

HORTON TOWNSHIP
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From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO POLICY UPDATE -- Permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund Announced

August 18, 2014

Permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund Announced

Today Premier Kathleen Wynne announced infrastructure funding for municipalities under the permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (BCF-SCF). These programs will flow \$100 million annually (OCIF) and \$272 million from each of the federal and provincial governments (SCF) to municipal infrastructure projects. Ontario intends to identify Small Communities Fund projects jointly with the new permanent Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund. This will streamline the process for eligible applicants and help expedite program delivery.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

After consultation with municipalities, the \$100 million annual OCIF fund was announced in the 2014 Ontario Budget for critical infrastructure in small, rural and northern municipalities. The OCIF funding delivers on some longstanding municipal needs by offering permanent and predictable infrastructure funding to municipalities. Half of the OCIF funding will be allocated by formula for municipal priorities. Municipalities are eligible for OCIF funding if they have 100,000 or fewer residents; have more than 25 per cent rural residents; or are located in Northern Ontario. The program will be reviewed in three years with an objective of moving to full formula-based funding.

OCIF Formula Funding

- \$50 million formula-based funds will support critical municipal road, bridge, water and wastewater projects and can also be used for asset management planning.
- Formula allocations are based on municipal fiscal ability and municipal infrastructure stock. Allocations include a base amount and will be confirmed by letter in September.

OCIF Application Funding

- \$50 million in application based funds for eligible municipalities of up to \$2 million for critical roads, bridge, water and wastewater projects identified under asset management plans.
- Expressions of interest are due by September 19, 2014. Communities will be notified of the results of the pre-screen in October. Full applications for communities that pass the pre-screen will be due in December. Final funding announcements will be in early 2015.
- The OCIF program will be reviewed in 3 years with the objective of moving to full formula-based funding over time as critical projects are addressed and asset management plans are in place.

- This will place the onus on municipal governments to complete and expand their asset management planning so that they are in place to guide infrastructure investments.

The OCIF funding responds to AMO's call for permanent provincial funding for municipal road, bridge and other infrastructure for small, rural and northern municipalities since 2011. The funding also begins to address local government requests for predictable formula allocations linked to asset management plans to address local priorities.

Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (BCF-SCF)

The Premier also announced the intake of funding applications under the BCF's Small Communities Fund. The BCF provides \$14 billion nationally for infrastructure. The SCF sets aside \$1 billion for communities across Canada with under 100,000 residents.

In Ontario, the SCF will deliver \$544 million of cost shared provincial and federal funding to municipalities. With municipal contributions added, the fund will dedicate over \$800 million to local infrastructure. Municipalities will be able to submit two project proposals – one for OCIF and one for BCF-SCF.

BCF-SCF Eligible project categories:

- Public transit
- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Solid waste management
- Green energy
- Innovation
- Connectivity and broadband
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Disaster mitigation infrastructure
- Local and regional airports
- Short-line rail
- Short-sea shipping
- Highways and major roads

AMO understands that BCF Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component funds are still under discussion between Ontario and Canada and information will be released at a later time. The \$4 billion BCF National Infrastructure Component is also available to municipalities now. Information can be found on Infrastructure Canada's [Building Canada Plan website](#).

Municipalities are encouraged to read the [program guide](#) released by the Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure to begin the application process for these programs. Letters outlining OCIF formula-based allocations will be delivered next month.

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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Highlights of the August 2014 Board Meeting

August 22, 2014

**AMO Report to Member Municipalities
 Highlights of the August 2014 Board Meeting**

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the August 2014 Board meeting include:

Volunteer Firefighters:

The AMO Board of Directors unanimously approved making an application to seek status in a double hatter's duty of fair representation proceeding at the Ontario Labour Relations Board. A double hatter has filed his application at the Labour Relations Board. The "duty of fair representation" provisions of the Labour Relations Act stipulate that a trade union shall not act in a manner that is arbitrary, discriminatory, or in bad faith in representing employees. The same double hatter (DH) is the focus of an arbitration hearing as the union has kicked this firefighter out of its union because he works part-time as a volunteer firefighter in his home community. Because the DH is no longer a member in good standing within the union association, it is seeking dismissal of the DH from the full-time employment position given the "closed shop" provision that stipulates that only Association members in good standing are able to be members of the full-time firefighter bargaining unit. AMO is taking a principle-based approach to the double hatter's situation as a matter of fairness and personal liberty as firefighters should be able to use their free time as they wish to without reprisal.

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Business Tax Capping:

The Ministry of Finance will be asked to amend the Municipal Act, 2001 in order to allow upper and single-tier municipalities the choice to opt out of the practice of business tax capping. Opting out of business tax capping would allow municipalities to redeploy and prioritize resources elsewhere as the current system is administratively complex and difficult to navigate. AMO is recommending that the government make the necessary legislative amendments in advance of the next general assessment in 2016.

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Photo Radar in Construction Zones:

Recent collision incidents in road construction zones have ended in loss of life. AMO's Board discussed the likelihood that speed of the vehicles in these zones was a contributing factor and the possibility of using technology such as photo radar to aid enforcement of the construction zone speed limits. It directed the President to write to the Minister of Transportation urging the adoption of a pilot project to implement and assess photo radar technology in road construction zones to increase the safety of workers and motorists.

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Rail Safety:

The AMO Board discussed recent rail safety improvements and the need for increased action by the federal government. The Board passed a resolution requesting the federal minister of

transportation consider rail safety audits, route analysis and planning and increased federal funding for public rail crossing improvements. This resolution will also be sent to FCM.

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Large Renewable Energy Framework:

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has completed the Request for Qualification (RFQ) framework and is receiving applications from prospective developers. OPA has released a draft approach for the Request for Proposal phase of new large renewable energy projects. The draft includes language about consultation with municipalities. The AMO Energy Task Force reviewed the draft RFQ framework in July and provided the AMO Board of Directors with their advice on a proposed response. The AMO Board adopted the advice and the AMO response will include comments such as: greater detail in this framework is required so that developers know that municipalities will have site related expectations, they need to review detailed plans and that each municipality may have additional requirements such as a public engagement process.

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MEPCO Update:

MEPCO Chair Doug Reycraft updated the AMO Board on:

- i) the status of the 2014 OMERS Specified Plan Change Process and that no benefit change proposals received the necessary support of the joint employer/employee Sponsors Corporation (SC);
- ii) the review underway by the SC of the its Primary Plan SPDOS (funding strategy);
- iii) the MEPCO Board sponsorship of an educational session at the AMO Conference; and
- iv) the success of MEPCO in working with OMERS Administration Corporation staff to share OMERS employee data for MEPCO billing purposes.

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The AMO Board of Directors was also provided with staff informational reports on:

- Power Dams Special Payment Program.
- Provincial and Federal Funding for Municipal Infrastructure Status Update.
- Province's initiative re: Community Personal Service Workers and Municipal Impacts.
- Preparing for Ontario Climate Change Activities.
- Federal Gas Tax Baseline Research.
- Errors and Omissions in the Electronic Land Registry.
- LAS Program Update.
- Quarterly Resolutions Report.

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Subject: AMO Report to Members - Accountability Act

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

July 8, 2014

***Accountability Act* Introduced Today**

The Premier's commitment to introduce new rules on transparency and accountability for the Province again captures other parts of the broader public sector, including municipal governments.

In response to the Association's letter to all the party leaders during the election, the Liberal Party stated with respect to the *Accountability Act*, that: "Ontario Liberals remain committed to expanding accountability in the public sector. If we form another government, we will work with AMO and the entire Broader Public Service to identify the best ways to expand accountability and give Ontarians confidence in their public service".

AMO President Russ Powers wants the Association's membership to know that AMO is very concerned that it has not been given any opportunity to work with the government prior to the Act's reintroduction. A request for an urgent meeting has been sent to the Premier. "This government has an outstanding track record of pre-consulting and getting input and feedback, so this is an extremely surprising and disappointing situation" says the AMO President.

We have been advised that this re-introduced Bill has been amended to address another area but apparently there is no change to the municipal government section. If the Bill introduced today is identical to the one previously introduced, then:

- A municipal government must appoint a municipal Ombudsman, no matter its size and if it does not, then the Provincial Ombudsman becomes the municipal Ombudsman by default. The *Municipal Act* currently describes the function of an Ombudsman (S.223.13.(1)) as reporting to a council on an investigation of any decision or recommendation made or act done or omitted in the course of the administration of the municipality. Investigations can be triggered by individuals or by the designated Ombudsman.
- Even if there is a municipally appointed local ombudsman, the Ontario Ombudsman would have the jurisdiction to investigate complaint(s) after a municipal Ombudsman has completed and reported on a complaint of maladministration or decides a complaint has no merit and dismisses it. In practice, this means an investigation undertaken by an independent ombudsman is not

necessarily the last stop. It would also permit the Ontario Ombudsman to undertake a systemic investigation where she/he believes there is a more universal maladministration issue than in just one municipality.

- In terms of closed meeting investigations, there is no change to the appointment of an investigator. In other words, the current default model continues such that if no one is appointed by the Council then the provincial Ombudsman has jurisdiction. However, as above for maladministration complaints, there will be an 'appeal' process to the Provincial Ombudsman.
- For those municipal governments who do not appoint and by default fall under the services of the Ontario Ombudsman, there is no ability to have a review of his/her decision. In other words, there is no ability to have the decision of the Ontario Ombudsman reviewed.
- The Bill also does not scope in anyway the review of a municipal ombudsman or closed meeting investigation.
- There is no change to the legislative function of either an ombudsman or closed meeting investigation. The law continues to require that the function of these positions be independent and impartial; to maintain confidentiality and have credible investigative processes.
- In terms of application to local boards, AMO was advised that the original Bill would not capture police services boards, library boards, boards of health, boards of long-term care and Children's Aid Societies and municipal corporations created under S. 203 of the *Municipal Act*.

This means that these entities would remain out of the jurisdiction of any closed meeting investigator or ombudsman. At the time the Ontario Ombudsman had been promoting that his Office would have jurisdiction for these boards. AMO received written confirmation in the spring from the Minister of the day that Ontario's Ombudsman would not oversee them. We assume that this has not changed; however, we do not have a copy of the Bill nor its intended regulations to ascertain this.

The additional oversight approach contained in this Bill suggests that all the closed meeting investigators – all learned professionals, including lawyers, are not trusted. Yet, there has been no evidence provided by the government that in its eyes the system is not functioning to meet the existing Acts' provisions for independence and impartiality, confidentiality and a credible investigative process.

Again, we call on the Province to engage in active discussion with us before this legislation proceeds any further.

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Attachments: AMO Annual Conference Policy Update 2014-08-21 PU..pdf

Please make time to read the attached summary of what the Premier and Ministers said about certain issues raised at the recent AMO Annual Conference. Also note, that on the AMO website:

- Important speeches of in-coming President Gary McNamara and out-going President Russ Powers which sets out the needs of the sector
- Speeches of the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs the PC and NDP representatives
- Nic Nanos - Presentation on Polling including results of polling on municipal matters.

Over the course of the coming days, presentations from other sessions will also be posted. Check back periodically.

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August 21, 2014

This Is What We Heard At The AMO Annual Conference – If You Were Not There, This Is Some of What You Missed...

On Municipal Governments and the Provincial Deficit: The Premier agreed that there needs to be better and on-going discussions so that our respective interests in fiscal wellbeing might be met. The comment was made in response to a question at the Ministers' Forum about the need to end budget surprises for municipal governments (of which there were a number in the 2014 Budget), and to evaluate any potential fiscal changes in a cumulative manner, particularly as the province looks to its plan to balance its budget by 2017-18.

On reducing the cost of policing: The Premier said that it is a conversation she's willing to have; "We recognize we now have to do that work with the municipalities." The Minister of Community Services and Correctional Services, the Hon. Yasir Naqvi told delegates that in early fall he will be receiving the report of the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (a committee which includes AMO and police service boards but mostly made up of representatives from police management and union associations). He assured municipalities that it would not languish on the Ministry's shelf. AMO's Modernization of Policing Task Force will work to provide further input.

On joint and several liability: The Attorney General, the Hon. Madeline Meilleur advised that she was not going ahead with any of her Ministry's proposed solutions to provide some reasonable limits on the impacts of joint and several liability. In the spring, all Parties in the Legislature (including the Liberals) passed a motion which called on the government to implement a solution by this summer. The province is offering no lifeline for municipal governments when it comes to this matter and is siding with the trial lawyers and Law Commission of Ontario. (The Commission only reviewed joint and several liability in the context of the *Ontario Business Corporations Act*, legislation which does not apply to the municipal circumstance.) Delegates were extremely disappointed with the news, after a year of solid work to arrive at a potential solution that would help address a portion of the challenge. AMO has advised the government that it will not be easing up. Municipal governments cannot afford to be the insurer of last resort when at minimal fault or to assume the responsibility of others' mistakes.

On interest arbitration: The Minister of Labour, the Hon. Kevin Flynn, advised that the government is prepared to deal with parts of this issue - namely shortening the timelines and process related to decision-making. However on the key municipal issue of ability to pay, the Minister advised he needed "more clarity". AMO has provided and will continue to provide the needed clarity. Of interest to this issue is polling that Nic Nanos undertook for his presentation, one question related to fire and police personnel wages/benefits. 59% of those polled felt that fire and police personnel should have the same increase as other employees of the same municipality (32%) or a wage/benefit freeze (27%). Only 32% supported a sector to sector approach regardless of the municipal size. (Check out the AMO website for the entire Nanos Presentation and municipal issues polling results.)

On tools to collect POA fines: AMO and delegates pressed the government to re-introduce and pass this legislation in the fall legislative session. In 1997, we inherited responsibility for the administration of *Provincial Offences Act* however, without some additional collection tools, million upon millions of fines cannot be collected. AMO will continue to message the importance of progress on this and we are hopeful that this 'ask' will be realized sooner than later.

Improving Municipal Infrastructure: Premier Wynne announced the roll out of two funding sources – the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and Build Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (BCF-SCF). The OCIF is a permanent \$100m fund for municipalities with less than 100,000 population and Northern Ontario cities. It will provide \$50m on a formula basis to them and \$50m on an application basis for critical infrastructure projects (roads, bridges, water and waste water) identified under asset management plans. A Guidebook is available now which sets out how the formula portion is to be calculated for allocation purposes, and the grant application process which begins with Expressions of Interest due September 19th. In addition, the Small Communities Component of the Build Canada Fund is now open for applications in Ontario. That process is also described in the Guidebook. The BCF-SCF is a 1/3rd share program with a total federal and provincial contribution of \$544 m for municipal governments under 100,000 population. The eligible project categories are much larger. For details on both, got to:
http://www.moi.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure/building_together_mis/index.asp.

Double Hatter Firefighters: Full time firefighters bring substantial experience to fire services in many rural and small communities that they call home. However, if challenged by a local union, they often resign their volunteer work for fear of losing their permanent job. All volunteerism, including fire prevention and suppression by double hatters, should be celebrated, not litigated. AMO is seeking intervener status in a case that is going to the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The issue of double hatters has been a systemic issue for a number of years and can no longer be tolerated. AMO will keep its members updated.

The Accountability Act (Bill 8): The Premier and Deputy Leader will be meeting with AMO in the near future to discuss transparency and accountability and the policy approach within the Bill.

Power Dam Payments: The Premier acknowledged the “bad process” associated with the government’s plan to begin scaling back \$4.4 million in payments over four years. She also indicated that the government would consider re-instating the municipal authority to tax these facilities to recover municipal revenue losses.

These are some of the highlights of policy matters discussed during the conference and at the Ministers’ Forum. Check out AMO website over the coming days for presentations of both plenary and concurrent speakers on a range of current and emerging issues.

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August 18, 2014

Good morning

Further to my e-mail dated Thursday August 14, 2014, I am pleased to advise that the OPP has scheduled regional information sessions for municipalities. These sessions are designed for municipalities that were unable to attend our Billing Model information sessions at Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in London on August 17 and 18, 2014.

Municipalities attending the regional sessions will have the opportunity to see the presentation given at the AMO conference and receive the same information provided to the attending delegates.

Please note that financial information specific to each municipality will be communicated to all OPP policed municipalities in September and will not be available at the information sessions.

A list of the scheduled information session is located below.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
WEST REGION		
Thursday August 21, 2014	1 to 3 pm	Wellington County OPP Detachment 6725 Wellington County Rd 109, Palmerston, ON
NORTH WEST REGION		
Monday August 25, 2014	1 to 3 pm	Best Western Hotel & Conference Center 349 Government St., Dryden, ON
Tuesday August 26, 2014	1 to 3 pm	La Place Rendez-Vous 1201 Idylwild Main, Fort Frances, ON
Wednesday August 27, 2014	1 to 3 pm	Valhalla Inn 1 Valhalla Inn Road, Thunder Bay, ON

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
NORTH EAST REGION		
Tuesday September 2, 2014	1 to 3 pm	Comfort Suites and Conference Centre 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Wednesday September 3, 2014	1 to 3 pm	OPP Sudbury Detachment 3767 Hwy 69 South, Sudbury, ON
Thursday September 4, 2014	1 to 3 pm	Clarion Resort Pinewood Park 201 Pinewood Park Dr., North Bay, ON

CENTRAL REGION

Wednesday August 27, 2014	1 to 3 pm	OPP Central Region Headquarters 1 Hurtubise Drive, Orillia, ON
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EAST REGION

Thursday September 4, 2014	1 to 3 pm	OPP East Region Headquarters 525 Queen St., Smiths Falls, ON
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We look forward to meeting with the municipalities unable to attend AMO and continuing to work with you as we move toward implementation of the new billing process.

Thank you,



R.A. (Rick) Philbin
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Attachments: OPP Billing Backgrounder - EN.pdf; OPP Billing Backgrounder - FR.pdf; OPP Billing News Release - EN.pdf; OPP Billing News Release - FR.pdf

His Worship Don Eady
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Mayor Eady:

At 1:00 p.m. today, I will be hosting a teleconference with the media to announce the new OPP billing model. In anticipation of the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, I would like to provide you with some additional details.

The OPP will be implementing the new billing model for the 324 communities it serves effective January 1, 2015.

In his December 2012 report, the Auditor General identified the complexity of the OPP's current billing model and the widely varying costs it charges municipalities as an issue that needed to be fixed. In addition, an AMO delegation had expressed similar concerns relating to OPP costs at the 2011 annual general meeting. In March 2014, AMO convened the OPP Billing Steering Committee to review key items related to the OPP billing review.

The government has listened to those concerns and we have taken action to implement an equitable, fairer and more transparent billing model. Attached for your reference is the news release and backgrounder that I will be distributing to media this afternoon.

Next week, at the AMO conference, I will be hosting two information sessions, along with the OPP, to provide municipal representatives with details of the new model. I invite you and your representatives to attend one of the sessions:

Sunday, August 17, 2014 - 4:30 p.m. London Convention Centre Theatre
Monday, August 18, 2014 - 6:30 p.m. Delta Hotel Ballroom Salons B, C & D

Please contact Geoff Turner in my office so that we can plan for each of the sessions. Geoff can be reached via email at geoff.turner@ontario.ca. Please contact Geoff by noon on Friday, August 15, 2014 so that we can plan accordingly.

If you are unable to attend either of the information sessions, the OPP will be organizing regional sessions across the province. Representatives from the OPP will be communicating directly with impacted municipalities this fall.

I look forward to meeting with you and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you have.

Sincerely,

Yasir Naqvi
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

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Thursday, August 14, 2014

Good afternoon.

This afternoon, Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services will be hosting a province-wide media teleconference to announce that the proposed new OPP billing model has been approved by Cabinet and will be implemented, beginning January 1, 2015.

At the upcoming Association of Municipalities (AMO) Conference, the Minister and members of the OPP's Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting two information sessions to provide details of the new billing model.

The Minister will be writing each of the municipalities today to personally invite you to attend one of the two sessions. Please watch for that email from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

If you are unable to attend either of the information sessions, the OPP will be organizing regional sessions across the province. We will be communicating directly with impacted municipalities this fall to provide details.

We look forward to seeing you in London and continuing to work with you as we move toward implementation of the new billing process.

Thank you.

R.A. (Rick) Philbin
Superintendent
Bureau Commander
Municipal Policing Bureau
Ontario Provincial Police

New OPP Billing Model

August 14, 2014

After months of study, planning and community engagement, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be implementing a new billing model to recoup the cost of providing policing services to municipalities. The new model will take effect on Jan. 1, 2015, and be phased in over a period of up to five years to allow municipalities time to adjust their budgets.

Details of the new OPP Billing Model

- The new model recognizes that all municipalities require a base level of police service and sufficient front-line policing to ensure the safety and security of their communities.
- Under the new model, the bills will be split between base costs and calls for service.
- Base costs, which include services such as routine patrols, crime prevention, RIDE programs and proactive policing, will now make up approximately 60 per cent of the bill. Billing for base costs ensures that municipalities contribute equally towards the cost of having well-equipped, professional, highly trained front-line members ready to answer calls for service.
- A call for service will make up the remaining 40 per cent of the bill. Calls for service usually involve the attendance of an officer or officers at the scene of an occurrence such as a motor vehicle collision. The charge for reactive calls for service will vary among municipalities because such charges will be calculated annually, based on the municipality's individual usage levels.
- The former billing model relied heavily on calls for service to calculate costs that resulted in a wide variation between similar communities. The new billing model will be fair and transparent, and will reduce the wide range in costs for OPP-policed municipalities. The new model will be revenue neutral with no additional money coming to the province because of this change.
- The purpose of the new model is to work toward the recovery of policing costs in a way that is equitable for all municipalities.

Benefits of new OPP Billing Model:

- This addresses the Auditor General's recommendations and long-standing municipal requests to develop a fairer, more transparent billing model.
- A much smaller variance in per property costs across municipalities.
- Provision of information about types and volume of calls for service, allowing municipalities to better design crime reduction and prevention strategies.

- Ensure all communities share the cost of infrastructure, supervision, administration and front-line policing necessary to be available to respond to calls for service and provide adequate proactive policing.
- Provide greater budgeting certainty for municipalities.
- The old billing system for OPP services was developed 17 years ago and has resulted in some municipalities subsidizing others. In fact, there were some cases in which municipalities were paying \$6 per property while others paid \$805 per property (based on actual 2013 costs).
- By ensuring all municipalities contribute to the base cost of policing, the proposed billing model reduces the variation between municipal policing costs.
- The new model will be phased in over a period of up to five years with annual caps on changes in policing costs that occur as a result of the new billing model, providing stability and predictability for both taxpayers and municipalities.
- Increases in police costs as a result of the new billing model will be capped at approximately \$40 per property a year. Decreases will range from \$18 per property in year one, to \$96 per property in year five of the phase-in.
- Municipalities will continue to be responsible for any increases in the cost of policing outside of the new billing model.

OPP Billing Model Consultation Process:

- On Aug. 22, 2011, representatives from more than 20 municipalities made a joint delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference to the Ontario government to express concerns relating to the calculation of OPP policing costs, particularly the large variation in per household costs between similar municipalities.
- In December 2012, the Auditor General of Ontario recommended that the OPP seek ways to simplify, and make more transparent, its cost-recovery methods while also addressing large variations in policing costs.
- The province committed to finding solutions for this issue at the August 2013 AMO conference.
- Ontario directed provincial officials and the OPP to develop a new billing model that was fair, transparent and would reduce wide variances in costs for OPP-policed municipalities.
- In fall 2013, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services held 14 engagement sessions across all five OPP regions to consult municipalities on a proposed billing model. 229 municipalities attended the sessions. The feedback was used to develop the new billing model.
- In March 2014, AMO convened the OPP Billing Steering Committee to review key items related to the OPP billing review.

New OPP Billing Model for Municipalities

New Model is Fairer, More Transparent and Easier to Understand
August 14, 2014 12:45 P.M.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is introducing a fairer, more transparent billing model for the municipalities it serves across the province.

The new model, which takes effect January 1, 2015, reflects input from the Auditor General and municipalities to more fairly and transparently distribute policing costs.

The model includes two components: base policing costs such as crime prevention, proactive policing, officer training and administrative duties, and cost for reactive calls for service. Base policing will account for approximately 60 per cent of the bill, reactive calls will account for approximately 40 per cent.

This eliminates the large differences in the amounts municipalities were charged and provides municipalities with better data so they can understand the types of calls for police service in their community and direct crime prevention strategies.

The new model will be phased in over a period of up to five years to allow municipalities time to adjust their budgets.

A fair and transparent OPP billing model is part of the government's plan to invest in people, build stronger communities and make sure Ontario remains one of the safest places in North America.

QUOTES

" Updating the OPP billing model is about making it fairer, more transparent, and easier to understand. This new model helps ensure that costs to municipalities served by the OPP are shared fairly while enabling communities to direct their crime-prevention efforts towards saving money and keeping their communities safe."

- Yasir Naqvi

Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services

" The new billing model is a positive step toward achieving greater equity and transparency in OPP municipal policing cost-recovery. It will address concerns brought forward by the Auditor

General of Ontario and many of our municipalities. We are moving in the right direction with this model."

- J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes
OPP Commissioner

QUICK FACTS

- The OPP provides policing services to 324 Ontario municipalities.
- The current OPP billing model was introduced in 1998 and has not been updated in 17 years.
- The OPP acted on the Auditor General's 2012 report in revising the billing model.
- The average per property cost for OPP services in 2015 is estimated to be \$355, compared to an average of \$787 (estimated) for self-policed municipalities.

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To All Government Officials

Re: Foster Parent and Friends Appreciation:

Dear Councillors, Mayors, Reeves:

As many of you know, each year Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County holds a celebration to honour its many hard-working and dedicated foster parents. This year's event will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014, at the Cobden Agricultural Hall, Fairgrounds, Cobden, Ontario. Festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. Please refer to the enclosed invitation for all the details.

During the evening, we honour all foster parents, while paying particular attention to those who have dedicated themselves to fostering for 5, 10, 15, and more years.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 per person, with proceeds to Fostering in Renfrew County. Advanced tickets and confirmation of your attendance can be made through **Ann Hubert** at 735-6866 ext. 4060 or by email at ann.hubert@fcsrenfrew.on.ca.

Thank you in advance for considering this event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Marjorie J. Walker
Foster Parent and Friends
Event Coordinator

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Arijana Tomicic, M.S.W. Executive Director

Helping families and communities in Renfrew County protect and support the development and well-being of children, youth and adults through integrated services, prevention and social inclusion

**THEY CARE!
THEY SCORE!**

Awards at 6:30 sharp

Dinner: Schmidts

Entertainment:

Upstream Dave

RSVP a must by

September 12, 2014

613-735-5886 ext. 4060 or

Email
ann.hubar@fcsraffaw.on.ca

Foster Parents and Friends

Appreciation Night



FOSTER NIGHT IN CANADA

Friday, September 26, 2014

GATES OPEN 6 PM - Social Time
Cobden Agricultural Hall (Fairgrounds)
Cobden, Ontario

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July 7, 2014

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Dear Minister Naqvi,

On behalf of the members of Council I reiterate our congratulations as outlined in my correspondence of April 4, 2014 as you continue in your appointment. I have attached a copy for ease of reference.

We look forward to working with you to transition the responsibility and associated cost of policing for municipalities, population under 5,000, back to the Province. Prior to the Local Services Realignment exercise, municipalities of our size did not have responsibility for policing. We appreciate the efforts that have been made by others to find alternatives to the billing model proposed by the OPP. However, we remain committed to the course of action decided in January at the meeting of small municipalities in Sudbury organized by my colleague Mayor Falldien (Nairn and Hyman Township) and myself. At this meeting the communities present decided they no longer wanted to be in the policing business.

There was a follow up meeting in April in Nairn Centre as well as a meeting with a number of additional municipalities at the FONOM conference held in early May. The communities stood strong in their commitment to the January resolution that the Province take back policing responsibility for small municipalities. To date we have received the same resolution passed by 60 municipalities and we expect to receive more in the coming weeks.

Mayor Falldien and I look forward to meeting with you in person to further discuss this matter. While our budgets prohibit us from travelling to Toronto we could travel to Sudbury to meet with you there. Additionally, we might be able to make arrangements to meet by video conference if face to face is not

possible. As you can well imagine this matter is of utmost importance to our small communities and time is of the essence. Please contact the Township office at 705-869-0225 or by email to peggy@townshipofbaldwin.ca to arrange a convenient date and time.

Thank you in advance for your attention to our request. Again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely



Archie Bovin
Reeve

cc: Mayor Falldien, Nairn and Hyman Township
The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Municipalities Under 5,000 population



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April 4, 2014

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Dear Minister Naqvi,

On behalf of the members of Council I extend our congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. Your new post does not come without its challenges. As I am sure you are aware, many municipalities have expressed their lack of support for the proposed changes to the Ontario Provincial Police billing model; which will be an important issue to resolve.

Baldwin Township is a small northern rural community. We are one of the 44% of Ontario municipalities with a population of less than 5,000 and one of the 49% of Northern Ontario communities with a population of less than 1,000. We are also one of the sixteen communities that pay more than six hundred dollars per household for OPP policing costs. Council, at our February 10th meeting passed the following resolution:

14-019 Fairbairn Golden

WHEREAS municipalities have been legislated to provide police services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have been paying inequitable costs for policing service;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have developed a model for billing their services to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS there are a number of small municipalities who disagree with this funding model and do not believe that they will be beneficiaries of any proposed billing model;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario take back the responsibility for policing small municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less.

There are a number of different organizations and groups of municipalities that have come together to voice their concern over the whole cost of policing issue. Our taxpayers cannot continue to sustain the cost of policing as it is or will be; with inflation and increases due to wage negotiations.

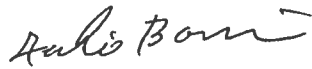
We are mandated to provide policing services. Currently, we are too small to establish our own force and have always relied on the OPP for service. We do not get to negotiate service level or cost. We are just expected to pay.

Mayor Falldien of Nairn and Hyman Township, our neighbouring municipality and myself organized a meeting of small municipalities in Sudbury. The resolution included earlier, was the outcome of the meeting. We are planning on hosting a follow up meeting in Nairn Centre in the near future and respectfully invite you to join us. If however, your time and schedule may not allow for this, we would be willing to travel to Sudbury to meet with you if that is more convenient to you. Video conference might also be another way we could connect in person on this matter.

On behalf of Council and our taxpayers, we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and look at the issues and concerns around the billing model and how we see our resolution being implemented.

Again, congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Archie Bovin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Archie Bovin
Reeve