

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

A G E N D A

Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Announcements
3. Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda
4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
5. Approval of Draft Minutes - January 9, 2014
6. Business Arising from Minutes
7. Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege
8. Public Question Period (Please visit our website under Agendas and Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
9. Correspondence

* Items for Information Purposes

1. E-mail from Sheilagh Stewart, Ministry of the Attorney General, re: Certified Statements - An overview for Parking Infractions
2. AMO Communications - AMO Conference 2014 Booking Policy
3. OGRA - Judge Dismisses Challenge to Minimum Maintenance Standards in Silveira Case
4. Copy of a resolution passed by The Township of Whitewater Region, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
5. AMO Watch File - January 9, 2014
6. Copy of resolution passed by The Town of Bancroft, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
7. AMO Communications - AMO Policy Update Land Use Planning and Appeals System Consultation
8. Highlights of the NVCA Board of Directors Meeting - January 20, 2014
9. GRCA Planning Permit and Inquiry Revised Fees effective February 1, 2014
10. Copy of correspondence sent to OPP Municipal Bureau and Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services on behalf of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board, re: OPP Proposed New Billing Model
11. Letter from Staff Sergeant Steven Sills, Dufferin OPP Detachment, re: Melancthon Township Policing Cost Estimates for 2013 and 2014
12. Copy of a letter sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne from Mayor Bill Vresbosch, Municipality of East Ferris regarding funding for transit in the GTA
13. Copy of a letter sent to Premier Kathleen Wynne from Mayor Bill Vresbosch, Municipality of East Ferris regarding the OPP Proposed New Billing Model
14. AMO Watch File - January 16, 2014
15. Invoice and report from T. M. Pridham, P. Eng., R. J. Burnside & Associates Ltd., re: Drainage Superintendent Services from October 1 - December 31, 2013
16. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Mono, re: Donation to Headwaters Health Care Centre Resolution
17. Copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Mono, re: NVCA 2014 Municipal Levy
18. Letter from G. W. Jordan Planning Consultants Ltd. with attached document from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, re: Draft Official Plan - Growth Accommodation Aspects

* Items for Council Action

1. Letter from Cornerstone Standards Council, re: Responsible Aggregate Standards for Review and Comment
2. Request from Scott Wheeldon, Director of Public Works, Town of Shelburne, to detour

- traffic along Township roads for this year's Fiddleville Parade on August 9, 2014
3. Request for maintenance and repair on the Ferguson Drain, East Part Lot 22, Concession 3 O.S.
4. Request for maintenance and repair on the McCue Drain, Lot 8, Concession 3 N.E.
5. Request from Longyuan Canada Renewables Ltd./Dufferin Wind Power Inc. for additional sand salt for township roads
6. Letter from Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Agriculture and Food, re: 2014 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program
7. Letter from Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington, re: Resolution on Joint and Several Liability
8. Report to Council from Jerry Jorden, RPP, re: Special Meeting of Council concerning Official Plan Five Year Review
- 10. General Business**
 1. By-law to amend By-law No. 57-2004 (By-law to Procure Goods and Services)
 2. Applications to Permit
 3. New/Other Business
 1. Appointment of County Committee Development Committee Member from Council
 2. Appointment of Horning's Mills Park Board Member
 4. Unfinished Business
 1. OFM Recommendations - Update
 2. Draft 2014 Operating and Capital Budget - Discussion cont'd
- 11. Road Business**
 1. By-law for Half Loads
 2. Request to install culvert on 3rd Line O.S. between County Rd 21 and 30 Sideroad
- 12. Delegations**
 1. 10:00 a.m. - GW Jorden, Township Planner - Status Update on the work on the Draft Official Plan
- 13. Closed Session**
- 14. Notice of Motion**
- 15. Confirmation By-law**
- 16. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, February 6, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.**
- 17. On Sites**
- 18. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office**
 1. Grand River Conservation Authority Members' Meeting Attendance(July 1 - December 31, 2013)
 2. Minutes of the Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting held on November 19, 2013

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Certified Statements – An Overview for Parking Infractions

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the potential proclamation of section 48.1 of the *Provincial Offences Act* (P.O.A.). The purpose of this note is to ensure that you are aware of what implementation may entail and that you are prepared for the use of certified statements or types of certificate evidence with regard to parking infractions.

If proclaimed, this provision will allow certified statements as well as types of certificate evidence to be used in both Part I and Part II proceedings in order to eliminate the need for witnesses to attend at trials to give evidence. You can view the wording of section 48.1 by accessing e-laws at e-laws@ontario.ca.

The new provision, if proclaimed in effect, will apply to a hearing where the proceeding for the offence was commenced by certificate of offence under Part I or by certificate of parking infraction under Part II of the P.O.A. and the offence is specified by regulation. A certified statement in a certificate of offence or certificate of parking infraction, or other types of certified evidence as may be specified in a regulation, will be admissible in evidence as proof of the facts certified in it, in the absence of evidence to the contrary. The onus would continue to be on the prosecution to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt and this would not be affected by this amendment.

By way of overview, the Ministry is considering a regulation authorized in section 48.1 of the P.O.A. that would prescribe any offence for which there is a set fine order in effect. This includes offences created by provincial enactment or municipal by-laws. The proposal includes few exceptions; however there are currently no exceptions related to Part II proceedings and, therefore, it is anticipated that the efficiencies intended by this change will be available to you in the context of all Part II parking infractions.

Certified statements and certificate evidence are not new and a number of offence-creating enactments set forth provisions for same. The *Criminal Code of Canada* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* are two examples of federal legislation where certified statements or certificate evidence have been authorized for some time in prosecutions where the accused may face a substantial jail sentence. Some provincial examples include the *Education Act*, the *Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act*, the *Police Services Act*, the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, the *Retail Sales Tax Act*, the *Employment Standards Act, 2000*, the *Liquor Licence Act*, the *Highway Traffic Act*, the *Building Code Act, 1992* and the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

The overall regime is permissive and therefore it is a local decision as to the extent, if any, of the use of section 48.1. If you decide, in collaboration with enforcement, municipal courts administration and prosecutions, that you want to rely upon the regime, it is suggested that the short form wordings for parking infractions be reviewed with your legal counsel and/or prosecutor to ensure that the wordings are sufficient to support reliance on section 48.1. As it

is not intended that anything more than the existing form of charging document be used, a review of existing short form wordings will help to ensure that the wordings are sufficient to inform a defendant not only of what he or she is alleged to have done but also to describe the offence so that the essential elements of the offence are set forth on the certificate of parking infraction. For example, a completed certificate of parking infraction with all of the information set forth today with the short form wording of "park in fire route" would stand in the place of the officer who issued the parking infraction notice attending in person to testify at the trial. Instead the justice of the peace would consider the certificate of parking infraction as a certified statement pursuant to section 48.1 and, provided that it is complete and regular on its face, that certificate would have a dual character – as a charging document (certificate of parking infraction) and as a certified statement.

If section 48.1 is proclaimed in effect, it is anticipated that the existing certificate of parking infraction will continue to be used. There will likely be changes to other forms with regard to the defendant's options for challenging evidence and it is anticipated that new forms may be prescribed to reflect those changes. Any such new forms must be used if section 48.1 is being relied upon; however, if it is not being relied upon, the current forms may continue to be used. Having the defendant check the box, for example, indicating that he or she wishes to challenge the evidence of the officer is permitted after proclamation; however section 48.1 could not be relied upon if the new forms are not used. As a result, if you want to use section 48.1 but do not wish to order new forms until you would otherwise re-order forms, there is no issue. If the local decision is to not rely upon section 48.1 at all, then using a form of parking infraction notice that includes the defendant's option to have the officer give evidence is not detrimental provided the officer will attend to testify. If such a form is used inadvertently, the prosecution would still have to rely on the in-person testimony of the officer. There may also be changes made to other forms, such as the Notice of Trial, to reflect the provisions of section 48.1.

If proclaimed in effect, there will be further information forthcoming including an information guide as well as a resource specifically for prosecutors.

In conclusion, the intent of section 48.1 is to allow efficiencies to be achieved by not requiring provincial offence officers to attend court to testify. The decision to achieve these potential benefits is a local one, however, and you are encouraged to start a discussion about section 48.1.

I would be happy to discuss this matter. I would ask that you contact me via email at Sheilagh.stewart@ontario.ca.

Thank you

Sheilagh Stewart

Wendy Atkinson

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO Conference Hotel Bookings open January 14th, 10 am.
Attachments: 2014BookingPolicy_email.pdf

THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THOSE ATTENDING THE 2014 AMO ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON, ONTARIO

Please find attached a memo regarding hotel accommodations for the 2014 AMO Annual Conference. The policies outlined in this memo are effective immediately and apply to nine hotels in London.

Please read and distribute the attached memo, as it includes time sensitive information. You may also access this information including details on hotels that are not affected by this policy by visiting <http://bit.ly/1bTN1rL>

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW, NOW:

- Guest room bookings can be made at these nine hotels as of **Tuesday, January 14th, at 10:00 a.m.**
- Details on how to book can be found on the AMO website at <http://bit.ly/1bTN1rL> under the Hotel/Travel tab
- All rooms booked in these hotels will be subject to the guest room booking policy, please ensure you have read the policy in full.
- If you wish to book a hotel room outside of the official conference hotels you may do so at any time, please visit the London Tourism website at <http://www.visitlondon.com/> for details on additional accommodations in and around London.

If you have problems opening the attachment(s) please call Nav Dhaliwal at AMO at (416) 971-9856 ext. 330 or e-mail events@amo.on.ca

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2014 AMO AGM/Conference

August 11 - 15, 2014

NON-REFUNDABLE CANCELLATION FEE FOR GUEST ROOMS AT: Hilton London, Delta London Armouries, Holiday Inn Express, Residence Inn by Marriott, Hotel Metro, Station Park Inn, Best Western Lamplighter Inn, Four Points by Sheraton & London Hotel & Suites

The 2014 AMO AGM/Conference will be held in London at the London Convention Centre. London has a large number of hotels; however none of them individually have the number of guest rooms required for a conference of our size. So, in order to address the delegate guest room requirements, we have AMO guest room blocks in nine hotels, as shown below:

Hotel	Location	AMO Room Rate (starting at)
Hilton London	King Street West	\$ 149/night
Delta London Armouries	Dundas Street West	\$ 149/night
Holiday Inn Express	Dundas Street West	\$ 100/night
Residence Inn by Marriott	Colborne Street	\$ 189/night
Hotel Metro	Covent Market Lane	\$ 149/night
Station Park Inn	Pall Mall Street	\$ 140/night
Best Western Lamplighter Inn	Wellington Street	\$ 149/night
Four Points by Sheraton	Wellington Street	\$ 149/night
London Hotel & Suites	Wellington Street	\$ 109/night

As in previous years, the nine AMO room blocks will not be released for booking until **Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** Also, a non-refundable cancellation fee is once again being implemented at the nine main conference hotels for conference room reservations in order to deter the practice of overbooking guest rooms.

Historically, when the August conference guest room block is made available, municipalities frequently book multiple guest rooms under one name and often an excessive number of rooms. These rooms are subsequently firmed up and the rooms not required are cancelled, often as late as forty-eight hours prior to check in, with no financial penalty, resulting in unused rooms at the time of the conference. Delegates, who in the lead up to the conference are not successful in obtaining a room at the conference hotel, have no choice but to book rooms in overflow hotels, many of which are several kilometres from the conference.

Implementing a non-refundable cancellation fee will enable us to:

- Maximize the number of guest rooms available to all conference delegates at the main conference hotels.

- Mitigate the contractual financial penalty levied against AMO when a block becomes undersold due to the cancellation of overbooked rooms.

The Booking Process

The 2014 block of guest rooms at the main conference hotels will be released for booking on January 14th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Municipalities will be given the opportunity to make individual bookings at this time. All guest rooms must be booked using a credit card and must be assigned individual names, any multiple bookings under one guest name will not be allowed. We are therefore requesting your co-operation with the 2014 booking process:

- All reservations may be made either online through the AMO Group Link that will be available on **January 14, 2014 starting at 10:00 a.m.** on the AMO website (www.amo.on.ca), or by phone:
 - Hilton London: 1-800-210-9336
 - Delta Armouries: 1-800-668-9999
 - Holiday Inn Express: 1-877-660-8550
 - Residence Inn by Marriott: 1-877-477-8483
 - Hotel Metro: 1-866-626-3876
 - Station Park Inn: 1-800-561-4574
 - Best Western Lamplighter Inn: 1-888-232-6747
 - Four Points by Sheraton: 1-519-681-0600
 - London Hotel & Suites: 1-519-668-7900
- At time of booking the hotel will charge a three night deposit to all reservations, securing rooms over the peak conference dates of August 17-20, 2014. For room rates and types please visit the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca
- Should you cancel your reservation between the date of booking your reservation and July 15, 2014 you will be charged a one night non-refundable cancellation fee and have the remainder of the deposit credited back to your credit card.
- After July 15, 2014, if you cancel the guest room reservation or reduce the number of nights you plan on staying at the hotel then **none** of the deposit will be refunded.
- You may change names on the reservation without penalty at any time.

We hope that this process will encourage municipalities to book only those guest rooms that are actually needed so that more delegates will have the opportunity to stay at the official conference hotel. Of course guest rooms will still be available at overflow hotels and for those bookings, deposits will be refunded for cancellations up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

Please visit www.amo.on.ca for a list of London hotels that are not in the room block.

If you have any questions about the cancellation policy, please contact Navneet Dhaliwal at 416-971-9856 ext. 330, toll free 1-877-426-6527 or by email at ndhaliwal@amo.on.ca.



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January 7, 2014

Judge Dismisses Challenge to Minimum Maintenance Standards in Silveira Case

OGRA is pleased to advise that the above noted action was dismissed earlier today.

The above litigation brought against the Region of York came to an end earlier today when Superior Court Justice J. Boswell dismissed the Silveira challenge to the Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS). OGRA had applied and was granted intervener status in the lawsuit that attempted to have the MMS declare *ultra vires* (without legal standing). In a complicated action that saw the participation of legal counsel from the Region of York, MTO and OGRA, the Judge dismissed the action on the grounds the action was moot. The Region of York, as a result of the Giuliani lawsuit and the recent amendments to the MMS abandoned the MMS as a defence. The Applicants therefore no longer had standing. A copy of the ruling begins on page two of this document.

OGRA's Executive Director, Joe Tiernay was not surprised by the ruling and stated that "it was the only logical conclusion that the court could arrive at given the facts of the matter. Nevertheless it is still a major victory for municipalities in their ongoing battle against vexatious and frivolous lawsuits" added Tiernay.

OGRA President Joanne Vanderheyden was equally pleased with the outcome and stated "I want to thank the municipalities of the province of Ontario who, through their generosity contributed to the MMS litigation fund. OGRA members contributed over \$400,000 to the fund which allowed OGRA to hire legal counsel to assist in the defence. OGRA would like to thank Municipalities for their financial contribution and support" she stated.

"The Province of Ontario should also be commended for moving quickly to amend the MMS following the Giuliani decision" stated Vanderheyden. "Without those amendments this outcome may not have been possible."

While this is probably not the last challenge to the MMS, it is certainly a major victory. OGRA will continue to advocate the collective interests of our members through policy analysis, legislative review and consultation.

For information on the Minimum Maintenance Standards, please click [here](#) to be redirected to OGRA's website. You may also go to www.ogra.org and click on Advocacy & Policy.

COURT FILE NO.: CV-10-099036-00

DATE: 20140107

ONTARIO

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

BETWEEN:

Amelia Silveira, Manuel Silveira, Diana Belvedere, Margaret Defazio and Daniel Silveira

Applicants

Timothy P. Boland, Darcy W. Romaine and
Allan Rouben, Counsel for the Applicants

- and -

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario
as represented by the Minister of
Transportation and the Regional
Municipality of York Region

Respondents

Lise G. Favreau and Kristin Smith, Counsel
for Ontario (Transportation)

Christine Fotopoulos for York Region

- and -

Ontario Good Roads Association

Intervener

J. Murray Davidson, Q.C. and Charles
Painter, Counsel for the Intervener

HEARD: November 26, 2013 and December 6, 2013.

RULING ON MOTION TO STRIKE

BOSWELL J.

I. INTRODUCTION

[1] Ontario drivers know something about winter driving. It can be treacherous. Ontario drivers depend on municipal and provincial authorities to keep roadways clear and safe. Since at least 1877 the *Municipal Act* has imposed upon municipalities the obligation to keep roadways, streets and bridges in proper repair. Presently, s. 44(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, compels municipalities to keep highways and bridges under their jurisdiction in a state of repair that is reasonable in the circumstances.

[2] Sometimes, indeed one might suggest regularly, motor vehicle accidents happen. Sometimes those accidents involve serious personal injuries and sometimes a municipality is sued for alleged failure to keep a roadway under its jurisdiction in a reasonable state of repair.

[3] In August 2002, the Ontario government adopted a regulation to establish minimum standards for municipalities to follow in relation to the maintenance of roadways under their jurisdiction.¹ The regulations have the effect of providing a defence to a municipality to an allegation of negligent repair, where the minimum standards have been met.

[4] The applicants assert that the 2002 MMS are *ultra vires* their enabling legislation (the *Municipal Act, 2001*) and ask that sections 3, 4 and 5 of them be declared invalid and of no force and effect. The respondents, in a common voice, assert that the application is moot and ought to be struck out. The following reasons explain why I agree with the respondents.

[5] The respondents and the interveners additionally argued that, should the Court permit the application to continue, portions of the affidavits filed by the applicants should be struck out. Given my findings on the mootness issue, it is unnecessary for me to address the evidentiary issues.

II. THE EVOLUTION OF THE APPLICATION

[6] Amelia Silveira was injured in a motor vehicle accident on December 12, 2004 when she lost control of her vehicle on slippery winter roads in the City of Vaughan and collided head-on with an oncoming motorist. She and a number of her family members issued a claim on June 5, 2008 against the Regional Municipality of York (York Region), claiming negligent road maintenance.

[7] York Region served a defence on November 8, 2005 in which it relied on the 2002 MMS as a complete defence to the allegations of negligence. In response, the applicants (plaintiffs in the action against York Region) sought to amend their claim to plead that the 2002 MMS were *ultra vires* and should be struck down.

[8] The motion to amend the claim came before Lauwers J., as he then was, who determined that the plaintiffs' claim was a tenable one in law, but that it would be preferable if it were determined in a proceeding other than the action between the plaintiffs and York Region. The principal driving factor behind the decision to separate the attack on the regulation from the tort claim was the fact that it was anticipated that additional parties would be interested in the regulatory challenge, including, of course, the Crown, but also possible other interveners.

[9] Justice Lauwers considered a number of possible forums in which to resolve the regulatory challenge. He expressed a desire to keep the regulatory proceeding separate, but more or less parallel to the tort action. His view was that the regulatory challenge should still be rooted in the factual matrix of the tort claim. He said, specifically, at para. 21 of his decision, reported at 2010 ONSC 969,

¹ The regulation is entitled, "*Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Roadways*" and filed as regulation no. 239/02. I will refer to it as the "2002 MMS".

...The common law is rightly suspicious of abstract questions. The expression “pure law” is an oxymoron since the law always needs a context within which it is to be considered. Experience in working with statutory provisions in the context of a real issue can reveal ambiguities that an abstract review would perhaps miss: See *Manitoba v. Manitoba Egg and Poultry Association*, [1971] S.C.R. 690 per Laskin J.

[10] In the result, he ordered that the plaintiffs were to bring an application under Rule 14, challenging the validity of the 2002 MMS, naming both the Ministry of Transportation and York Region as respondents.

[11] The applicants subsequently commenced this application on April 16, 2010 to challenge the 2002 MMS. Thereafter, three significant events occurred which profoundly affect the application and this motion.

[12] First, by the time the application was commenced a revised version of the 2002 MMS had come into effect, as O. Reg. 23/10. The applicants sought to challenge this 2010 iteration as well as the 2002 iteration of the MMS. The inclusion of the 2010 version of the MMS provoked the Ministry of Transportation into moving to strike all portions of the application that referred to O. Reg. 23/10. They were successful. Justice Lauwers, in a decision reported as 2011 ONSC 4272, ruled as follows, at para. 4:

The Crown also seeks an order striking any references to O. Reg. 23/10 from the Notice of Application. This second issue can be disposed of summarily. The trial of this tort action will be governed by the law in force at the date of the accident on December 12, 2004. Since O. Reg. 23/10 came into force in 2010, it clearly has no relevance or application to this action except possibly as an interpretive aid....I therefore require the reference to O. Reg. 23/10 to be deleted from the Notice of Application.

[13] Next, the Court of Appeal released a decision on December 21, 2011 in a case called *Giuliani v. Halton (Regional Municipality)* reported at 2011 ONCA 812. There, the plaintiff/respondent on appeal, had been seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident on April 1, 2003 when she lost control of her vehicle on Derry Road, which was covered with snow and ice at the time. She struck an oncoming vehicle. She sued the Region of Halton (“Halton”), who pleaded the 2002 MMS as a complete defence.

[14] The trial judge found that Halton had not kept Derry Road in a reasonable state of repair and that the 2002 MMS did not apply. The Court of Appeal agreed.

[15] Section 4 of the 2002 MMS required municipalities to clear accumulated snow after it reached a certain depth. The depth at which the requirement to clear was triggered – and the time in which clearing was thereafter to occur – depended on the classification of the roadway. Derry Road was a class two highway. Section 4 of the 2002 MMS provided that the obligation to clear snow from a class two roadway was triggered when an accumulated depth of 5 cm was

reached. The municipality thereafter had a six hour window in which to clear the snow according to the standards.

[16] The trial judge reasoned, and the Court of Appeal agreed, that s. 4 of the 2002 MMS did not apply *until* the trigger depth had been reached. In the circumstances of the *Giuliani* case, only 2 cm of snow had accumulated so s. 4 did not apply. Moreover, s. 5 of the 2002 MMS, which created a minimum standard for treating roads *after* becoming aware that the roadway was icy, did not discharge the municipality's obligation to take reasonable steps to *avoid* ice forming in the first place.

[17] The result of the decision in *Giuliani* was to severely limit the circumstances in which the 2002 MMS might apply, at least in terms of sections 3, 4 and 5 which deal with winter maintenance standards.

[18] Finally, the third significant event to impact on the application was the service by the applicants of their Factum on March 15, 2013. There, for the first time, the applicants indicated an election to restrict their regulatory challenge to sections 3, 4 and 5 (the winter maintenance provisions) of the 2002 MMS.

[19] As a result of the decision in *Giuliani*, combined with the applicants' indication that they were intending to challenge only sections 3, 4 and 5 of the 2002 MMS, York Region advised the applicants' counsel, by letter dated April 12, 2013, that it was withdrawing reliance on the 2002 MMS as a defence to the *Silveira* action.

III. THE ASSERTION OF MOOTNESS

[20] The applicability of the 2002 iteration of the MMS is no longer an issue in the action. The 2010 iteration has been struck from consideration in this application by virtue of the order of Lauwers J. dated July 8, 2011. The respondents assert, in the circumstances, that the application should no longer be heard because it is moot.

[21] The leading case on assessing mootness is *Borowski v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [1989] 1 S.C.R. 342. In *Borowski*, the appellant sought to challenge the validity of s. 251 of the *Criminal Code*, which at that time related to abortion, on the ground that its provisions contravened the s. 7 *Charter* rights of the fetus. After he had been given leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, but before his appeal was heard, the Court struck down s. 251 in its entirety in *R. v. Morgentaler*, [1988] 1 S.C.R. 30. The issue of mootness was squarely addressed by the Court.

[22] Justice Sopinka, for a unanimous Court, discussed the doctrine of mootness at para. 15, where he said:

The doctrine of mootness is an aspect of a general policy or practice that a court may decline to decide a case which raises merely a hypothetical or abstract question. The general principle applies when the decision of the court will not have the effect of resolving some controversy which affects or may affect the rights of the parties. If the decision of the court will have no practical effect on such rights, the court will decline to decide the case. This essential ingredient must be present not only when

the action or proceeding is commenced but at the time when the court is called upon to reach a decision. *Accordingly if, subsequent to the initiation of the action or proceeding, events occur which affect the relationship of the parties so that no present live controversy exists which affects the rights of the parties, the case is said to be moot.* The general policy or practice is enforced in moot cases unless the court exercises its discretion to depart from its policy or practice. (emphasis mine).

[23] In the case of this application, events – as I have described them – have occurred such that no live controversy exists at present which affects the rights of the parties. The 2002 MMS are no longer in issue. York Region has abandoned any reliance upon them. The very foundation for which the application was commenced – in accordance with the order of Lauwers J. – has disappeared. As such, in accordance with the general practice, the Court will decline to hear the application unless there is a justification for the Court to exercise its discretion to depart from the normal practice.

[24] Whether the Court should exercise its discretion to hear an otherwise moot proceeding requires a consideration of several criteria, which were laid out by Sopinka J. at paras. 31 to 42 of *Borowski*, and which constitute the three basic *rationalia* for the enforcement of the mootness doctrine. The criteria to consider may be summarized as:

- (a) Whether there is an adversarial relationship between the parties;
- (b) Whether deciding the moot issue is an appropriate use of scarce judicial resources; and,
- (c) Whether deciding the moot case exceeds the proper judicial function.

[25] In this instance, I choose not to exercise my discretion to hear the challenge to the winter maintenance provisions of the 2002 MMS. My decision is based largely on a consideration of the second of the criteria referenced above.

[26] My reasoning can be stated very succinctly. The challenge now before the Court, as defined in the application, and refined in the applicants' Factum, is to sections 3, 4 and 5 of the 2002 MMS. Those sections no longer have application in this proceeding for the reasons stated above. Moreover, their applicability to any other proceeding is severely limited by virtue of the Court of Appeal's decision in *Giuliani*. It is entirely unclear how many other cases may be unresolved where the 2002 MMS are engaged, but the cases in which sections 3, 4 or 5 would offer a viable defence will now be very limited indeed.

[27] Far more compelling, in terms of the issues raised in the application, would be the validity of the current iteration of the MMS. As I indicated, the 2002 MMS were amended in 2010 by O. Reg. 23/10. They were further amended in 2013 by O. Reg. 47/13. The new amendments include a deeming provision, which appears designed to close a gap in the regulation highlighted by the *Giuliani* decision. Section 4(2) of the MMS now provides as follows:

4(2) If the depth of snow accumulation on a roadway is less than or equal to the depth set out in the Table to this section, the roadway is deemed to be in a state of repair with respect to snow accumulation.

[28] A determination of the validity of sections 3, 4 and 5 of the 2002 MMS will, in my view, have little bearing on future cases. In the circumstances, the utilization of scarce judicial resources to determine what is now an academic issue is not justified.

IV. THE PUBLIC INTEREST STANDING ARGUMENT

[29] The applicants submitted that even if the 2002 MMS are no longer a live issue in the tort action, challenging the regulation is still a matter of public importance. They urged the Court to grant them public interest standing to continue the challenge.

[30] In *Canada (Attorney General) v. Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society*, [2012] 2 SCR 524, the Supreme Court considered the matter of public interest standing and in what circumstances it ought to be granted. Justice Cromwell, for a unanimous Court, outlined three factors that Courts should consider when exercising the discretion to grant public interest standing to a person or group. Those factors are:

- (a) Whether the case raises a serious justiciable issue;
- (b) Whether the party bringing the case has a real stake or a genuine interest in its outcome; and
- (c) Whether the proposed suit is, in all the circumstances, a reasonable and effective means to bring the case to court. (para. 2).

[31] In my view, a challenge to the validity of minimum maintenance standards raises serious justiciable issues. The issues outlined in the applicant's Factum are legitimate, compelling and certainly raise serious issues worthy of the Court's consideration. But there is a problem with the application as presently constituted. As I have indicated, there is little pressing concern with the validity of the 2002 iteration of the MMS, given subsequent amendments to the regulation and the effect of the *Giuliani* decision.

[32] The applicants argue that a successful challenge to the 2002 MMS may provide guidance to the Court hearing a future application to challenge the 2013 iteration. That may well be true, but when judicial economy is considered, it makes little sense to continue with a challenge of the 2002 MMS as a means to ultimately challenge the 2013 amendments. I am not prepared to grant public interest standing to the applicants to challenge a regulation that now has very little application.

[33] Whether public interest standing might be granted to the applicants or anyone else to mount a challenge to the current MMS regulation, as amended, is a matter best left to another day. Any prospective challenger would do well, however, to consider the views expressed by Lauwers J. which I cited at para. 9 above.

V. CONCLUSION

[34] In the result, the application is dismissed on the grounds that it is moot. If the parties cannot agree on the costs of the application and the motions argued before me, they may make written submissions not to exceed 3 pages in length. Submissions should be made on a two week turnaround. The respondents and interveners are to serve and file their submissions by January 21, 2014 and the applicants by February 4, 2014. The respondents and interveners shall have until February 18, 2014 to file any reply submissions they may have. All submissions should be sent electronically to my assistant, Jennifer Beattie, at Jennifer.Beattie@ontario.ca.



Boswell J.

Released: January 7, 2014



January 8, 2014

Hon. Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Hon. Madeleine Meilleur
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
George Drew Bldg. 18th Floor
25 Grosvenor St.
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Dear Premier Wynne & Minister Meilleur,

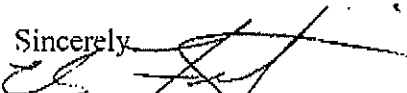
The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region requests that the proposed new OPP Billing Model be replaced with a new proposal that deals directly with lowering the high cost of policing in rural Ontario.

Further, Whitewater Region supports the resolutions circulated to us by The Township of McNab/Braeside, Tay Valley Township, The Township of Limerick, The Township of the Archipelago, The Town of Fort Francis, The Town of Mississippi Mills and the Municipality of McDougall, all of which state that the proposed new OPP billing model is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable and is entirely inconsistent with the Province's commitment to strengthen rural Ontario.

Please see the enclosed resolution, passed on January 8th, 2014, circulated to all municipalities with a permanent population of 10,000 or less and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

If further information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Christine FitzSimons
CAO/Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
 P.O. BOX 40, 44 Main Street
 Cobden, Ontario K0J 1K0

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

Jan 8, Session 20 14 No. 7

The Ontario Provincial Police are proposing a new billing model for charging municipalities for policing services, starting in 2015; the current billing model is a deployment model, in which cost recovery is based on percentage of detachment workload, actual detachment staffing levels, wages and benefits, and a cost recovery component for other expenditures, which model has been in place for over 15 years;

The new methodology would charge each municipality a flat \$260 per household fee for the base costs related to providing police services, plus a variable charge for each call for service in that municipality. The rationale for this is that there is a base fixed cost for providing police services that must be borne by all participating municipalities, regardless of the number of calls for service that the OPP responds to in each municipality. The OPP have advised that 73% of their costs are fixed (i.e. base costs) and 27% are variable;


The actual specifics of the cost for the calls for service have not been released or calculated, the OPP has estimated that the average cost per household in Ontario for policing services, including both the base cost and the calls for service, would be approximately \$369;

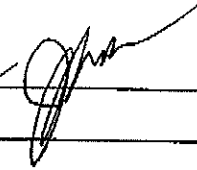
This model would see the OPP costs for the Township of Whitewater Region **double** for the 3,472 households in the municipality from \$184.65 per household under the current funding model to \$369 for the average total cost per household. This new funding model proposal is fundamentally flawed, unfair and inequitable.

The Council of the Township of Whitewater Region resolves that the Province of Ontario and Premier Wynne be petitioned to recognize that this proposed funding model is unfair to rural Ontario and further that this funding model should be scrapped immediately and replaced by a proposal that deals directly with lowering the high cost of policing in Ontario.

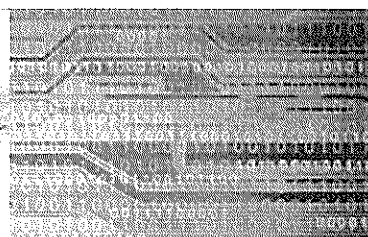
This resolution shall be forwarded to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur, Minister of Community Safety & Correctional Services, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all rural Ontario municipalities with a permanent population of 10,000 or less.

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 Christine FitzSimons
 CAO / Clerk
 and Commission of Oaths
 Township of Whitewater Region

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- Draft Responsible Aggregate Standards available for comment.
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Provincial Matters

For those municipalities that have significant aggregate presence, the proposed Responsible Aggregate Standards are a series of actions that pits and quarries would voluntarily undertake in order to be certified as responsible aggregate operations.

The Ontario government has introduced a plan for new or expanded campuses which outlines a selection process in which institutions are to submit expansion proposals to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities following a call for proposals in early 2014. The framework also defines criteria for where new or expanded campuses should be located.

The Attorney General of Ontario has announced the launch of the 2014 Attorney General's Victim Services Awards of Distinction. The award recognizes the dedication of professionals and volunteers who serve victims, and the efforts of individuals who have been personally impacted by crime and are now working to raise the profile of victims' issues in Ontario.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Nine hotels in London will release guest rooms at the AMO Conference rate for reservations on Tuesday, January 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. As in previous years, a non-refundable cancellation fee is being implemented at the hotels for reservations in order to deter the practice of overbooking guest rooms. For information on the hotels and how to book please review the full guest room booking policy.

Mark your calendars and register today for the 2014 AMO Urban Symposium - now in its seventh year! This year's theme "Connected Community" will be looking to explore topics such as regional and municipal transit, arts and culture, active transportation systems, sustainability, youth development, urban food and more.

AMO presents 2014 Council Challenges in six locations in March and April. Come discover what lies ahead in 2014, and prepare yourself for the challenges with this full day workshop geared to members of Council. Topics include: lame duck council provisions, succession planning, staff roles and more.

So you want to Run for Council? AMO presents an online course, offered through the Municipal Council Education Program (MCEP) site, that provides an overview of what you need to know before you decide to run for municipal office and what you should know to begin your candidacy.

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Career/Employment Opportunities

Program Manager, Corporate Energy - City of Guelph. Approximately 6 month temporary position with a possible extension. Applications must be received online by January 19, 2014.

Senior Economist - Ontario Public Service. Location: Municipal Finance Policy Branch, Toronto. Please apply online by January 20, 2014. Please enter Job ID 59710 in the Job ID search field and follow the instructions to submit your application.

Policy Intern - AMO. Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. The internship is a temporary position of up to 17 weeks. Please apply in confidence to: hr@amo.on.ca by January 31, 2014.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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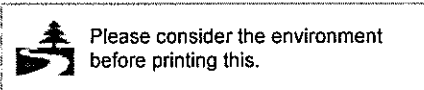
MEPCO Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario

OMKN Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network

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January 8, 2014

To all Ontario Municipalities,

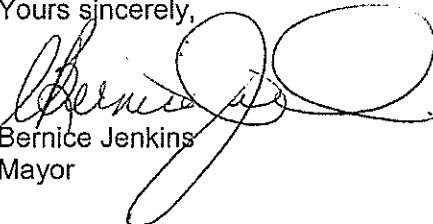
It has come to the attention of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bancroft that many Municipalities are voicing their objections to the Provincial government regarding the proposed new police billing model. The objections are being heard from Municipalities that may experience an increase in their municipal policing costs. Please find enclosed a copy of Resolution #370-2013 which states the position of the Council of the Town of Bancroft.

The Town of Bancroft's current policing costs are well beyond the Provincial average, which has contributed to the increase of tax rates to unbearable levels, depleted reserves, and led to the deferral of necessary capital expenditures. The Council of the Town of Bancroft believes that the new police billing model is based on a fairer approach to all Municipalities.

The Council recognizes that under the new billing model some Municipalities may experience an increase in the cost for police services. The Council of the Town of Bancroft respectfully requests that the Provincial government not reduce the OMPF funding to Municipalities and provide mitigation funding for Municipalities that will experience increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model.

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bancroft I request your support of the enclosed Resolution. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me by telephone at (613)-332-3331 at ext. 202 or by e-mail at bjenkins@bancroft.ca.

Yours sincerely,


Bernice Jenkins
Mayor

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**Regular Meeting of Council
December 19th, 2013**

Resolution #370-2013

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Wayne Wiggins
Seconded By: Councillor Paul Jenkins

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are voicing their concerns and filing letters of objection and support to the Provincial government regarding the proposed new police billing model;

AND WHEREAS objections to the new model are being heard from municipalities that may experience an increase in their municipal policing costs;

AND WHEREAS all police services require a base level of infrastructure, supervision, administration and sufficient front-line policing necessary to provide adequate proactive policing, ensure the general safety and security of municipalities;

AND WHEREAS proactive policing activities, such as directed patrols, traffic enforcement and crime prevention are provided to all municipalities regardless of the level of calls for service;

AND WHEREAS calls for service are one of the primary cost drivers in policing and it is reasonable that municipalities pay the cost of their calls for service;

AND FURTHER all municipalities should pay their equitable share of essential "base level" policing services;

AND WHEREAS the Auditor General directed the OPP to address issues in its costing and billing methods that result in municipalities paying different rates;

AND WHEREAS the principles and design of the proposed new billing model is based on a fairer approach and significantly enhances transparency;

AND WHEREAS the final OPP billings for the Town of Bancroft for the period 2008 to and including 2012 (5 years), was \$6,674,154 with an average household count of 1948.2;

AND WHEREAS application of the "fairer" police billing model at the estimated rate of \$369. per household be applied to Bancroft's total households per year over the 5 year study period, indicated that the Town of Bancroft paid an excess amount of \$3,079,725;

Resolution #370-2013 CONTINUED

AND WHEREAS the Town of Bancroft has no means to recover this significant financial loss and impact, however the Town of Bancroft remains fully supportive of mitigation for Municipalities that will be effected with increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bancroft urge the Provincial Government to not reduce the OMPF funding to Municipalities and to provide mitigation funding for municipalities that will have increased policing costs as a result of the new police billing model.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to Hastings County, all Ontario Municipalities, Mayor's Coalition, and AMO requesting their support;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, all Provincial Ministers and the local and area MPP and MP.

CARRIED.

Bernice Jenkins, Mayor

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Dated: Dec 19/13


Commissioner

**Daniel McCoy, Acting Deputy Clerk
A Commissioner for
the Town of Bancroft**

Denise Holmes

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To: dholmes@melancthontownship.ca
Subject: AMO Policy Update

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

January 10, 2014

Land Use Planning and Appeals System Consultation

Over the past decade, provincial legislative reforms designed to improve the planning process has taken place twice. As the planning process improves, this in turn reduces the number of appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The uptake on reforms from 2004 and 2007 has been minimal so the impact of these improvements is not easily measured. Given this, there have been ongoing concerns that too many decisions are still appealed to the OMB.

To address these concerns, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) recently consulted on four themes;

1. Theme A: Achieve more predictability, transparency and accountability in the planning/appeal process and reduce costs.
2. Theme B: Support greater municipal leadership in resolving issues and making local land use planning decisions.
3. Theme C: Better engage citizens in the local planning process.
4. Theme D: Protect long-term public interests, particularly through better alignment of land use planning and infrastructure decisions and support for job creation and economic growth.

The MMAH consultation began November 7, 2013 and ends today, January 10, 2014. In addition to online participation, the Ministry held six consultation sessions throughout the province. As well, MMAH consulted with the AMO Planning Task Force.

AMO members and their communities are diverse and there are a variety of experiences and needs relating to these four theme areas. Some experience significant growth pressures while others do not. Municipal staffing for land use planning is based on typical ranges of development activity so that there are a variety of capacities in local planning departments. This means there are a variety of municipal responses to the theme areas.

An AMO response was sent to Minister Jeffrey in December 2013. The key messages identified point to the continuing concerns over the delays and costs to municipalities associated with appeals. To reduce the number of appeals, several technical changes to the *Planning Act* were identified:

- A number of decisions should not be subject to appeal. Specifically, where the Province has already given an approval (such as the inclusion of source protection policies), no appeal should be allowed.

- While municipalities do undertake work related to compliance with provincial intensification targets, these are at the direction of the Province and should not be appealable.
- Partial approvals of larger amendments or Five Year Reviews should be permitted. Appeals should be scoped and no entire Official Plan appeals should be allowed.
- Minor variances or other matters before a committee of adjustment should go to mediation or a Local Appeal Body rather than the OMB.
- The provision of end dates for subdivision appeals should be established.
- Currently, if there has been no decision on a planning application within the prescribed timeframe, it is treated as though it has been "refused". Ending the ability to "add on" new appeals when a first appeal results from a "refusal" to address a proposed amendment, would help focus appeals to the matter which triggered the appeal.
- The timeframe for "refusal" may need adjustment where upper and lower tier decision-making cycles lengthen the legitimate process.

It is important that appeals have substance and are based on factual, planning concerns. While citizen participation is vital to a healthy planning process, in some cases ensuring citizens' groups have the financial capacity to deal with outcomes of appeals, in the form of a security deposit, should be an option. The provisions of Section 45 of the *Planning Act*, "Dismissal without Hearing", deserve more consideration. Specifically, the definitions of "frivolous, vexatious and for the purpose of delay" should be better understood and the OMB should make use of this clause. In all cases, mediation should take place before a Board hearing.

On the other hand, where positive negotiations between a developer and municipality are underway, it may be helpful to "pause" the timelines so that these changes can be brought forward prior to the "refusal to consider" provisions taking effect.

AMO will continue to analyse the outcomes of this MMAH consultation when available and provide updates to the members.

AMO Contact: Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, cathiebrown@amo.on.ca - 416.971.9856 ext. 342.

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Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

HIGHLIGHTS

of the NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS - No. 11/13 & 01/14 – Jan. 10, 2014

NVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Nina Bifulchi, Councillor for the Town of Wasaga Beach, was re-elected as Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors for 2014 at the NVCA's Annual General Meeting on January 10, 2014. Bifulchi has served as Board Member, Vice Chair and Chair over the last three years. Gail Ardiel, Councillor for the Town of the Blue Mountains was elected Vice Chair for the 2014 term. Walter Benotto, Councillor for the Town of Shelburne will continue as Past Chair for 2014.

2014 BUDGET APPROVED BY BOARD

The Board of Directors unanimously approved a 2014 NVCA budget of \$4,525,040. The budget is comprised of a non-matching levy (no provincial grant provided) of \$1,836,387 and a matching levy (matching provincial grant provided) of \$185,490. The increase over 2013 is 3.25%, which is equal to the combined rates of population growth and inflation. The approved budget will enable the NVCA to continue to provide "Innovative watershed management supporting a healthy environment, communities and lifestyles" consistent with the recently approved NVCA 2014 to 2018 Strategic plan (Plan available on website, www.nvca.on.ca) Staff will report budget activity to the board on a monthly basis, with quarterly budget update reports.

NVCA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

The Board approved the Terms of Reference for an NVCA Agricultural Advisory Committee on Dec. 13th/13. The committee shall be composed of 12 members, who live, farm or work within the NVCA watershed. It will be the responsibility of the individual organizations to appoint annually in writing their representatives, by Jan. 30th to the NVCA Chief Administrative Officer or designate. An invitation for membership has been sent to the following organizations:

Ontario Federation of Agriculture:

3 representatives from Simcoe County FA
1 representative from Dufferin County FA
1 representative from Grey County FA

Other Agricultural Groups:

1 representative each
Christian Farmers Assoc.
Simcoe County Farm Fresh
National Farmers Union

1 additional representative from Agricultural Community (selected by the Advisory Committee through an open/by invitation selection process)

The Board appointed the following NVCA board members to the committee:
NVCA Vice-Chair Gail Ardiel, member representing the Town of the Blue Mountains
Rob Keffer, member representing the Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury,
Paul McQueen, member representing the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

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In addition Perry Ritchie, member representing the Township of Springwater and Donna Jebb, member representing the Town of New Tecumseth were named as alternate members. All of the members appointed from the NVCA Board of Directors are members of the agricultural community, actively farming in the NVCA watershed.

NVCA PLANNING STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT CASSELL DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 93, HILLSDALE SECONDARY PLAN, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER

NVCA Senior Planner and Director of Planning reported on the Cassell Drive proposed development. NVCA staff will continue working with the landowner and the Township of Springwater to ensure wetland reconfiguration which will result in the protection and enhancement of the overall wetland feature and functions of the property.

BARTRAM WOODLANDS TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO FORESTRY PROGRAM

The NVCA has retained the services of Bartram Woodlands to provide tree planting and spraying services for the 2014 spring tree planting season. Please contact the NVCA office for tree planting opportunities in 2015.

BOARD RECEIVES DEPUTATION REGARDING DUFFERIN WIND POWER INC.

Jonathon Myers and Crawford Smith of TORY LLP made a deputation to the Board of Directors on behalf of Dufferin Wind Power Inc. regarding the issuance of four applications submitted to the NVCA for properties in the County of Dufferin. The Board of Directors directed staff to continue to implement NVCA Board approved procedures regarding the implementation of Ontario Reg. 172/06

For the full agenda including documents and reports, please visit our website:
<http://nvca.on.ca/meetings/BoardofDirectors/Agendas/>

Future meetings and events:

Board Meeting 2/14 – Feb. 28, 2014
Family Day at the Tiffin – Feb. 17, 2014

For more information, please contact:

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wwilson@nvca.on.ca



Grand River Conservation Authority



TO: Municipal Clerks, Planning, Building and Engineering Staff

FROM: Nancy Davy, Director of Resource Management
Fred Natolochny, Supervisor of Resource Planning
Beth Brown, Supervisor of Resource Planning

DATE: January 6, 2014

SUBJECT: **GRCA Planning, Permit and Inquiry Revised Fees
Effective February 1, 2014**

The General Membership of the Grand River Conservation Authority has approved a revised GRCA fee schedule for Plan Review, GRCA Permit and Inquiry services. The fees will be implemented throughout the Grand River watershed **effective February 1st, 2014.**

We have attached the revised fee schedules. Please ensure that copies of the attached fee schedule are available to municipal staff and prospective applicants.

Announcement A free, web based mapping tool, is available to the public to review GRCA maps of areas regulated under Ontario Regulation 150/06. We note that the text of Ontario Regulation 150/06 defines the areas that are regulated. However, this mapping tool will provide municipal staff and the public with some guidance on the areas regulated by the Conservation Authority. To use this mapping tool please go to www.grandriver.ca On the home page click on "Map Your Property" under the Planning and Permits heading.

Proposed activities or works within the areas regulated by the GRCA will require a permit from the GRCA, in addition to a building permit from the municipality.

The policies regarding Ontario Regulation 150/06 and a series of checklists that will aid the public and development industry to prepare satisfactory reports and plans for applications or inquiries can be found under the planning and regulations section of our website at www.grandriver.ca. The Plan Review and GRCA permit fees are also posted on the GRCA website under the planning and regulation section.

Please note that GRCA [GIS data access](#) is available to download or order data for use with your GIS directly off of the GRCA website.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Plan Review or Permit Service Fees please contact Fred (ext. 2229) or Beth (ext. 2307) at (519) 621-2761.

Nancy Davy
Director of Resource Management
621-2763, ext. 2235
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PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE GRCA Permit, Plan Review, Title Clearance and Inquiry Fee Schedule, February 1st, 2014

Permit Fee Schedule

GRCA Permit Application	Development	Alterations or Interference with Wetlands, Shorelines and Watercourses	
Minor- <i>No technical reports required.</i>	\$380	\$380	
Standard- <i>Detailed report and/or plans required.</i>	\$540	\$950	
Major- <i>Requires one or more studies</i>	\$8,195	\$5,370 Bridge replacements	\$8,195
Large Fill – <i>over 1,000m³</i>	\$8,195 plus \$0.50/m ³		
Works initiated prior to GRCA permit approval	1.5 times the fee for the category		
Rural Water Quality Programs or related project	\$75		
Expired Permit	\$75		
Title Clearance and Inquiry Fee	\$205/property		

Plan Review Fee Schedule

Application Type	February 1, 2014 Fee
Subdivision and Vacant Land Condominium	
Base fee	\$2,010
• per net hectare	\$1,050/hectare
Applicant driven modification	\$1,340
Final clearance for registration of each stage: technical review required	\$5,370
Final clearance Processing Fee: no reports or review required	\$205
Official Plan and/or Zoning Bylaw Amendment	
Major	\$2,010
Minor	\$380
Consent	
Major	\$950
Minor	\$380
Minor Variances	
Major	\$540
Minor	\$250
Site Plan Approval Applications	
Major	\$2,815
Minor	\$380
Complex Applications⁷	\$8,195
Below Water Table Aggregate Applications¹⁷	
No features of interest within 120 metres of licence limit	\$8,195
Features of interest within 120 metres of licence limit	\$35,700
Above Water Table Aggregate Applications	
No features of interest within 120 metres of licence limit	\$380
Features of interest within 120 metres of licence limit	\$8,195

When reading the Permit and Planning fee schedule, please refer to the **Fee Notes** outlined below.

Fee Notes

1. All fees are made payable and submitted directly to Grand River Conservation Authority.
2. Applicants are encouraged to consult with staff prior to submission of all applications to determine the extent and nature of the information required to accompany the application, and to determine the appropriate fee.
3. Permit or plan review applications that fall into one or more categories will be charged one fee, at the highest rate.
4. The Conservation Authority may provide a refund or require the applicant submit funds for a permit or plan review fee if it is found that an incorrect fee has been submitted. The fees are assessed based on the extent of review required.
5. Minor – Low risk of impact on natural hazards or natural features, no technical reports required.
6. Standard Permit, Major Plan Review – Moderate hazard risk and/or potential impact on natural hazards or natural features (e.g. scoped technical reports or plans required).
7. Major – A hazard risk and/or potential impact to natural hazards or natural features and requires one or more studies (e.g. Environmental Impact Study, Hydraulic Analysis, Storm Water Management, Geotechnical, etc.).
8. Complex - Planning Act (e.g. OPA/ZC) and/or Site plan or development permit approval applications for: golf courses, trailer parks, campgrounds, lifestyle communities.
9. Large Fill - The fee is applicable to material placed within the Conservation Authority's regulated areas. Grading associated with *Planning Act* approvals is not considered a large fill application.
10. Major permit applications that have previously paid application or clearance plan review fees to the GRCA will be charged fees under the Minor or Standard category.
11. Permit fees are non-refundable, except where review indicates that no permit is necessary.
12. Expired permit - After a permit has expired, a new application must be submitted. For applications to replace a prior permit received within one year of expiry a fee of \$75 is required. Any changes to the plans or a lapse of more than one year will require a full review and the Schedule of Fees in effect at the time will apply.
13. The subdivision or vacant land condominium base fee including per net hectare fee will be capped at \$25,000.
14. The net hectare fee will be based on the initial submission and will exclude lands outside of the development limit (e.g. natural hazard, natural heritage areas and buffers).
15. At the submission of a subdivision or vacant land condominium application, 70% of the base fee and per net hectare is required. Prior to issuance of conditions of draft plan approval the remaining 30% of the fee is required.
14. A Processing Fee will apply for a clearance letter for a subdivision or condominium application where no technical review/studies (e.g. no Erosion and Sediment Control plan, SWM brief, etc.) are required.
15. For Aggregate Applications features of interest include all Natural Heritage, Natural Hazard and surface water features.

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RE: OAPSB Letter November 25th, 2013

A letter sent to you from the OAPSB has placed our Board in a position that compels us to send a response in support of the current proposed Billing Model. It is disconcerting that the OAPSB decided to take a position that we believe does not represent the majority of the Section 10 membership. In light of this we have notified the OAPSB of our concerns.

Everyone is aware that not all will be happy with the proposed change but we believe it is a step in the right direction. Municipalities paying over \$400 per household, which appears to be the bulk of the Section 10 Boards under contract to the OPP, cannot continue to pay the lion's share of policing costs.

The OPP were asked to develop an alternative to the current model. We believe the model outlined at the engagement sessions, goes a long way toward fairly reflecting the true cost of policing that must be shared by all municipalities. When it comes to policing, every member of the public has the same basic expectation, that should an emergency arise, a 911 call will result in the response of a police constable. That expectation comes with a price that until now has not been shared equally across the province. Every municipality should be required to pay their fair share for the infrastructure needed to provide that basic level of service.

Challenges in implementing the new model are to be expected, it may require some adjustment along the way, but the status quo is obviously not working as it relates to costing fairness.

Our Board sincerely hopes that those responsible for the implementation of the new OPP billing model will persevere amongst the objectors and bring this model to full implementation for 2015.

Respectfully,

Larry

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Good Morning,

Please find attached, correspondence on behalf of the Tillsonburg Police Services Board. Please reply directly to the Board Chair, Mr. Larry Scanlan at lgscan@hotmail.com, if you wish to do so.

Regards,

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January 13, 2014

Mayor Bill Hill
Melancthon Township 157101 Highway 10
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Dear Mayor Hill,

Re: Melancthon Township Policing Cost Estimates for 2013 and 2014

On the 9th of January 2014, I attended Melancthon Township Council to speak to confusion over the \$48,000.00 increase in the 2014 policing estimate after being advised that the Township would see a \$15,000 cost savings if they would sign an amending agreement to the current contract to extend it to the end of 2014. It is my hope that the following will address any confusion Melancthon Township Council may still have over this issue.

In the 04 Oct 2013 letter to the Township of Melancthon from OPP Municipal Policing Bureau (MPB), Melancthon Township was advised that as a result of the current billing process review, the MCSCS was not in a position to renew Section 10 contracts until early 2015. The MPB advised that there were three options available to the municipality:

1. *Enter into an amending agreement that includes the current cost recovery formula*
2. *Revert municipality to a Section 5.1 policing agreement*
3. *Sign the contract that was recently presented*

Sgt Steve Haennel of the MPB further clarified the first option of an amending agreement in an email to CAO Denise Holmes on the 22 October 2013, advising of the following points:

1. Amend from 01 Apr 2013 – 31 Dec 2014
2. Maintain old lower FTE levels for the entire period
3. Maintain the 2003 formula until 31 Dec 2013 (approx. 15K saving)
4. Go to the 2013 formula effective 01 Jan 2014
5. Maintain your contract relationship with the OPP
6. Maintain your PSB

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For the year 2013

Option 1 - Amending Agreement - \$360,512 includes the points 1 to 6 above and will see an additional decrease as the Civilian Data Entry position was removed from the contract as of 01 April 2013.

Option 2 - Revert to 5.1 - This option would use the 2012 formula (approximately an additional \$15,000 for 01 April to 31 December 2013) and hours used by the municipality. The hours used by the Melancthon Twp from 2005 to 2012 averaged 400 hours over the contracted amount. If the hours used remained the same for 2013, the costs would exceed those of option 1.

Option 3 - Sign the contract that was presented. - \$390,714 - this includes the FTE increase and the 2012 formula as reported in the contract proposal.

For the year 2014

The 2014 8.55% salary increase and the implementation of the 2013 formula will increase the cost of all three options.

Option 1 - will see an increase of 48,479 to \$408,991. This increase is a result of the increase from the 2003 formula to the 2013 formula, the salary increase of 8.55% and the benefit increase of 1.5% (because of severance and termination)

Option 2 - would see an increase in cost as a result of the increase from the 2012 formula to the 2013 formula, the salary increase of 8.55% and the benefit increase of 1.5% (because of severance and termination)

Option 3 - would see an increase from the 2013 costs as a result of the increase from the 2012 formula to the 2013 formula, the salary increase of 8.55% and the benefit increase of 1.5% (because of severance and termination). Option 3 would see a larger increase because of the uniform FTE increase in the contract.

The Municipal Policing Bureau advised, during the municipal engagement sessions on the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Review, the target for finalizing details of the new model will be mid-2014 to allow early communication with municipalities.

If further clarification of the billing options for 2013 and 2014 is required I will attend council with a representative from the Municipal Policing Bureau to answer any questions you may have.



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January 6, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier
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Dear Premier Wynne:

Once again, as a Northern Ontario Rural Mayor, I was totally shocked by your Finance Minister's suggestion of a 3 to 10 cent per litre tax increase on our gasoline, a possible HST increase and a new business tax be implemented to provide funding for transit in the GTA. Apparently, there is a committee advising him.

I am willing to bet that there are not any rural members on this select committee. Who are these people and what qualifications do they have to truly represent rural Ontario?

Do these committees simply "write us off" as insignificant partners in Ontario politics? Do they expect us to just go along with any decisions made without our participation? There really is life beyond the GTA.

We in rural Ontario already pay 14.5 cents on every litre to subsidize the government coffers without much return. We may not have buses, streetcars and subways in rural Ontario, but, we do have our very particular transit systems made up of our roads, bridges and culverts.

I am not willing to have my residents charged an additional tax in order to subsidize metro Toronto transit and I am certain that I would receive unanimous support on this stand.

We are constantly being bombarded with regulatory changes, increased costs and downloading without anyone at the provincial government level ever looking at the cumulative effects of these changes which are being suggested by uninformed policy advisors.

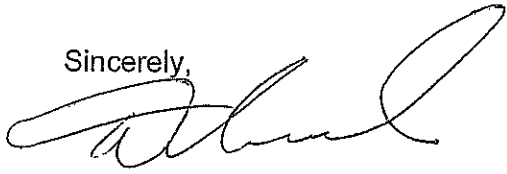
Our small rural staffs have to work on many of these downloads during the day filling out reports and then they are having to stay late to do our own work.

This Gas Tax move seems to me to be another assault on our rural municipalities and, if it must be, it should be regionalized and implemented for those municipalities with the problem.

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Sincerely,

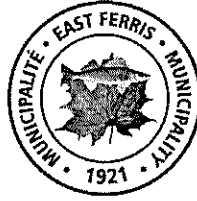


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January 6, 2014

Honourable Kathleen Wynne
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Dear Premier Wynne,

As the Mayor of a municipality that will see a very large increase in our OPP costs, I must state that the proposed billing formula is not acceptable and has to be reconsidered.

I attended the presentation in North Bay along with many Northern representatives and I didn't hear one positive comment throughout the meeting from any of the attendees.

The representative from Thornloe suggested that, if this billing model goes through, then he might as well give the community keys to the OPP.

There are some municipalities that are ready to accept this billing model, and rightfully so, since they have been paying very large bills for a very long time. However, there are many more that will see exorbitant increases which they cannot afford. This whole process is pitting municipality against municipality. Mitigation will be necessary in both directions if we are forced into this situation.

The current range is from under \$100 to over \$1000 per household. How in the world did this "per household gap" come to be? I'm going to suggest that it was either bad management, or lowballing by the OPP management to secure business that allowed this to get completely out of control. Somebody created a major mess and forced us into this dilemma and crisis.

The proposed model will result in an approximate 14% increase in our tax levy in 2015 for policing costs as it will increase from 7.4% in 2013 to 21.3%. We, like many municipalities, are going to be forced to look elsewhere for police services or simply refuse to pay. I know that municipalities have obligations for policing, but this will force some of us to pay only the minimum service level required by legislation.

We understand that there should be a common base or fixed amount of cost. However, the proposed cost formula of 73% fixed costs and 27% based on usage is uncommon when compared to any other cost accounting models that we have seen. Many accountants that I have spoken to suggest that an error has been made and that the breakdown should be reversed (27% fixed and 73% use). What you are asking most Municipalities to do is to subsidize those Municipalities that are high usage and therefore high cost.

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The municipalities are demanding full disclosure of all of the items that have been included in the fixed costs. We feel there may be items in the fixed costs that don't really belong there and we are questioning the validity of this breakdown.

My understanding is that there will be a panel of selected members meeting mid-January, 2014. I called Monika Turner at AMO and she told me that she has no further information regarding the make-up of the panel or an exact date. She told me that the main conversations will be between Ministry officials and the OPP. AMO will just be an invited observer and reports will be sent to municipalities.

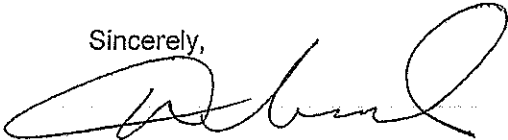
Is it your intention to simply pass down the recommendations through legislation using the excuse that we have been consulted?

Does the provincial government ever consider the cumulative effect on the taxpayers in municipalities when you make legislative changes that will financially affect them and when additional silent downloading occurs? There also seems to be a "silo mentality" operating at the provincial level, whereby each Ministry goes along doing its own thing without somebody adding up the bottom line like we have to do in Municipalities.

I have heard of future 5-10-15% tax increases from some municipalities as a result of these constant downloads. Try selling that one to the municipal taxpayer.

East Ferris has been consulting with Seguin Township on these matters and we would be pleased to meet with you, the Minister and the Commissioner as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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The Ontario Power Authority will be hosting [four regional community meetings](#) to receive additional feedback and input on the development of the Large Renewable Procurement Program.

Federal Matters

[Instructions](#) for online Gas Tax reporting have been updated. Reporting is due by March 31, 2014.

Eye on AMO Events

Mark your calendars and register today for the [2014 AMO Urban Symposium](#) - now in its seventh year! This year's theme "Connected Community" will be looking to explore topics such as regional and municipal transit, arts and culture, active transportation systems, sustainability, youth development, urban food and more.

AMO presents [2014 Council Challenges](#) in six locations in March and April. Come discover what lies ahead in 2014, and prepare yourself for the challenges with this full day workshop geared to members of Council. Topics include: lame duck

So you want to Run for Council? AMO presents an online course, offered through the [Municipal Council Education Program \(MCEP\)](#) site, that provides an overview of what you need to know before you decide to run for municipal office and what you should know to begin your candidacy.

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Learn about Richmond Hill's [Rumble Pond Adaptive Stormwater Infrastructure Project](#) and the water quantity and quality benefits.

The Municipal Wire*

The [Municipality of Trent Hills resolution](#) requests an investigation of Hydro One.

The [Municipality of Brockton resolution](#) concerns the new billing model for OPP municipal policing services.

The [Tay Valley Township resolution](#) concerns the OPP billing reform process.

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[Research Policy Analyst - Town of Oakville.](#) Department: Environmental Policy. Term: February 1, 2014 to mid-February 2015. Applications will be accepted [on-line](#) (see current opportunities section) no later than midnight, Monday, January 20, 2014.

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January 15, 2014

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CAO / Clerk
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Dear Denise,

Re: Drainage Superintendent Services
File No.: D-ME-SUP

Enclosed is our invoice for Drainage Superintendent Services covering the time period from October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

The work undertaken during this period includes the following:

October 2013

- Completed and submitted DFO "Notice of Drain Maintenance" application to GRCA for minor work on Broster Drain in Lots 29 and 30 Con. 7 NE.
- Received Council's resolution to investigate request from Kay for cleanout of McCue Drain. On-site with owner for field investigation and general discussion on existing drain condition including possible minor beaver dam removal.
- Received GRCA authorization to proceed with minor Broster Drain cleanout. Notify Tiling Contractor of received permit.
- Request from Public Works regarding beaver dam and flooding at McCague Drain. On-site at 5th Line regarding the flooding and check McCague Drain, Amos Drain and Gordon Drain regarding origin of flood waters. Check Amos Drain air photo regarding watershed limits including Gordon Drain limits for flooding reasons. Discussion with Public Works regarding same.
- Request from Public Works regarding Dufferin County beaver notice applications. General discussion regarding procedures and assist with completion of several applications for County trapping.
- On-site to Mather Drain regarding completion of leveling operations from last year's drain cleanout.
- Obtain OBM map and GRCA air photo to evaluate McCague Drain flooding. General discussion with trapper regarding high water levels and beaver dam.
- Circulated notice to assessed owners on the Molter Drain regarding cleanout work and estimated cost. Complete minor field survey and construction grade sheets for minor deepening to match new County Road crossing elevation.

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- Received Council's resolution regarding Martin's request for cleanout of Bradley-French Drain. Review drain file and on-site for field investigation. Compare existing conditions with drain design and general discussion with owner regarding findings and cleanout request.
- On-site with Contractor to Molter Drain to commence cleanout work. General discussion with owners and check progress of the work.
- Request from Taylor regarding beaver flooding on Stinson Drain. Notify trapper of location and request removal of beaver.
- Request from Public Works regarding location of pumping station at 10th Line Road. Review hydro drawings. General discussion with owner and with Contractor regarding any structures to be placed on private property. Forward hydro drawings to Contractor.

November 2013

- Additional inspections and discussions with owners regarding Molter Drain cleanout work. Received and verified Contractor's invoice and forwarded to Clerk for payment.
- Request from Martin regarding beaver problems and possible Broster Drain cleanout. General discussion regarding beaver trapping with a possible cleanout including procedures for such under the Act.
- Received Council's resolution regarding Bany's request for cleanout of Bradley-French Drain. General discussion with owner regarding concerns.
- Request from Tiling Contractor regarding procedure for initiating McCue Drain maintenance work. General discussion and forward maintenance notification form to them.
- Request from Coffey, owner of Lots 241-243 Con. 3 SW., regarding a new tile branch to the James Foley Drain. General discussion regarding the possible use of a Mutual Agreement Drain to provide the required outlet.

December 2013

- Request from Jim Black regarding maintenance work needed on the Ferguson Drain. General discussion with CAO/Clerk regarding procedures for requests need to be submitted to the Township for processing and for Council's direction.
- General discussion with Bany's tenant regarding concerns and timing for proposed Bradley-French Drain cleanout. On-site for additional minor field investigation. Complete letter to Clerk regarding our findings.
- Received Contractor's invoice for Mather Drain leveling of cleanout material. Review and verify invoice. Forward to Clerk for payment.

Also enclosed is a completed grant form covering the fees and expenses incurred throughout the year. As you are aware, the cost of employing a Drainage Superintendent is eligible for a 50% grant. Please note the grant application must be signed, by the Treasurer, and submitted before January 31, 2014 together with a record of our "work undertaken" for the year (copies enclosed April, July, October and January).

We trust we have handled the Township's drainage matters satisfactorily and look forward to being of service again this year. Should you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please call.

Yours truly,

R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited

Drainage Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. M. Pridham", with a stylized flourish at the end.

T. M. Pridham, P.Eng.
Encl.



Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

January 14, 2014

Sue Stone, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Amaranth
suestone@amaranth-eastgary.ca

Dear Ms. Stone,

RE: Donation to Headwaters Health Care Centre Resolution

Town of Mono Council reviewed the Township of Amaranth resolution regarding a donation to the Headwaters Health Care Centre through the 2014 Dufferin County budget. The following resolution was passed:

THAT Town of Mono Council supports the position of the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor of Mono supporting a donation of \$500,000 from the County of Dufferin to the Headwaters Healthcare Centre.

Yours truly,

Keith J. McNenly
CAO/Clerk

C: Sonya Pritchard, County of Dufferin CAO
Dufferin Municipalities

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Town of Mono

347209 Mono Centre Road
Mono, Ontario L9W 6S3

January 16, 2014

Mr. Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
8195 8th Line
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Dear Mr. Wilson,

RE: NVCA 2014 Municipal Levy

Town of Mono Council reviewed your 2014 budget and passed the following resolution:

Resolution #4-1-2014

THAT Town of Mono Council accepts the 2014 Budget from the
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Carried

Yours truly,

for

Keith J. McNenly
CAO/Clerk

- C. Township of Amaranth
Township of Melancthon
Township of Mulmur
Town of Shelburne

G. W. JORDEN *Planning Consultants Limited*

8 BELLEVUE CRESCENT, BARRIE, ONTARIO L4M 2T1

January 17, 2014

Ms. Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
CAO/Clerk
Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway 10
Melancthon, Ont.
L9V 2E6

Dear Ms. Holmes:


**Draft Official Plan:
Growth Accommodation Aspects**

I have previously provided a copy of my report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the growth accommodation aspects of the draft Official Plan. In addition, I provided a copy of my proposal for the areas of study to prepare a report addendum addressing the Ministry's comments on that report.

I have now received the attached document from the Ministry providing their comments on the terms of reference for the addendum. Please add this to the agenda of the upcoming Council meeting as an information item.

I am reviewing the comments provided by the Ministry and will advise further.

Sincerely,


G. W. Jorden, RPP

PROPOSED AREAS OF STUDY
Addendum to Growth Plan Report
Draft Melancthon Official Plan

On the basis of a discussion with representatives of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on December 17th, 2013, the following study areas are proposed for the preparation of an addendum to the November 8th, 2013, planning report on the December, 2012, draft Melancthon Official Plan's compliance with the growth accommodation aspects of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

MMAH would like to see the Township provide a lot breakdown to identify:

- Total unit potential within the settlement areas
- Total unit potential with the Rural area (not including vacant lots within approved estate residential subdivisions)
- Total unit potential within vacant lots of approved residential subdivisions within the rural area

1. Determine the number of vacant useable residential lots in each of the three communities identified in the draft Plan. Three types of vacant lots will be excluded:
 - a. those in wetlands,
 - b. those in hazard lands such as floodplains, and
 - c. those in non-residential zones.

It would be preferable and more realistic to also exclude vacant lots on unopened road allowances from this analysis. There is no record of an existing road allowance being opened in the Township in the last 40 years. However, in compliance with the position of the Ministry representatives, any such vacant lots will be included in the vacant lot total.

As per our December 17th discussion, the Ministry is not supportive of the Township applying an assumption that 20% of vacant useable lots will not be developed for residential uses (due to various factors) during the planning period, with respect to useable lots within the settlement areas and rural estate subdivisions.

2. Determine the number of potential new residential lots that could be created in the developed portion of the three communities. Lands in any of the three types of areas listed in point 1 above will be excluded from this analysis.

It is not clear what is meant by 'developed portion' of the three communities. Is it meant to include Greenfield areas? Further clarification is needed.

Smaller lot sizes than what are currently included in the report should be considered in the analysis of potential new residential lots.

3. Prepare a more detailed evaluation of the residential lot creation potential in that portion of Horning's Mills shown as Area 1 on the first map (Schedule B to the draft Plan) in the planning report. This will involve a general evaluation of potential lot creation in each of the vacant land areas within Area 1. It will not involve the preparation of a comprehensive and detailed development plan for the Area's entire complex pattern of vacant lands.
4. Provide an estimate for dwelling unit creation in the three communities beyond that represented by infilling as addressed in point 2 above. This would primarily consider the potential for second dwelling units under the applicable provincial policies as well as the limited number of other forms of intensification that may be possible using individual on-site services.
5. Assess Area 2 in Horning's Mills (Schedule B) and Area 1 in Riverview (Schedule C-1) for potential compliance with the minimum separation requirements of the MDS I formula. This will involve at least the following three phases.

As per the MDS Guidelines, expansion of a settlement area is a Type B land use. Therefore MDS I should be applied to all livestock facilities with a 2000 metre radius of the expansion area.

- a. Air photo analysis will be used, possibly in combination with assessment records, to determine the location of, and distance separation from the closest barns, livestock facilities or manure storage facilities. An approximation of the size of these three features will also be obtained as well as the number of tillable hectares on the subject farm property.

MDS applies to both livestock facilities and manure storage facilities. Therefore an analysis should consider both and not one or the other, as implied in the first sentence.

As per the MDS Guidelines, for settlement area expansions only, MDS I is based on the existing Nutrient Unit housing capacity and not tillable hectares.

- b. Using either the building and facility size estimates obtained through the air photo analysis or an application of typical numbers of livestock on farms in the Township as recorded in the Census of Agriculture, the MDS I formula will be applied to determine a probable minimum distance separation requirement from that closest livestock or manure building or facility.

As per the MDS Guidelines, information used in MDS calculations such as the capacity of the livestock facility, type of manure storage, etc. should be obtained from the owner of the existing livestock facility.

- c. If the actual distance separation exceeds the MDS requirement for a typical livestock operation in the Township, the research will be concluded by noting the strong probability that there will be compliance with the MDS requirements. If the actual distance separation does not meet the MDS requirements, the available options will be assessed to determine if:
 - i. the subject area can be reconfigured to comply with the requirements,
 - ii. there is a better area for growth accommodation,
 - iii. this is the best area notwithstanding the MDS requirements or
 - iv. there is a need for this area of development in the period prior to 2031.
- 6. The report's calculations of the existing and potential supply of new dwelling units will be revised as necessary to reflect the results of this analysis and the implications for Growth Plan conformity noted.

The addendum should consider whether the demand or need to designate new lands is necessary at this time given the census decline in population and low uptake on building permits over the past number of years.

G. W. JORDEN PLANNING CONSULTANTS

December 18, 2013



Bill Hill
Mayor, Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway 10
Melancthon, Ontario
L9V 2E6

Monday, January 6, 2014

Dear Mayor Hill

Subject: Responsible Aggregate Standards for Review and Comment

On January 6, 2014 the Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC), a non-profit organization that is developing a voluntary certification system for responsible pits and quarries in Ontario, released its draft Responsible Aggregate Standard for a 60-day consultation period.

Attached (and posted online at www.cornerstonestandards.ca) you will find a copy of the draft Responsible Aggregate Standards, a series of actions that pits and quarries would voluntarily undertake in order to be certified as responsible aggregate operations. This draft is the result of over two years of work, 30 meetings, 300 hours of discussion and 30 drafts by CSC's Standards Development Panel. The Panel is now seeking feedback on the draft standards that will be considered as they finalize certification requirements for certified pits and quarries in Ontario.

Comments may be submitted to CSC from January 6 to March 6, 2014 and must:

- Be attributed: Name, affiliation and contact information must be included.
- Be within the consultation period: The last day for submitting comments is 4:00PM EST on March 6, 2014.
- Be submitted in writing:
 - By email to comments@cornerstonestandards.ca or
 - By mail to Cornerstone Standards Council, 285 McLeod St. Ottawa, K2P 1A1

Following consultation all comments, and who they are attributed to, will be posted on the CSC website at www.cornerstonestandards.ca.

CSC expects that this voluntary certification system will have a transformative effect on Ontario's aggregate sector, reducing conflicts and improving relations between aggregate operators and communities.

We invite you to review CSC's draft Responsible Aggregate Standards and encourage you to provide comments by March 6, 2014. If you have any questions please contact us at comments@cornerstonestandards.ca.



Lorne Johnson
Executive Director, Cornerstone Standards Council

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The Corporation of
THE TOWN OF SHELburnE

Municipal Offices:

*203 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ont. L0N 1S0 - Telephone: (519) 925-2600 - Fax (519) 925-6134
e-mail: shelburne@townofshelburne.on.ca*



January 3, 2014

Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway 10
R.R. # 6
Shelburne, Ontario
L0N 1S9

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Fiddle Contest Parade – August 9th, 2014.

The Town of Shelburne is hereby requesting the Township of Melancthon's permission to detour traffic along Township roads for this year's Fiddleville Parade on August 9th, 2014.

The detour route (as show in attached sketch) will be in effect for approximately three hours. The Town of Shelburne will be responsible for the signing of the above stated detour.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

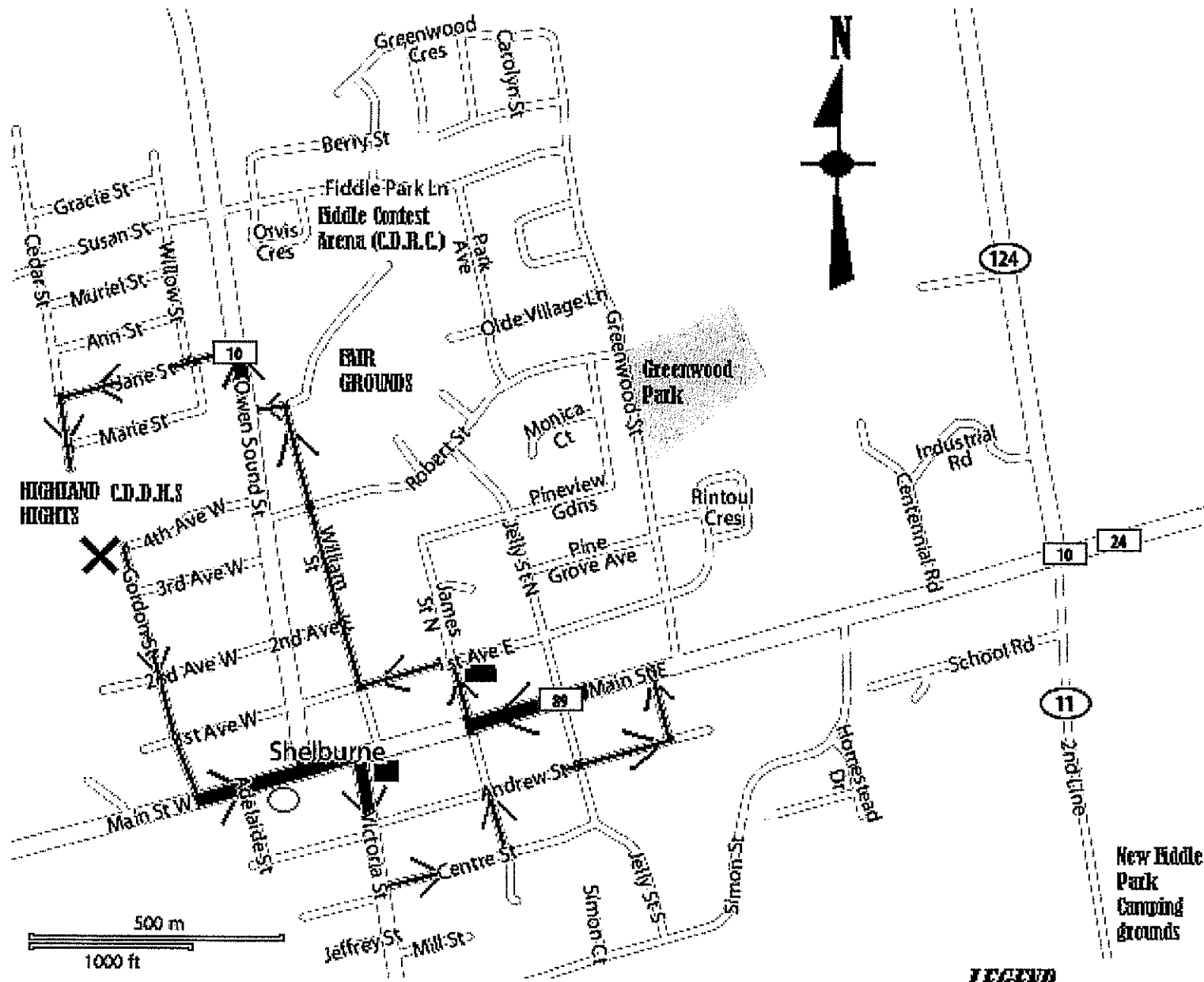
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Scott Wheeldon
Director of Public Works C.E.T.
Town of Shelburne

LM:jr
Encl.

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- X** Parade Starts and finishes here
- Parade Route
- Parade Direction
- Fudges & Announcers Booth
- Town Hall
- Shelburne District Hospital

LEGEND

C.D.D.H.S. - Centre Dufferin District High School C.D.R.C. - Centre Dufferin Recreational Complex

2014 Fiddle Parade

NOTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
SECTION 79, THE DRAINAGE ACT, 1990

Date: January 2nd, 2014

The Mayor and Council,

Township of Melancthon

The undersigned, being owner(s) of the lands assessed on the
Ferguson Municipal Drain, herewith
serve notice that the condition of said drainage works injuriously affects the
following lands and that it is herewith respectfully requested to have the said
drainage works repaired, improved, extended or altered, if necessary, under the
provisions of the Drainage Act.

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Signature of Owner

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Dufferin County

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NOTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
SECTION 79, THE DRAINAGE ACT, 1990

Date: Dec 20 / 2013

The Mayor and Council,

Township of Melanchton

The undersigned, being owner(s) of the lands assessed on the
McCue Municipal Drain, herewith
serve notice that the condition of said drainage works injuriously affects the
following lands and that it is herewith respectfully requested to have the said
drainage works repaired, improved, extended or altered, if necessary, under the
provisions of the Drainage Act.

Lot 8 Con. 3 NE of T5R

Signature of Owner

John 519 616 3522

Nevin 519 505 0968

Denise Holmes

From: John Craig <john.craig@clypg.ca>
Sent: January-10-14 3:27 PM
To: 'Denise Holmes'
Cc: windfarmguy@gmail.com; rebecca.crump@clypg.com.cn
Subject: request for additonal snad salt for township roads
Attachments: Site_Map.pdf

Importance: High

Denise,

Please accept this email as request for additional support with your roads department and additional sand salt for township roads due to increased traffic and the need to traverse the roads safely for Dufferin Wind Project . Dufferin wants to coordinate with our general contractor (Mortenson) a 24-48 request notification for additional support in the way of sand and salt to be applied in areas within the project area, Dufferin will send a project map– see attached and highlight and circle area we request additional support via email and ask that your crews will hit those areas of concern prior to our increased activities?

Please let us know what you thoughts are on this request, we will of course pay for the additional support.

John Craig

Email address change – john.craig@clypg.ca

Construction Manager

Longyuan Canada Renewables Ltd. /Dufferin Wind Power Inc.

TD Canada Trust Tower

161 Bay Street Suite 4550

P.O.Box203

Toronto ON M5J 2S1

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Ministry of Agriculture
and Food

Ministère de l'Agriculture
et de l'Alimentation

Office of the Minister

77 Grenville Street, 11th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1B3
Tel: (416) 326-3074
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Bureau de la ministre

77, rue Grenville, 11^e étage
Toronto (Ontario) M7A 1B3
Tél. : (416) 326-3074
Téléc. : (416) 326-3083



January 2, 2014

Dear Mayor:

I am pleased to share news with you regarding the 2014 Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program and to encourage you to share this information in your municipality.

The Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence program was created to recognize and foster the spirit of innovation that thrives in Ontario's agricultural sector. It encourages the development of rural communities, farms, agri-food processors and agri-food organizations by adding value to existing products, creating jobs and driving economic growth.

Each year the program recognizes up to 45 award winning innovations across the province valued at \$5,000 each. In addition, there is a Premier's Award valued at up to \$75,000, a Minister's Award valued at up to \$50,000, and three Leaders in Innovation awards valued at \$25,000 each. All award recipients receive a plaque, a gate sign and use of the Premier's Award program wordmark.

Primary producers, processors or agri-food organizations are invited to submit applications beginning January 10, 2014. Details on eligibility, innovation categories, assessment criteria, the application and selection processes can be found in the enclosed 2014 Program Guidebook and Application Form or at www.ontario.ca/agrifoodinnovation.

I ask that you encourage outstanding agriculture and agri-food innovators to submit an application by the deadline of **5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2014**. Should you require additional resources, please contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre at 1-877-424-1300 or ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca.

I have also enclosed a copy of a brochure that highlights the recipients of the 2013 program for the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

I look forward to learning about agri-food innovations in your municipality.

Sincerely,

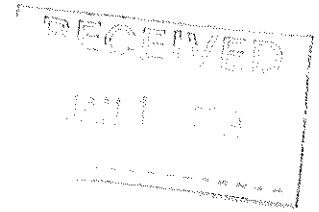
Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Agriculture and Food

Enclosure

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Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington



Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

January 13, 2014

Denise B. Holmes
CAO/Clerk
Township of Melancthon
157101 Highway 10
Melancthon, ON L9V 2E6

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Re: Resolution on Joint and Several Liability

Rising municipal insurance premiums must be reined in. For years, municipalities have asked the province to address joint and several liability, which is the primary contributor to rising premiums. Municipalities, often targeted as insurers of last resort, can be on the hook for massive damage awards even if they are deemed just one percent responsible.

We are told that 38 U.S. states have enacted some form of proportionate liability, and that other jurisdictions are also pursuing reform. Municipalities have said that we in Ontario cannot afford to wait any longer. I agree. As a former member of a municipal council, I fully appreciate the impact of rapidly rising insurance premiums. It is unfair and unrealistic for the provincial government to allow this situation to continue – especially as it affects small and rural municipalities, which can least afford to pay.

Municipalities have heard many promises for discussion, including former Premier Dalton McGuinty's commitment at the 2011 AMO conference. But the time for discussion is over. We need to impress upon the government, in a constructive way, that it must take meaningful action. Recently I introduced the following private member's resolution in the Ontario legislature:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should protect taxpayers from higher property taxes by implementing a comprehensive, long-term solution to reform joint and several liability insurance for municipalities by no later than June 2014, addressing the alarming rise in insurance premiums due to rising litigation and claim costs.

Because this issue affects municipalities across the province, I believe there is good reason for all MPPs, regardless of party affiliation, to support my resolution. I also believe it is important that the government act by June, before the legislature breaks for the summer.

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If your municipality supports the intent of my resolution, I would encourage you to consider passing a formal resolution to support it. If your Council decides to proceed in this way, I would appreciate receiving a copy of your resolution as soon as possible. Debate on this resolution is scheduled for February 27, 2014.

If you have any feedback on this issue, or if you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 519-272-0660 or by email: randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Pettapiece".

Randy Pettapiece, MPP
Perth-Wellington

RP:sy

TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR HILL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JERRY JORDEN, RPP

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2014

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CONCERNING OFFICIAL PLAN FIVE YEAR REVIEW

1.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the analysis provided in the November 14, 2013, Planning Report, the holding of a special public meeting of Council on December 19, 2013, in accordance with the provisions of section 26 of the Planning Act, and the lack of public input at or following that meeting, it is recommended that Council now confirm that:

1. it considers the current preparation of a new Official Plan to be the equivalent of the Official Plan amendment required under the provisions of section 26 of the Planning Act; and,
2. therefore, will not prepare any related amendment to the current Official Plan.

2.0 PURPOSE

This report summarizes the results of the public participation process relating to the provisions of section 26 of the Planning Act and considers other factors relating to that section of the Act. It provides recommendations intended to ensure that the Township is proceeding in compliance with the purpose and intent of that section of the Act.

3.0 BACKGROUND

As summarized and discussed in detail in the November 14th planning report, section 26 of the Planning Act requires all municipalities to keep their Official Plans up to date, particularly in

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terms of compliance with Provincial plans and policies. The section requires the preparation and approval of an updating Official Plan amendment no less frequently than every five years. There must be consultation with the approval authority and the holding of a special meeting of Council to obtain public input on the revisions to the Plan that may be required. There was staff level discussion with the approval authority, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The special Council meeting was held on December 19th, 2013. Council must now determine a course of action.

4.0 ANALYSIS

As provided in the November 14th, 2013, planning report to Council, the review of the existing Official Plan in the context of the current work on a new Official Plan clearly documented that the changes needed to bring the Township's planning policies into compliance with the Provincial requirements were being addressed in the preparation of the new Plan. There were a few questions and no suggestions for amendments to the current Official Plan provided by the public at the special meeting of Council. Subsequent to that meeting no written submissions on possible amendments were received from the public.

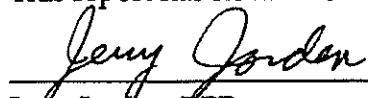
The public has not identified any overwhelming need to proceed with an updating amendment to the current Official Plan. The planning review of that Plan in the context of the work on the preparation of a new Official Plan has also determined that such an amendment to the current Plan is not required. The new Official Plan will clearly meet the requirements of section 26 of the Act.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Having complied with the public participation aspects of section 26 of the Planning Act and completed a review of the current Official Plan in the context of that section, on the basis of those processes it can be concluded that an amendment to the current Official Plan under the provisions of that section of the Act is not required. The new Official Plan will be the equivalent of such an amendment.

7.0 FINANCIAL

This report has no financial implications for the Township.



Jerry Jordan, RPP

NAME/COMPANY NAME: D & C VanderZaag Farms		FAX NUMBER: 519-925-1329	
ADDRESS: 519-925-6812		FAX NUMBER: 519-925-1329	
APPLICANT NAME (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE): Row Breadner			
AFTER HOURS/EMERGENCY CONTACT: Row Breadner		TELEPHONE NUMBER: 519-925-1329	
Date of Application: 2014 ^{YY} : 01 ^{MM} : 14 ^{DD}		Application Fee: \$ _____	
Commencement: _____ : _____ : _____		Security Deposit: \$ _____	
Completion: 2014 : 4 : -		Total: \$ _____	
LOCATION(S) OF WORK:			
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2) _____ From _____ To _____			
3) _____ From _____ To _____			
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General Conditions for Issuance as per Page 2: (Special Provisions)			
INSTALL - 18" CULVERT			
work to be done by Self Demons			
hole to be packed full of gravel			
The applicant agrees and accepts full responsibility for the protection of all utilities, private property and persons affected by his/her operations and further agrees to provide proof of liability insurance (\$2,000,000 minimum) naming the County of Dufferin and relevant local municipality as additional insured; and further indemnify and save harmless the County of Dufferin and all assets and personnel it is in law responsible for.			
I/We the undersigned have read and understood the information provided and agree to abide by all General Conditions, Special Provisions and Conditions listed on the Face/Back of this Permit.			
Applicant's Signature: _____		Date: _____	
County of Dufferin Approval: _____		Date: _____	

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Corporation of the Township of Melancthon

Moved by John Crowe

Seconded by

Date Jan 9, 2014

Be it resolved that:

Whereas a reliable supply of electricity is a necessity to ensure the safety and security of Ontario residents, and

Whereas a reliable electricity network is necessary in order to promote productivity and prosperity in Ontario, and

Whereas the economy of Ontario and all of Canada is negatively affected when there are widespread power outages due to extreme weather conditions, and

Whereas extreme weather conditions are becoming more frequent and in turn causing larger and longer power outages, and

Whereas recent weather events have caused power outages that have been widespread and have lasted in some cases for up to two weeks and have had serious financial impacts on Ontario families and Ontario businesses, and

Whereas these power outages, in addition to having economic repercussions that may run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, or more, also put residents at significant health risk, and risk security of the person,

Therefore, be it resolved that all future development, including currently planned development that has not commenced construction be required to utilize buried (underground) electricity lines for transmission lines, collector lines or feeder lines, for residential, commercial, industrial, business or farm operations, and

That this motion be forwarded to all Dufferin Municipalities, MPP Sylvia Jones, the Minister of Energy, The Ontario Energy Board and the Premier of the Province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote

Yea

Nay

Mayor Bill Hill

Deputy Mayor Darren White

Councillor John Crowe

Councillor Janice Elliott

Councillor Nancy Malek

Carried/Lost: _____
MAYOR