



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of Council

From: Jamie Cressman, Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 24, 2011

Re: New Business – Regular Meeting – November 28, 2011

The following items will be presented under New Business at the Regular Meeting to be held on November 28, 2011:

1. AMO Communication dated November 23, 2011, entitled Provincial Government delivers 2011 Fall Economic Statement
2. Draft Agreement - Contract for Library Services between Municipality of Oliver Paipooonge and the Township of Conmee

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Subject: AMO breaking news re 2011 Fall Economic Statement

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

November 23, 2011

Provincial Government delivers 2011 Fall Economic Statement

Today Finance Minister Dwight Duncan delivered the fall economic statement. Key highlights included:

- The government is projecting a deficit of \$16.0 billion for this fiscal year.
- The Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services (the Drummond Report) is expected to recommend that the target for spending growth be reduced to 1%. Current government spending growth is 1.4%.
- Real GDP growth is presently 2.0 per cent. This rate is down from the *2011 Budget* projection of 2.6 per cent.
- Ontario's October 2011 unemployment rate was 8.1%. This is down from a recessionary high of 9.4% in May 2009.
- The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit is the only new spending program announced in the Fall Economic Statement. This \$60 million program will support seniors living at home and will help with the costs of home renovations such as walk-in bathtubs or wheelchair ramps. The tax credit is worth up to \$1,500 per year and is effective as of October 1, 2011.
- The Minister stated there is a need, "to examine everything the government does, piece by piece, to find creative, efficient and effective ways to deliver public services."

During the recent provincial election campaign AMO advanced a number of pragmatic, cost free proposals. Among them, the Premier has promised to work with municipalities to explore:

- Opportunities to collect up to \$1 billion in unpaid *Provincial Offences Act* fines; and
- Reviewing joint and several liability which would help protect property taxpayers from rising insurance rates and excessive claims.

The Premier also said he would honour the existing social service and court security upload agreement of \$1.5 billion by 2018 and:

- Protect Ontario's municipal property tax base from any new downloaded costs;
- Create a permanent fund for municipal roads and bridges;
- Provide permanent Provincial Gas Tax revenue – of at least \$318 million annually – for transit;

- Promote personal and producer responsibility within waste management systems;
- Ensuring that clear and fair energy policies support sound planning and investment in Ontario's electricity system;
- Avoid caps on property assessment or taxation; and,
- Continue to consolidate housing programs that are supported by current or increased funding.

AMO will continue to advocate these municipal priorities in the coming months and in its Pre-Budget Submission early in the new year. The next Ontario Budget is expected in March 2012.

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Contract for Library Services
Between
The Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge Public Library Board
and
The Township of Conmee
(Date)

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Pursuant to Article 20 (1) of the Public Libraries Act, the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library will provide library services to the residents covered under the Township of Conmee on the following terms and conditions for the full amount of the Provincial Library Grant. This contract will be reviewed yearly and shall be in force until terminated in writing by either party with thirty days written notice served at the last known address:

- The Oliver Paipoonge Public Library agrees to take over the administrative duties of the current Conmee Library and provide library services out of the existing location for the residents of Conmee Township, O'Connor Township, Gillies Township, Municipality of Neebing and Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge at no cost as directed by the Public Libraries Act. Residents outside of these areas will be charged a one-time Ten Dollar membership fee.
- The Township of Conmee Library will assume the new name 'Conmee Branch Library' regardless of the location and fall under the legal name of Oliver Paipoonge Public Library, as does Murillo Branch Library and Rosslyn Branch Library. Responsibility of the Conmee Branch will be assumed by the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library Board, on which one position may be represented by a Conmee Township resident as long as the branch remains in Conmee Township.
- Oliver Paipoonge Public Library agrees to train volunteers in the daily operation of said branch including Interlibrary Loan Services. Paid staff will conduct the administrative duties.
- All existing collections will be integrated together in the JASI system and be shared between the three branches.
- The Township of Conmee Library will fall under the existing policies currently adopted by the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library Board. These policies may be amended if unsuitable to current practices.
- Oliver Paipoonge Public Library agrees to promote these services within the rural community and lobby agencies and grant programs for additional funding.
- The Township of Conmee agrees to provide the utilities, insurance and physical space occupied by the Conmee Branch Library at no cost to Oliver Paipoonge Public Library Board as long as the branch remains at 19 Holland Rd.
- The Township of Conmee agrees to pay the Jasi Membership fee as long as the branch remains at 19 Holland Rd.
- The Township of Conmee agrees not to download any additional or unexpected costs onto the Library Board or the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge.
- The Township of Conmee agrees to support future plans to relocate the current branch to Kakabeka Village after a 1 year grace period to allow residents time to become accustomed to the changes.
- If the project results do not meet the expectations of the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board, the option will remain to close the Conmee Branch, merge the collection and assets into the existing libraries and encourage Conmee residents to utilize the Rosslyn or Murillo branch Libraries.

Signed for the Township of Conmee

Signed for the Oliver Paipoonge Public Library

By:

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Clerk-Treasurer

Chairperson

Date:

CEO