and Wawa in the east. It provides leadership in advocating regional interests to all orders of government and other organizations.

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# Town Hall Sessions

SPRING 2012



**Whether you are municipal staff or a new/returning elected official, this is your chance to learn about existing and new program/service offerings from AMO and LAS.**

**These no-cost sessions are your chance to learn how to leverage our experience, programs, and leadership to save money and do more for your organization.**

## Session Schedule:

### *Save money with LAS Procurement Programs (Electricity, Natural Gas, and Fuel) 9:00am - 9:45*

More than 190 municipalities participate in the LAS Electricity, Natural Gas, and Fuel Procurement Programs to save money and ensure overall budget stability. This session will provide members and interested municipalities with a brief overview of all three programs, the respective markets, potential savings, and details of how to enroll.

### *Insurance Risk Management Overview 9:45 – 10:30*

Municipal insurance costs are climbing! Claims have been impacted by many factors including: increased damage awards, class action lawsuits, costs of future care, and climate change. Municipalities must concentrate on reducing both the frequency and severity of claims. Through an educational partnership with Frank Cowan Company, this session will explain claim trends and their root causes. The session will focus on typical claims situations brought before municipalities, an explanation of the claims process, and challenges faced by defense counsels. Suggestions will be made to help municipalities successfully meet their statutory duty of care in order to reduce the cost of risk.

### *Canada's Gas Tax Fund 10:45 – 11:30*

What's new with Canada's Gas Tax Fund – the only long-term, stable and predictable source of infrastructure funding. Hear about some unique projects that are helping municipalities build their communities and improve long term planning – there is more flexibility in using this funding than you may think! Learn also how to promote the Fund and its contribution to your local municipal infrastructure

### *Managing Municipal Group Benefits Cost Trends 11:30 – 12:15pm*

Mosey & Mosey, LAS' Group Benefits Program partner will discuss how to control your third largest municipal cost - your human resources, simply by developing an understanding of group benefits trends and a progressive strategy to manage them. The session will address benefit cost drivers and options that can limit future cost increases. An overview of the successful LAS Benefits Program will also be provided, including how the 'pooled' program design has helped 28 municipal groups lower costs by more than 10%.

## **NETWORKING LUNCH**

### *Energy Planning and Solar PV 12:45 – 1:15pm*

Save and make money with energy management. Learn how LAS' new Energy Planning Tool (EPT) can help you meet new regulatory reporting requirements under the Green Energy Act and how our Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Program offers a secure, financially attractive investment.

## 2012 Town Hall Information/Update Sessions

*All sessions are:  
9:00am – 1:15pm – lunch will be provided*

Date	City	Location/Address	Choose Session
Thursday, March 15	Oxford County/ Woodstock	Oxford County Admin Building Council Chamber 21 Reeve Street Woodstock N4S 7Y3 (519) 539-9800	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, March 29	Loyalist Township (15 min west of Kingston)	Municipal Office Council Chamber 263 Main Street Odessa K0H 2H0 (613) 386-7351	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, April 5	Simcoe County/ Barrie	Simcoe County Admin Building 1110 Highway 26 Midhurst L0L 1X0 (705) 735-6901	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, April 12	City of Thunder Bay	Protective Emergency Services Training Centre 750 Hammond Avenue, Thunder Bay P7B 6T5 (807) 684-3100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday, April 26	Municipality of Markstay-Warren	Municipal Office Council Chamber 21 Main Street South Markstay P0M 2G0 (705) 853-4536	<input type="checkbox"/>

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