

HORTON TOWNSHIP  
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**November 04, 2014**

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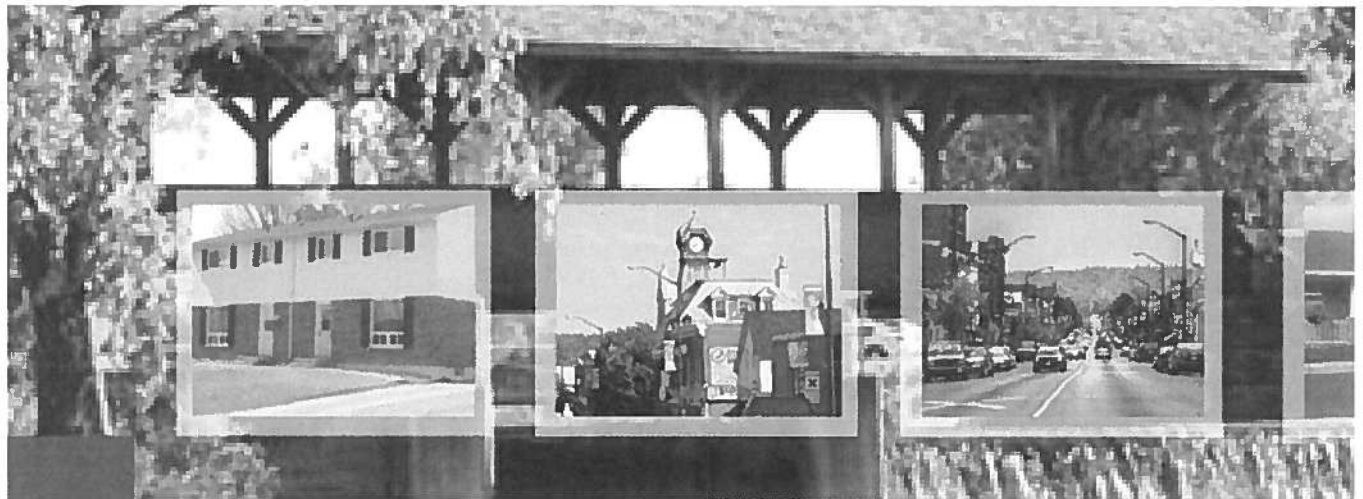
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**From:** Jackie Agnew <JAgnew@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>  
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**Attachments:** Save the date renfrew\_NHD.pdf

Please find attached information on Renfrew County Housings Corporation Celebration of National Housing Day November 19, 2014. Please note registration is on first come first served basis.

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## SAVE THE DATE

# A CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL HOUSING DAY

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 – Renfrew

Join the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in partnership with Renfrew County and Renfrew Social Services, for a housing forum A Celebration of National Housing Day on November 19, 2014.

### Program at a Glance

- Be part of a discussion on developing affordable housing and reducing homelessness across Renfrew County.
- Learn how partnerships are changing housing in sustainable communities.
- Celebrate local success and innovation in housing.
- Hear from our keynote speaker Joe Roberts, Skid Row CEO and learn how to stay inspired and motivated, turning every obstacle into an asset.

### Mark your calendar

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov 19, 2014  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Best Western Renfrew  
760 Gibbons Road  
**Register:** <http://guestli.st/2>  
Questions contact Jackie Agnew JA  
Space is limited.

*This event is free of charge. A light lunch will be served.*

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ICO – ITEM B

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Hon. Bill Mauro  
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October 10th, 2014

Dear Minister Mauro,

I am writing you in response to the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's report released earlier this week entitled: "Managing New Challenges". Among other things, Mr. Miller recommends that the harvesting of timber in Algonquin Provincial Park should no longer be allowed. I wanted you to know—in no uncertain terms—that I find this suggestion reckless and completely unacceptable.

The phasing out of commercial logging in Algonquin Park over the next 10 years would be a devastating blow to the people of my county and would negatively impact the entire economy of Eastern Ontario. My riding was hard hit during the economic recession and adopting this recommendation would hurt the still fragile regional economy. Thousands of jobs in surrounding communities would be lost and many more people in my riding would be indirectly affected by the closing of timber harvesting in Algonquin.

It is also worth noting that just last year your Ministry went through a comprehensive process looking at this very issue. As you well know, in the *Algonquin Park Management Plan Amendment* another 100,000 hectares were declared protected land and closed to timber harvesting. However, the most important aspect of your Ministry's report was that—although it reduced the amount of land where harvesting was allowed—it clearly affirmed that logging should continue and the status quo be maintained.

The practice of an ecologically sound timber harvest has benefited Algonquin Park in many ways. The systematic harvesting of timber in the park has irrefutably proven to reduce the frequency of forest fires. Moreover, it is the logging roads that your Ministry uses to fight fires when they do occur. Your department ensures that these roads are maintained at the highest standards—something which benefits both loggers and conservation officers alike. With stringent management practices the forest industry



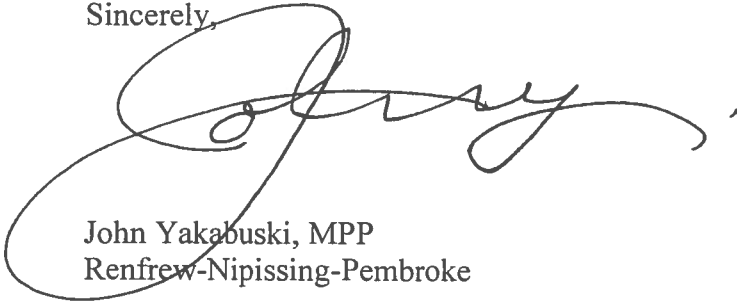
works with the Ministry of Natural Resources to ensure that this renewable resource will be available in the park for another 120 years.

Algonquin Park is a great natural resource for visitors in part because its wide geography is easily accessible due to the logging roads within it. This has resulted in a huge benefit for the millions who go to it. It is because of this self-evident fact that only a tiny fraction of recreationalists complain about the timber harvesting that goes on. This is one of the many reasons why the park needs to remain a multi-use area.

In light of the growing opposition to the Environmental Commissioner's recommendation that Algonquin Park be closed to timber harvesting, I am stressing to you the absolute necessity in declining Mr. Miller's unreasonable request. Furthermore, the Government must make it clear that it fully supports the ecologically sound timber harvest which supports tourism, local communities, and a way of life for those in the forest industry.

I look forward to seeing your public support for the people in my riding, loggers, and the great majority of visitors who all benefit from Algonquin Provincial Park and would be happy to speak with you on this urgent issue at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



John Yakabuski, MPP  
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

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Town of Arnprior  
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Town of Renfrew  
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Township of Bonnechere Valley  
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Reglan  
Township of Greater Madawaska  
Township of Head, Claria and Maria  
Township of Horton  
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards  
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Township of Madawaska Valley  
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ICO - ITEM C

October 2014

Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to send out the call for nominations for the **June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario**.

Volunteers play a significant role in leading and supporting services in their communities; they lay the foundation for a strong and dynamic province. This award recognizes exceptional leadership, innovation and creativity in voluntarism and community service. Recipients of this award can include individual volunteers, volunteer groups, businesses and other organizations which have made outstanding contributions to their communities and the province.

Do you know an individual or group that makes an outstanding contribution? Nomination forms and additional information are available on the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade website at [www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards](http://www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards) or by phone at 416 314-7526, toll free 877 832-8622, TTY 416 327-2391. Deadline for nominations is **December 5, 2014**.

I hope you will take this opportunity to ensure that volunteers receive the recognition they deserve.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Chan'.

Hon. Michael Chan  
Minister

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**Purpose**

To recognize individuals and groups for superlative volunteer contributions to their communities and to the province of Ontario. Up to 20 individuals and/or groups receive this award each year.

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**Who is eligible?**

Your nominee must be:

- An individual or a group.
- A resident of Ontario.
- A living person or an existing institution.

Nominations will not be accepted if: They are self-nominated; for elected federal, provincial, municipal representatives while in office; or for political appointees if the achievements for which they are being nominated are related to their current appointment.

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**How are the recipients selected?**

An independent selection committee appointed by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade reviews all nominations and recommends the candidates.

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**When are the awards presented?**

The Minister presents the awards at a special recognition ceremony during National Volunteer Week.

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**How do I make a nomination?**

This electronic process allows you to:

- Save your submission package as often as needed;
- Build your submission package as you go; and
- Submit your package now, or at a later date, when it is ready and complete.

Each nomination must include the following:

- A detailed description (maximum 8,000 characters) of the reason why your nominee(s) should receive the award. Content may include: \*
  - A description of the achievement in detail, including any background or related historical information.
  - What made this an outstanding achievement - indicate any extraordinary circumstances or challenges.
  - How this achievement has had an impact on voluntarism in the community or province.
  - When the achievement was initiated and completed.
  - Examples of ongoing leadership and dedication.
  - How long you have known the nominee(s).
- A minimum of two (2) testimonials from two (2) separate individuals other than the nominator, who have direct knowledge of the value and impact of the nominee's achievement and who support the nomination. Please ensure that the contact information (address, telephone number and email) of the testimonial writer is included in the letter. \*
- Additional material (optional) such as supplementary testimonials, publications, media stories, etc.

**Note**

The deadline for nominations is **December 5** of each year and the nominee must be eligible as of that date. If this date falls on a weekend or holiday, nominations will be accepted the next business day. Eligible nominations received after the deadline will be considered in the following year.

In order to be able to submit electronically, you must save the submission package to your computer or other personal storage device **first**.



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Good Morning All:

It has been awhile since we provided an update to all those who have a vested interest in this matter. There have been some developments:

1. The AMO Conference gave great attention to this issue. It was suggested by some, including the Ministry of Finance that this was the number one issue at this year's conference – a job well done by all.
2. The Premier herself, made a commitment that she had requested the Ministry of Finance place the option of re-taxing the power dams back "on the table" for discussion. This was great news and shows that there is an understanding that removing the taxation of these facilities was a grievous error.
3. Coming out of the conference, the Ministry of Finance was organizing a meeting (conference call) to discuss the future of this issue. The assumption was that the commitment by the Premier would be discussed.
4. The conference call of the Ministry of Finance Committee or working group occurred on September 16, 2014. The following are the more salient points from that call:
  - a. Mr. Doheny of the Ministry of Finance indicated that the clawback initiative **would still move ahead**. Further, he also indicated that **there would be no discussion on the possible re-taxation of the power dams on this call**. He further stated that the re-taxation of the power dams is a complex issue due to reassessment matters and private versus public power dams. Re-taxation would be dealt with at a future time (we should all be reminded that the exemption of the subject power dams came with the stroke of a pen and without any consideration of the effect on municipalities).
  - b. Mr. Doheny continued to profess the great benefits the subject communities have garnered from the OMPF and the upload of social services by the Province. This brought several comments from the participants reminding Mr. Doheny that such conversation has no place when discussing the issue of power dam taxation or the compensating payment system.
  - c. Two options were presented by the Ministry of Finance. Option A would see the grant from each community reduced by an equal percentage (this is the manner in which most were assuming the reduction would occur). Option B would see the clawbacks occur on a weighted basis calculated using a Ministry developed formula. The short of this is that those who are less dependent on these payments would effectively see a larger proportion of their payments reduced while those communities who depend highly on the subject payments would see a smaller reduction in the payments. This sets up winners and losers.
  - d. All communities on the call disagreed with either option and in fact continued to indicate their disagreement with the entire clawback idea. All were of the opinion that the power dams should return to taxation status and at the very least the special payment program should be reinstated to the 2014 levels and adjusted for CPI going forward.

- e. Matt Wilson of AMO proposed a unique idea that would be cost neutral to the Province. He suggested that the Province could phase-in the taxation of the power dams while phasing out the special payment program. This would cost the Province nothing, maintain the amounts payable to the communities and return the power dams to full assessment basis thereby making them again taxable.
  - f. The Ministry of Finance was interested in hearing from communities on the timing of the subject payments. Historically these payments are not timely and the timing varies from year to year. Many thought that a system of quarterly payments would be the most appropriate way to achieve this.
5. Since the September call there has been complete silence. Many are starting their 2015 budget process and if some indication on a correction of this bad policy is not made, local sacrifices will need to be made.
  6. Most communities would have received their OCIF formula based calculation by now. You will note that the exempt power dam assessment has been included as part of the formula. This could negatively affect the amount of your payment – It did in Wawa. Wawa has discussed this matter with MMAH and they are looking into it.
  7. Meanwhile the premise that the Provincial Budget was so hard pressed that it needed to clawback \$4.4 million from a multi-billion dollar budget seems to have been a bit of a fantasy. How can the Province justify the continued elimination of taxable property from municipal tax rolls (and the clawback of the compensatory program) when it turns around and gives \$74 million to the Pan Am games? This appears to be a contradictory action.
  8. Many communities applied through the Freedom of Information process to obtain information on how much the Province was benefiting from payments it now receives from the power dams in the Province. **All requests have been denied by the Ministry.** One might ask what they have to hide?

To date we have supporting resolutions from about 50 communities and continued support from AMO, FONOM and NOMA. We are hopeful of an additional call with the Ministry of Finance on this issue.

Regards

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Wawa



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October 21, 2014

Honourable Premier:

**Re: Power Dam Special Payment Program**

The people of Ontario have given you the mandate to effect change and act for the benefit of all Ontarians. As you are already aware, Municipalities in Northern Ontario face different challenges than our neighbours to the south; challenges that continue regardless of election mandates. We need an approach that provides a better long term view, with a realistic approach to possible solutions.

I was given the opportunity to ask you about the claw back in the Power Dam Special Payment Program during the recent AMO Conference in London, Ontario. Your reply of tasking the Ministry of Finance to revisit the option of again taxing these dams was met with cautious optimism by the 111 affected municipalities across the Province. It is with municipalities that property taxation rightfully belongs.

Unfortunately, your message has not been relayed to the Ministry of Finance. During a pre-arranged conference call with the Ministry on September 16, 2014, staff offered a variation on the same (claw back) theme of proposed cuts. They are proposing to alleviate the damage to the most seriously affected communities by taking more from the less affected and calling this fair and manageable. We are 111 communities who feel that we have been robbed of taxation monies and are now being asked to rob each other. It is the age old game of throwing the money on the table, and pitting communities against each other. There has to be a better way to achieve this .000002% savings in your budget. Moreover, when questioned about the possibility of again taxing the power dams, Ministry staff indicated that this matter would not be discussed until some future date – how is this follow through on your commitment?



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Finally, we are now seeing further contradictory actions from the Province. While we may support the upcoming Pan-AM Games, we are puzzled by the Province's actions of providing an additional \$74 million to the games when the Games are already over-budget and while the Province reduces such a small compensatory payment at the Municipal level. Even further puzzling is the use of the property assessment associated with the subject power dams in the formula calculation of the recently released OCIF fund – the formula actually penalizes those communities who have exempt power dam assessment.

I sincerely believe that your response to my question on behalf of the affected communities was an honourable one.

As the most affected community, we do not see taking from other municipal budgets to cure our problem created by the Province is in any way fair or manageable and further the apparent contradictory actions of the Province are equally puzzling.

I look forward to your reply and to continuing our discussion on this important matter.

**Best Regards,**



**Linda Nowicki  
Mayor**

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**Mackie McLaren**

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Today, Minister Glen Murray released the 2012-2013 Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report.

The report provides an overview of the ministry's progress during 2012-13 and includes in-depth information on the performance of Ontario's drinking water systems and licensed and eligible laboratories. The report is available online at [ontario.ca/drinkingwater](http://ontario.ca/drinkingwater).

The report highlights that Ontario's drinking water continues to be of high quality and is well protected. These findings are supported by our drinking water quality and inspection results. The ministry and its partners are working together and remain committed to protecting the province's drinking water.

This year, I also would like to invite you to participate in an online survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDWIRreport2012-2013>). Your participation will help us better understand your needs and customize future reports.

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October 21, 2014

## **Good Start to New Legislative Session: POA Tools Re-introduced Road Safety Bill**

AMO is very pleased to see the road safety legislation introduced today. It combines two previous Bills (34 and 179) and adds a few additional matters. Amendments to the Highway Traffic Act will offer municipal governments and enforcement bodies new road safety tools.

### Provincial Offences:

The legislation would deny license plates for unpaid fines for violations such as speeding tickets, careless driving and driving with no insurance. It would also make it easier for municipal governments to pursue out-of-province drivers for offences.

AMO President Gary McNamara said, “We have long pressed for these POA powers, which will help recoup millions of dollars for municipalities and most importantly, will ensure that individuals are held responsible for their actions and that justice is served. AMO is pleased to see this Bill introduced at the start of the new legislative session and we look forward to support from all three parties so that this important legislation can be enacted quickly.”

Responsibility for the *Provincial Offences Act* administration, including courts and fine collection, was transferred to municipalities in 1997. This system is used to prosecute non-criminal charges such as traffic offences, trespassing charges and liquor licensing violations. Since the transfer, municipalities have had difficulty collecting many outstanding fines and lacked key enforcement and collection tools. AMO’s long standing call for new tools to collect POA fines received the support of all parties.

### Road Safety Improvements: Other changes include:

- Increased fines for impaired and drug impaired driving and distracted driving;
- Strengthening the medically unfit drivers program;
- Requiring drivers to slow down and move over when approaching a stopped tow truck;
- Removing the definition of low pressure tires for Off Road Vehicles to give municipalities flexibility in by-laws;
- Requiring drivers to stop at all crosswalks until pedestrians have completely crossed;
- Allowing municipalities to use new pedestrian crossing devices on low volume roads;
- Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station program to improve compliance;
- Improving school bus identification by restricting the colour yellow to school bus use;
- A number of provisions to improve cycling safety which include increased fines for “dooring” of cyclists by drivers; requiring passing vehicles to maintain one meter of distance from cyclists when practicable; allowing municipalities to install contra-flow bicycle lanes and cycle traffic signals; and increased penalties for cyclists that do not comply with lighting requirements.

Next Steps: AMO urges MPPs to pass the Bill quickly and will be seeking their support. We will also continue to work with the Province to complete the provincial-municipal action plan to implement the new tools for POA fine collection.

Link to [MTO announcement](#)

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**Subject:** AMO POLICY UPDATE - Key Elliot Lake Inquiry Recommendations

October 15, 2014

## Members' Policy Update- Elliot Lake Inquiry Recommendations Released

Today Commissioner Bélanger released his report on the fatal June 2012 Elliot Lake mall roof collapse. The Inquiry was divided into two parts. The first part was with respect to the structural integrity of the Algo Centre Mall leading up to the collapse and the second part was on the emergency management and response after the collapse. Both parts have potential significant financial and operational implications for municipal governments. AMO was involved in the separate policy roundtables for each part in the fall of 2013.

Bélanger's report is over 1400 pages and contains 71 recommendations. It will take some time to fully review and analyze all of the findings and recommendations. However, for your convenience, we have prepared a short list of the key recommendations of interest to the municipal sector for each part.

AMO will be working with the Ontario Building Officials Association and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs as well as other municipal staff to understand the recommendations and their potential municipal implications. We also expect to be working closely with the provincial government during their review and consideration of possible new policy, regulations and legislation arising from the Commissioners' report.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur announced that the Government of Ontario would be immediately acting on three recommendations:

- 1.16: An advisory panel should be established as soon as possible to determine the appropriate classes of buildings, grouped by risk and the consequences of failure, and to make recommendations no later than 12 months from the release of the report. The government also committed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consult with its stakeholders, including municipal partners, on how to move forward with the remaining recommendations that pertain to the Ministry.
- 1.33: Ministry of Labour inspectors should receive more comprehensive training on issues related to structural soundness, watertightness, and building safety.
- The government will also review the Incident Management System doctrine that guides first responders when multiple agencies are involved in the response, and outlines how command is structured. Municipalities and others, including the Office of the Fire Marshal, will be a part of this review.

The Province said today that they are initially accepting 18 of the recommendations, many of which fall into matters that are of provincial responsibility and may also have a municipal impact such as improved emergency management communications and coordination. As the Report from the Commission is vast in its scope, the government will undertake a comprehensive review of all the recommendations in consultation with stakeholders including municipalities, industry professional groups and other ministries.

The Commission's recommendation to make the emergency assistance process more efficient and collaborative is an area that municipal governments would be interested in exploring further. Any resources, information, training, record keeping and communications that would improve responses and facilitate intergovernmental cooperation at emergencies would be welcomed by the municipal sector. AMO appreciates the Commission's recognition that funding for emergency assistance processes will continue to be a concern to all orders of government. Federal funding also needs to be reinstated since provincial and municipal taxpayers should not shoulder the complete burden of the costs of emergency assistance processes.

AMO members' updates will be provided when further information is available.

It should be noted that there are continuing criminal and civil legal cases from the 2012 Elliot Lake mall tragedy.

The full Report of the Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry (Executive Summary, Part One and Part Two) is available here.

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## Elliot Lake Inquiry Recommendations

10/16/2014

Key Elliot Lake Inquiry recommendations of interest to the municipal sector

### Structural Integrity (Part One) recommendations:

- 1.1: There should be province-wide minimum structural maintenance standards for all buildings in Ontario.
- 1.2: The regulation outlined in Recommendation 1.1 should include a requirement that all buildings be watertight, structurally sound, and not unsafe, and be maintained in such a way as to keep them in that condition for a reasonable period (the "Minimum Structural Maintenance Standard").
- 1.7: The Structural Adequacy Report should be provided to the owner of the building and simultaneously filed on a publicly accessible registry called the Structural Condition Registry. AMO Comment: it is not clarified where the Structural Condition Registry is to be housed. We would suggest that it would be more appropriately maintained at the provincial level.
- 1.8: If the structure engineer concludes that the condition of the building does not meet the Minimum Structural Maintenance Standard, he or she should be required to provide a copy of the Structural Adequacy Report, which must set out the repairs or maintenance required to rectify the situation, to the municipality's chief building official.
- 1.9: The chief building official of each municipality should have the authority to issue an order requiring repairs to a building that does not meet the Minimum Structural Maintenance Standard.
- 1.11: If the chief building official decides to issue an order requiring repair of a building, in the situation described in Recommendation 1.10, that order, together with written reasons therefor, should be served on the owner of the building and filed on the Structural Condition Registry. If the official decides not to issue an order requiring repair of the building, he or she must issue a written document explaining why no such order is required, and that document should be served on the owner and filed on the Structural Condition Registry.
- 1.14: Where the municipality undertakes work under an order as outlined in Recommendation 1.12, the municipality should have a lien on the land for the amount spent on the renovation or repair.
- 1.17: The existing standards for training and certification of building officials and inspectors under the Building Code Act should be amended to require mandatory continuing education.
- 1.18: The *Building Code Act* should be amended to provide that building officials and inspectors are public office holders who are independent of the municipal council, but that it is entirely appropriate for the council or the chief administrative officer of the municipality to direct a concern to the attention of the building official to be dealt with as he or she sees fit.
- 1.22: Municipalities should be required to keep a record, listed by municipal address, of every complaint received by a municipal official of a breach of a property standards by-law, the regulations of the *Building Code Act*, or the Building Code that relates to the structural capacity, watertightness, or safety of a building, whether that complaint was received in writing or not. This record should be of the action taken by the municipality and the remedial action taken by the

owner and should be in electronic form and easily accessed by any member of the public.

**Emergency Management (Part Two) recommendations:**

- 2.1: The capacity to respond to structural collapse emergencies should be increased in Ontario.
- 2.6: Statutory authority should give jurisdiction to a coroner to authorize entry to a building, by any safe means including demolition, for the purpose of retrieving a body.
- 2.11: Provincial media and communications expertise should be made available, either as a stand-alone service or as part of incident support teams, to municipalities during declared emergencies or where provincial resources have been used.
- 2.13: Training for rescue and recovery operations should stress providing the public with timely and accurate information about casualties and the progress of a rescue operation (subject to legitimate operational requirements).
- 2.32: Ontario should clarify the roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Labour inspectors and engineers at the scene of an ongoing rescue or recovery effort.
- 2.34: Timely debriefings and after-action reports should be mandatory for all agencies and organizations involved in rescue and recovery operations where an emergency has been declared or where provincial resources have been called in to assist. The after-action reports should be shared among all agencies involved.
- 2.35: The Government of Ontario and other institutions identified in this Report should issue a public report within one year on their response to these recommendations and what steps, if any, they are taking to implement them.

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## Ontario's Commitments in Response to the Inquiry Report

October 15, 2014 11:30 A.M.

Given the scope and magnitude of the Report of the Elliot Lake Commission of Inquiry, the Ontario government will take time to conduct a comprehensive review.

However, in its initial response, Ontario will commit to acting on the following recommendations:

### Recommendations addressing causes of collapse:

- **Recommendation 1.16** - An advisory panel should be established as soon as possible to determine the appropriate classes of buildings, grouped by risk and the consequences of failure, and to make recommendations no later than 12 months from the release of this report.

In addition, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will consult with its stakeholders, including municipal partners, on how to move forward with the remaining recommendations that pertain to the ministry.

- **Recommendation 1.33** - Ministry of Labour occupational health and safety inspectors should receive more comprehensive training on issues related to structural soundness, water-tightness and building safety.

In addition, the Ministry of the Attorney General will work with Professional Engineers Ontario to implement the Commissioner's recommendations directed at strengthening the engineering profession, for example:

- **Recommendation 1.4** - For buildings to which the recommendations apply (large buildings such as the Algo Centre Mall), Professional Engineers Ontario should enunciate a Performance Standard for the prescribed structural inspection.
- **Recommendation 1.5** - The prescribed structural inspection should be conducted in accordance with the Performance Standard by a structural engineering specialist who has met the Professional Engineers of Ontario qualifications and requirements to be so certified.
- **Recommendation 1.6** - After conducting a structural inspection in accordance with the Professional Engineers of Ontario Performance Standard, the structural engineering specialist should complete a Structural Adequacy Report to determine whether the building meets the Minimum Structural Maintenance Standard and, if it does not, to describe what repairs and maintenance are required in order for the building to meet that standard.
- **Recommendation 1.24** - Professional Engineers Ontario should establish a system of mandatory continuing professional education for its members as soon as possible, and in any event no later than 18 months from the release of the report.

- **Recommendation 1.26** - Professional Engineers Ontario should provide, for the benefit of the public, the following information on its public website in a format readily and easily searchable by the name of the PEO member:
  - the name of every licensee and every holder of a certificate of authorization
  - the terms, conditions, and limitations attached to the licence or certificate of authorization
  - a note of every revocation, suspension, cancellation, or termination of a licence or certificate of authorization
  - information concerning upcoming Discipline Committee hearings, where a Notice of Hearing has been issued
  - information concerning any findings of professional misconduct or incompetence, for a period of 10 years from the date of the finding(s), so long as the Discipline Committee had ordered publication with names
  - Such other information as the Registration Committee or Discipline Committee directs.

#### Recommendations addressing emergency response:

- **Recommendation 2.4** - On request, the province should make incident support teams available to incident commanders.
- **Recommendation 2.11** - Provincial media and communications expertise should be made available, either as a stand-alone service or as part of incident support teams, to municipalities during declared emergencies or where provincial resources have been used.
- **Recommendation 2.14** - Where multiple agencies are present at a rescue operation, they should have continuous access at the command level to common-frequency radios or communications equipment.
- **Recommendation 2.27** -The OPP should implement a duty roster requiring:
  - a minimum number of commanding officers who can serve in the command structure of an emergency response and represent the Urban Search and Rescue and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Response Team (UCRT) therein; and
  - a sufficient number of commanders who can lead UCRT forces on the ground and be available to respond in a deployment.
- **Recommendation 2.30** -The OPP (and all initial first responders) should forward as soon as possible to the deployed rescue team any photographs that have been taken of an emergency.
- **Recommendation 2.32** - Ontario should clarify the roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Labour inspectors and engineers at the scene of an ongoing rescue or recovery effort.
- **Recommendation 2.33** - The Ministry of Labour should use section 21 committees to further ensure that first responders are knowledgeable about the role and authority of the ministry and how it compares and contrasts with its own responsibilities during an emergency. ("Section 21 committees" are committees created under section 21 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to advise the Ministry of Labour on specialized occupational health and safety matters.)

#### Recommendations addressing the inquiry process:

- **Recommendation 2.35** - The Government of Ontario and other institutions identified in the report should issue a public report within one year on their response to these recommendations and what steps, if any, they are taking to implement them.
- **Recommendation 2.36** - The Ministry of the Attorney General should prepare and keep current a toolkit of policies and relevant documents for newly appointed commissioners and administrative staff.

- **Recommendation 2.37** -The Ministry of the Attorney General should appoint an independent assessment officer and pay the accounts of the participants' lawyers as expeditiously as possible.
- **Recommendation 2.38** -In imposing a deadline for the work of an inquiry, the Ministry of the Attorney General should consider a reasonable period for the setup of the inquiry.

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## **Honourable David C. Onley Appointed as Special Advisor**

Ontario has appointed The Honourable David C. Onley as a special advisor on accessibility to champion opportunities for people of all abilities in the public and private sectors.

As former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Onley worked tirelessly to increase awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face. As special advisor, he will work closely with Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, to continue breaking down barriers and promote the economic benefits of inclusion and employment of people with disabilities, and championing accessibility across the province.

Giving people of all abilities opportunities to participate fully in everyday life is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario. The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building new public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, supportive environment where business thrives and building a secure savings plan so everyone can afford to retire.

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**From:** Slight, Colin (JUS) <Colin.Slight@ontario.ca>  
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**To:** 'mmclaren@hortontownship.ca'  
**Subject:** RE: ATV and UTV travelling along roads  
**Attachments:** 20140829133558596.pdf

Thanks for your email Mackie.

The use of Off road Vehicles is governed by the Off Roads Vehicle Act (ORVA) and the use of ORVs on a highway is governed by Regulation 316/03 of the Highway Traffic Act. Unfortunately, as of this point in time, Reg 316/03 is very restrictive in terms of what ORVs are permitted to operate on a highway (including municipally owned roads). The attached information card provides a good summary of the laws relating to ORVs in Ontario. Unfortunately again, municipal by-laws cannot overrule provincial legislation and until such time as Reg 316/03 is amended to include these vehicles, our members would be in a position to lay the appropriate charge where grounds exist – regardless of the existence of any municipal by-law to the contrary.

I hope this is of assistance. I will consult with our traffic folks to see if they have heard of any plans to amend Reg 316/03.

Have a safe weekend.

Colin

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**From:** Mackie McLaren [<mailto:mjmhorton@explornet.com>]  
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**To:** Slight, Colin (JUS)  
**Subject:** ATV and UTV travelling along roads

Colin:

I had a family in just now who have purchased a "UTV" which is a side by side terrain vehicle with 3 seats, seatbelts etc. They will put tracks on it this fall. They questioned why Horton won't permit them on our roads. I told them our by-law was based on the rules permitted under the Highway Traffic Act at the time. They said they "heard" that some municipalities do permit more types of vehicles to drive on the shoulders other than a 1 person ATV.

Are you aware of any changes or proposed changes under the HTA that would grant authority to the municipalities to amend their by-laws to permit these vehicles on our roads?

Alternatively, would the Ontario Provincial Police honour a township by-law if they passed one permitting these larger terrain vehicles and not ticket them?  
Mackie

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