



# TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON

## A G E N D A

Thursday, January 12, 2012 - 9:30 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
6. Business Arising from Minutes
7. Point of Privilege or Personal Privilege
8. County Council Update
9. Committee Reports
10. Correspondence

### \* Items for Information Purposes

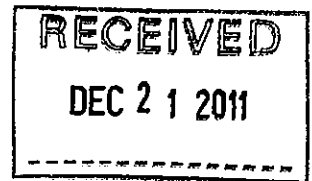
1. Notice of Public Meeting & Notice of Public Open Houses, County of Grey Proposed Official Plan Amendment #110
2. Copy of Town of Mono Comments on draft Policies for Groundwater Quality and Quantity Significant Drinking Water Threats
3. MPAC Assessment Products and Services Delivery Update
4. GRCA Minutes - December 2011
5. Copy of letter sent to Shepherd, Osyany & King from Chappell Bushell Stewart re: Road Use Agreement - Skyway 8 Wind Energy Inc.
6. Copy of letter sent to David Flynn, Chappell Bushell Stewart from Shepherd Osyany & King re: Skyway 8 Wind Farm
7. E-mail from Alex Banks re: restricting wind mills
8. GRCA Minutes - January 2012
9. Copy of an e-mail from the Premier of Ontario further to a November 24, 2011 e-mail responding to concerns raised about proposed wind turbines in the community
10. Letter from Fisheries and Oceans Canada re: Proposed listing of the Silver Lamprey as a species of special concern under the federal Species at Risk Act
11. Copy of resolution passed by the Corporation of The Township of Clearview on December 12, 2011 regarding the Feed-In Tariff(FIT) Program and the Renewable Energy Approval process (REA)
12. E-mail from Councillor Nancy Malek re: woodlots

### \* Items for Council Action

1. Crime Stoppers request for financial assistance for the fiscal year 2012
2. Request to consider supporting the resolution from the Township of Carling supporting MPP Norm Miller's Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders
3. Request from Crime Stoppers to proclaim January as "Crime Stoppers Month"
4. Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington request to endorse their resolution re: Special Provincial Funding to Cover Municipal Deficits
5. Corporation of The Municipality of Clarington request for consideration of their resolution re: Request for Provincial Regulations Regarding Commercial Fill Operations
6. Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board recommendation for the purchase of Dependable Emergency Vehicles stock pumper #9010

**\* Items regarding the Highland Companies Quarry Application**

1. Copy of letter sent to Hon. David Tilson from Wayne Wilson, CAO/Secretary -Treasurer NVCA, re: Highland Companies proposed limestone quarry in Melancthon Township
  2. Copy of letter sent to The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C.,M.P., Minister of the Environment from David Tilson, Q.C., M.P. requesting the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency be directed to conduct a full review of the Highland Companies mega-quarry project
- 11. General Business**
1. By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Monies to meet the 2012 expenditures of the municipality until the taxes are collected
  2. 2012 Interim Taxes By-law
  3. Accounts
  4. Township Operating/Capital Budget 2012 (Note: there is no draft budget to be discussed – the purpose of this item is to start discussions on the 2012 Budget and to set up Budget Sub-Committee meetings, etc.)
  5. DRAFT 2012 Spring/Summer Newsletter
  6. Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Board - 2012 Draft Budget
  7. Survey for D. & C. Vanderzaag - Part of Lot 288, Concession 3 SW - Application for Consent B42/11
  8. Application(s) to Permit
  9. New/Other Business
    1. ROMA/OGRA Delegates
    2. Police Services Board - Provincial Member - Payment of Meetings
  10. Unfinished Business
    1. Shelburne and District Fire Department - Fire Master Plan, Secretarial Duties
    2. NVCA Budget 2012
    3. Radiocommunications Tower at Melancthon Wind Facility - Letter of Concurrence required by Industry Canada and Application to Permit
- 12. Road Business**
- 13. Delegations**
1. 9:45 a.m. - Rick Riddall, Landfill Supervisor - Monthly Update
  2. 11:30 a.m. - John Lowndes, John Scherer and Joe Izhakoff, The Highland Companies, to answer questions from Council regarding the proposed quarry (45 minutes allotted, if required)
- 14. 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Public Question Period** (Please visit our website under Agendas and Minutes for information on Public Question Period)
- 15. Closed Session**
1. Draft Minutes - December 15, 2011
  2. Solicitor/Client Privileged Information - Status Update on Peer Reviews from Ian Rowe, Township Solicitor
  3. Personal Information about Identifiable Individuals - Tax Arrears under the Municipal Tax Sales Act, Employee Performance Appraisals
- 16. Notice of Motion**
- 17. Confirmation By-law**
- 18. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting - Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.**
- 19. On Sites**
- 20. Correspondence on File at the Clerk's Office**
1. Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Shelburne & District Fire Department Board of Management on November 21, 2011
  2. Minutes of Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting on November 25, 2011
  3. Draft Minutes of the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting on December 21, 2011
  4. Draft Minutes of the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board Meeting on January 5, 2012



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
& NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES  
COUNTY OF GREY  
PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT # 110**

TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, January 26, 2012 the Planning and Community Development Committee of the Corporation of the County of Grey will hold a **Public Meeting**, pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to discuss proposed County Official Plan Amendment # 110 which proposes amendments to the County Official Plan with respect to affordable housing policies.

Any person or public body may attend the public meeting on:

**Date and Time:** Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
County of Grey Administration Building  
595 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound, ON

AND TAKE NOTICE, the County of Grey will also host **Public Open Houses** to review and obtain further information with regard to the proposed County Official Plan Amendment # 110 in advance of the Public Meeting.

Any person or public body may attend the public open houses on:

**Date and Time:** Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Durham Arena  
451 Saddler Street West  
Durham, Ontario

**Date and Time:** Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street  
Thornbury, Ontario

**ANY PERSON** may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Grey before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Grey to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Grey before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ADDITIONAL** information, including copies of the Draft Official Plan Amendment # 110 policies may be obtained by contacting the County of Grey or by visiting:

<http://www.grey.ca/services/planning-development/proposed-official-plan-amendment/>

If you wish to be notified of the decision on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the County of Grey at the address below. A key map has not been provided as the proposed Amendment effects all lands within the County.

**DATED AT** Owen Sound this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

County of Grey Planning & Development Department  
595 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Owen Sound, Ontario  
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Phone: 519-376-2205 Fax: 519-376-7970  
Email: [planning@grey.ca](mailto:planning@grey.ca)

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## 1.8 HOUSING POLICY

### 1.8.1 BACKGROUND

It is a policy of the County to encourage a ~~wide variety~~ diverse range of housing by type, size, ~~and~~ tenure, and affordability to meet projected demographic and market requirements of current and future residents of the County. The provision of safe, affordable, accessible housing will improve individual health, attract and support economic development, and maintain the vitality of our communities. The County will provide housing leadership through its roles as a housing service provider, administering senior level government funding, and reviewing development applications in support of affordable housing.

These following housing policies may be elaborated upon within local municipal official plans.

The County supports:

- a) intensification and redevelopment, primarily within Settlement Areas, and within other areas where an appropriate level of physical and social services are available subject to the policies of Section 5.3.

In this regard the County will require that the intensification targets as set out in Table 7 be met; *[Please note Table 7 is contained within Section 2.6.2 of the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

- b) the provision of alternative forms of housing for social and special needs populations ~~groups~~, where possible. Social and ~~S~~ special needs populations ~~groups~~ may include, but are not limited to, low income earners, unemployed, physically and mentally disabled, those recovering from various forms of addiction, those with mental health illnesses, the terminally ill, victims of abuse, as well as public long-term care facilities; ~~seniors, physically or mentally challenged and low income earners;~~
- c) the maintenance and improvement of the existing housing stock. This will be encouraged through local maintenance and occupancy standards by-laws;
- d) the utilization of available programs and/or funding, if any, from applicable levels of government for assisted housing for households, including those with special needs, as well as programs to rehabilitate older residential areas; and
- e) housing accessible to lower and moderate income households. In this regard, accessory apartments, semi-detached, duplex, townhouse and low rise apartment units will provide the bulk of affordable housing

opportunities and will likely primarily be provided within settlement areas with appropriate levels of servicing being available. Outside of the settlement areas accessory apartments will be the most likely means of increasing housing affordability.

The County will encourage local municipalities and the building and development industry to develop innovative housing designs that stress flexibility in use, mix of compatible land uses, good environmental practices, and public safety to maintain a mix of housing by both type and tenure.

## 1.8.2 RESIDENTIAL GROWTH

1. To ensure that sufficient land is designated and available to accommodate the population and unit growth projections as well as to provide a range of housing types and densities, the County and/or the local municipalities shall maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 10 years through residential intensification and redevelopment and if necessary, lands which are designated and available for residential development. Where new development is to occur, municipalities shall maintain land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a 3 year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment and land in draft approved and registered plans.
2. Local official plans shall include policies and designations to implement the policies of this Plan and the following:
  - a) appropriate criteria for intensification and redevelopment including site plan provisions, locational and land use compatibility criteria;
  - b) policies to permit the conversion of larger single detached dwellings into multiple units;
  - c) the use of density bonusing provisions to develop affordable, social, or special needs housing;
  - d) policies to preserve, improve, rehabilitate or redevelop older residential areas; and
  - e) policies which permit, subject to appropriate criteria and conditions, apartments in houses.
3. In order to ensure a range of housing types across the County, Table A establishes residential growth targets by housing density type for new residential growth. For the purposes of Section 1.8 of this Plan, low density is characterized by single and semi-detached dwellings, while

medium and high densities are characterized by row housing, multi-unit detached dwellings and apartments.

<b>Residential Growth Targets by Density Type 2011 to 2026</b>			
Time Period	Low Density	Medium & High Density	Total
2011 – 2016	77 %	23 %	100 %
2016 – 2021	73 %	27 %	100 %
2021 – 2026	68 %	32 %	100 %

**Table A: Residential Growth Targets by Density Type 2011 to 2026**

4. Within the County, medium and high density units shall be primarily accommodated within Primary and Secondary Settlement Areas, as well within the Recreational Resort Area designation.

In assessing residential growth targets by density type, special consideration will be given to those municipalities which do not have a community with full municipal water and sewer services.

Notwithstanding the above, where municipalities have completed their own detailed housing studies, which justify a deviation from the County density targets, the County may consider approving alternate municipal specific density targets in local official plans.

5. The County will, in conjunction with the local municipalities, monitor and maintain a data base indicating consumption rates of residential lands and residential growth.

~~The County will undertake a Housing Study in order to develop a comprehensive community strategy to deal effectively with housing issues throughout the County. The matter of affordability will be addressed and the findings and recommendations of the Study will be incorporated in this Plan through an amendment.~~

### 1.8.3 AFFORDABLE OWNERSHIP AND RENTAL HOUSING

1. The County shall strive to ensure that 50% of new residential development meets the definitions of affordability established in Section 6.19 of this Plan. The definitions of affordability shall be updated not less than every five years, to ensure their accuracy and consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement. The County will also maintain ownership and rental affordability dollar values through a separate County Affordable Housing By-law, which will inform municipalities and the public of the most recent

affordability values, which may exist prior to an Official Plan update. In the event of a discrepancy between the Official Plan and the County Affordable Housing By-law, the most recently updated affordability values shall be utilized to determine the ownership and rental affordability thresholds.

Notwithstanding the above, where municipalities have completed their own detailed housing studies, which justify a deviation from the County targets, the County may consider approving alternate municipal specific targets in local official plans.

2. The County recognizes the challenges faced by communities with limited municipal water or sewer services, in providing affordable housing.
3. Within the County new affordable housing shall primarily be accommodated within Primary and Secondary Settlement Areas, as well within the Recreational Resort Area designation.

Notwithstanding the above, this policy shall not be interpreted to restrict affordable housing, which is of an appropriate density, and can be adequately serviced, in any other location where residential development is permitted.

4. Rental units shall comprise 40% of all new medium and high density within the planning horizon.
5. The County recognizes the variation in affordable housing needs across the County due to differing existing and future needs. As a result, larger proportions of new affordable housing units should be targeted towards certain municipalities, as assessed through one or a combination of the following criteria:
  - a) those with the largest existing affordable housing under supplies;
  - b) those municipalities with the greatest ownership and rental housing affordability gap; and,
  - c) those municipalities that are expected to experience the greatest amount of population and housing growth.
6. In order to ensure the ongoing supply of rental units within the County, the conversion of rental units to condominium style ownership may be permitted only where the proponent can address the following criteria:
  - a) the availability of affordable housing in the municipality, and neighbouring municipalities,

- b) the availability and vacancy rates of rental housing in the municipality, or neighbouring municipalities,
- c) the suitability of the site to accommodate affordable or rental housing,
- d) the location of the site in proximity to hard and soft services, and
- e) the physical condition of the building stock to be converted to condominium, and the requirements for building upgrades.

The City of Owen Sound is the approval authority for any condominium conversions within the City boundaries.

- 7. The demolition of rental units is discouraged, except where full replacement of the rental units is also being proposed.
- 8. In settlement areas, where affordable housing is being proposed, or where the conversion of a detached dwelling to rental units is proposed, local municipalities may consider reducing minimum lot sizes, frontages, setbacks, or parking requirements on a case-by-case basis.
- 9. The County and local municipalities are also encouraged to develop a 'housing first' policy for the disposal of surplus municipal lands. Such a policy would encourage the utilization of any surplus municipally owned lands for affordable housing development purposes, where appropriate.

#### 1.8.4 SOCIAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

- 1. In order to ensure the ongoing supply of social and special needs housing, the County shall, subject to funding, aim to increase the supply of social and special needs housing units by an average of 25 units a year. The type of units developed should be reflective of the waiting list and trends in new applications for social and special needs housing, with an appropriate mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, targeting seniors, young adults, families and single adults.
- 2. Social and special needs housing should be primarily targeted towards Primary Settlement Areas, where the associated hard and soft services are available to meet the needs of the housing tenants.
- 3. In settlement areas, where social or special needs housing is being proposed, local municipalities may consider reducing minimum lot sizes, frontages, setbacks, or parking requirements on a case-by-case basis.

6.4 MONITORING *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.4 in County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

(3) Data collected for inclusion in the demographic, environmental, land use and social databases include:

- (c) The range and market value of housing types, including rental versus ownership and, the percent of affordable housing measured in relation to the benchmark set out in Section 1.8 6- of this Plan (to be done on an annual basis);

6.9 TEMPORARY USE BY-LAWS *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.9 in the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

By-laws may be passed by a local council, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, to allow the temporary use of land for a purpose that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-law, other than for Garden Suites which may be temporarily rezoned for a period of up to 10 20 years. Where Garden Suites are permitted, Garden Suites shall generally be located within or in close proximity to the existing cluster of farm or non-farm buildings. A temporary use by-law may not exceed three years, but may be extended for one further three year period.

In adopting a temporary use by-law, council shall have regard to:

- the financial investment required for the establishment of the temporary use;
- compatibility with the surrounding land uses, and approved development;
- the adequacy of services for the intended temporary use;
- access and parking for the intended temporary use;
- an assessment of the impact of the intended temporary use on the social, physical, and economic well-being of the municipality;
- the intent, purpose and direction of this Official Plan.

6.12 LOT CREATION *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.12 in the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

6.12.1 PLANS OF SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM

In any new applications for plan of subdivision or plan of condominium submitted to the County for approval, the proponent shall consider and be prepared to justify the following:

- (d) The provision of affordable housing and / or social or special needs housing.

6.16 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.16 in the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

6.16.2 OBJECTIVES

Community Improvement Areas are intended to achieve one or many of the following objectives:

- (c) To promote the construction of affordable, and / or social or special needs housing, in Primary or Secondary Settlement Areas as well within the Recreational Resort Area designation;

6.17 ACCESSORY APARTMENTS *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.17 in the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

Accessory Apartments shall be permitted within all residential areas in Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Settlement Areas, as well as within the Inland Lakes and Shoreline and Recreational Resort Area designations, in the County of Grey. Within Settlement Areas a zoning by-law amendment may be required for the establishment of an accessory apartment. Prior to the issuance of a building permit it shall be ensured that all building code requirements can be met. In settlement areas without full municipal services well water records and a letter of approval from the Health Unit or designated appropriate authority for sewage systems may be necessary prior to granting a building permit. Local municipalities may also choose to regulate;

- i) the number of allowable accessory apartments per residential unit- within settlement areas;
- ii) the permission for a single accessory apartment accessory apartment in a detached accessory structure;
- iii) the permission for a single accessory apartment within residential

dwellings in the Agricultural, Special Agriculture, or Rural designations, where the accessory unit can be adequately serviced.

An accessory apartment shall contain the following;

- a) A self-contained set of rooms located in a building or structure;
- b) Is used and or intended for use as a residential premises; and
- c) Contains kitchen and bathroom facilities that are intended for the use of the unit only.

6.19 **DEFINITIONS** *[please note the below policies represent only a subsection of Section 6.19 in the County Official Plan, as amended by Official Plan Amendment # 80]*

**OWNERSHIP AFFORDABILITY** - housing which is the least expensive of;

Provincial Definition 1 – the purchase price results in annual accommodation costs which do not exceed 30% of gross annual household income for low and moderate income households, which are those households in the 60th income percentile and below, or

Provincial Definition 2 – the purchase price is at least 10% below the average purchase price of a resale unit in the regional market area, which is the area covered by the Grey Bruce Owen Sound Realtors Association.

Current ownership affordability for each local municipality is defined below:

Municipality	Provincial Definition 1 = Most Affordable	Provincial Definition 2 = Most Affordable	2009 Ownership Affordability Price**
Chatsworth	No	Yes	\$197,600
Georgian Bluffs	No	Yes	\$197,600
Grey Highlands	Yes	No	\$202,400
Hanover	Yes	No	\$160,300
Meaford	Yes	No	\$187,600
Owen Sound	Yes	No	\$151,600
Southgate	No	Yes	\$197,600
The Blue Mountains	Yes	No	\$246,700
West Grey	Yes	No	\$191,600

\*\* Users of this Plan should also be aware of the County Affordable

Housing By-law, which will inform municipalities and the public of the most recent affordability values, which may exist prior to an Official Plan update of the Ownership Affordability definition.

RENTAL AFFORDABILITY means housing for which the rent is at or below the average market rent of a unit in the regional market area (County of Grey). The 2009 affordable rental housing price is any unit with a monthly rental rate of between \$500 and \$800 per month, depending on unit type.

Users of this Plan should also be aware of the County Affordable Housing By-law, which will inform municipalities and the public of the most recent affordability values, which may exist prior to an Official Plan update of the Rental Affordability definition.

SOCIAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING is considered "non-market" housing, and refers to housing that is provided or owned only by public or private non-profit organizations; targeted towards a specific at risk population, including: low income earners, unemployed, physically and mentally disabled, those recovering from various forms of addiction, those with mental health illnesses, the terminally ill, victims of abuse, as well as public long-term care facilities.



# Town of Mono

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December 14, 2011

Ms Lynn Dolan, Chair  
South Georgian Bay- Lake Simcoe  
Source Protection Region  
120 Bayview Parkway  
Box 282  
NEWMARKET ON L3Y 4Y1

Ms Bev Thorpe, Chair  
CTC Source Protection Region  
c/o Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
5 Shoreham Drive  
DOWNSVIEW ON M3N 1S4

Dear Chairs Dolan and Thorpe

RE: Comments on draft Policies for  
Groundwater Quality and Quantity  
Significant Drinking Water Threats

The Town of Mono is in receipt of the draft policies for Groundwater Protection from the CTC Source Protection Committee and the SGBLS Source Protection Committee, requesting comments by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, respectively. Although these policies are similar in nature and deal with the same subject matter, it is unfortunate that they were provided to the municipality in two completely different presentation formats. It would be too time consuming to reply to each of your Source Protection Committee's with document specific comments and we have, therefore, provided our comments to both Committees in a general format that can be considered by both Source Protection Committees.

The Town of Mono has been a leader in adopting and implementing green planning initiatives, including implementation of wellhead protection policies prior to the passing of the Clean Water Act legislation. We recognize that many people have committed many hours in developing these detailed policies, and preparing the numerous background technical documents as support to this policy development. We congratulate them with their effort to date. While these comments may be critical at times of the proposed policy development, they are meant to show the significant concerns of our municipality with the proposed policy direction of these documents on our municipality, both financially and bureaucratically.

### **FORMAT OF DRAFT POLICIES**

I have already expressed my displeasure to both of you and some of your staff regarding the presentation of the information provided to municipalities for comment. The Source Protection Committees are all functioning under the same deadlines, regulations, etc., and in my opinion there was no reason that this information could not have been provided in the same format to municipalities which have multiple source protection regions and draft policies to consider. Having multiple Source Protection regions and different draft policies within a single municipality will lead to inconsistencies and multiple policies within the same community if this coordination is not undertaken at the Source Protection Committee level. It is hoped that municipalities will not be left with two and/or three separate policies for the same issue from two or three Source Protection Committees. We would request that all future documents and policy developments forwarded by Provincial Source Protection Committees be coordinated and placed in the same presentation format for ease of reviewers and proposed implementing authorities.

### **COMMENTING TIME**

The Source Protection Committees have been developing this draft Source Water Protection Plan and complex policies over a 3 - 4 year time period, having numerous technical support staff involved to prepare and consider these policies. These complex policies have dramatic impacts to the finance and staffing of local municipalities, and the provision of a one month or 6 week commenting period to smaller municipalities with reduced staffing levels, results in a significant limiting factor to the details of our comments. The local pre-consultation meeting for Dufferin municipalities was last week. We understand that the municipalities and the general public will be provided additional dates for commenting on the final policies, however, the current time frame for commenting in detail on these draft policies was not sufficient.

**Our Council has not prepared a formal response to these policies and no further Council meetings are proposed prior to the commenting deadline. Town Council may have additional comments on these policies after the formal commenting period expires.**

## **EXISTING MONO LAND USE POLICY**

Prior to the introduction of the Clean Water Act and creation of Source Protection Committees across the Province of Ontario, the Town of Mono developed and adopted detailed Official Plan policies for wellhead protection in 2004. The Town's pro-active approach to protect municipal wells, which was implemented simply, at the local level, is proposed to be replaced by a mandatory, complex, and convoluted process imposed by Provincial legislation, with no additional funding proposed for this additional bureaucracy. In addition to this formal public policy development, the Town has also undertaken water conservation programs for its residents, including water conservation brochures and sewage system brochures for residents making the link between the use and longevity of their sewage system and disposal of wastewater with their actual water use. As a municipality, we have already financially invested in the policy development, education, and outreach in the protection of our municipal wells, which is now proposed to be replaced without compensation.

## **STAFFING, MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The policies currently proposed will be onerous, inconsistent, and expensive to implement by smaller municipalities. It is my opinion that these policies will also represent a significant cost to all levels of Government who are required to participate in this policy regime. At a local level, the Town will be required to hire/contract a Risk Management Official and a sewage system inspector (it is unclear whether this is a municipal or county responsibility at this time, as the Building Code is currently administered at the County level). At the Provincial level, additional staffing is required to maintain, review, monitor, and report, as will also be required at the Source Protection Authority level.

These policies cannot be implemented without the local municipalities hiring/contracting a Risk Management Official as legislated. In small municipalities, this represents hiring a staff member or contracting same through agreement, and in some municipalities would represent a 10 to 20% increase to staff load to implement these policies. It is ironic at this point in the process that the smaller the municipality, the more detailed and numerous the proposed policies are for these municipalities to implement. The larger regional governments to the south have the capacity to hire a Risk Management Official and in some cases, already have, and this becomes just one very small part of their day to day business. In smaller municipalities with staffing levels of 4 to 10 people, this represents a significant and unnecessary increase to the staff complement.

The monitoring and implementation component of these policies is excessive when considered as a whole. Most policies result in an annual report to be prepared on a policy for submission to various levels of public agencies, by various parties. Many of these annual reports are being prepared by the local municipalities (RMO, Local municipality, Local Planning Authority) for annual submission. Again this is excessive. While the Town understands the necessity to monitor policy, we would suggest the reports be

submitted on a 5 year time period and that the policies also be formally reviewed at that time.

The monitoring and implementation policies as proposed are double-dipping on the municipal tax bill. Municipalities will pay for the preparation of numerous reports under these proposed policies, and then pay again for the review by the Source Protection Authority, primarily funded through the municipal Conservation Authority levy.

### **EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

During the recent public meetings regarding the Source Protection Committee policies, the municipalities have been advised that there are significant monies available to assist landowners and municipalities in addressing current threat issues. This education and outreach program is being directed by the Source Protection Committees, with funding from the Provincial Government. Project funding is not consistent between the Source Protection Committees. The draft policies, as currently set out, require most education and outreach to be completed by the local municipalities, including monitoring results. There has been no indication that there will be any monies provided to the local municipalities to complete this education and outreach as suggested within the draft policies. Provincial funding of this education and outreach should be resolved prior to agreeing to implement and monitor these policies.

### **EXISTING WATER SYSTEMS**

The Town of Mono began operating its first water system in 1986, followed by the Cardinal Woods system in 1990. These water systems were developed on well systems approved by the Ministry of Environment and service two distinct and separate areas of the municipality. The users of the water system were fully metered at that time and in order to provide a higher level of water conservation, the Town implemented from day one, a water system rate scale that required users to pay at a higher rate for larger consumption of water. This policy remains in place to this day. The Town has implemented the same policies on all municipal water system users since that time. The wells associated with the Town's water system have been vetted through the local Conservation Authorities prior to approvals and subsequently approved with certificates of approval, issued by the approval authority, the Ministry of Environment and Energy, at the requested rates to meet the demands of developments in the municipality.

### **WATER QUANTITY THREAT (19 AND 20)**

The draft Source Water Protection Plan proposes many policies for municipalities to implement within their own government systems, or by other surrounding municipalities within their government systems. The proposed quantity threat policy requires the implementation of a joint municipal water management system or authority to plan and operate potable water systems. It is unclear as to what this policy means, and discussions with members of the Source Protection Committee during the December 6, 2011 consultation meeting provided significantly more questions surrounding this policy than

answers, including discussions which proposed the expansion of the policy of the identified threat area beyond the affected aquifer. We would request that the Source Protection Committee reconsider its evaluation of this issue as a threat, and provide significantly more rationale for the solution to this threat (if any), prior to placing this policy within the Source Protection Plan. I have set out the following discussion points for your consideration:

(a) Existing Approval Regime

Municipal wells are subject to certificate of approvals issued by the Ministry of Environment. The detailed hydrogeological reports required to be submitted to support a new municipal well are substantial, and are also reviewed by the Conservation Authorities within their existing water budget plans and policies. If there is a threat to the quantity of water within this aquifer, the problem lies with the approval authority, the Ministry of Environment, and those agencies which participated in the review. Municipalities have been requesting the Ministry of Environment to include a cumulative water taking report in their approvals for commercial water takings, aggregate water takings, and other land uses, prior to approving certificates of approval for various issues.

(b) Water Quantity Threat

The Tier 3 water quantity study (prepared by Aqua Resource Inc.) was released publicly in May 2011 and was presented to invited municipal staff and agencies and authorities. The Tier 3 water quantity study recommendations stated that:

*“This Tier Three Assessment illustrates that the groundwater resource relied upon by the Towns of Orangeville and Mono and the Township of Amaranth is a shared water supply and ecological resource that does not follow municipal boundaries. The Local Area A, classified as having a Significant Water Quantity Risk level, extends across these municipal boundaries into all three jurisdictions. As a result, drinking water management activities including permitting and monitoring would be best completed collaboratively by the three municipalities. A regional approach to groundwater management activities may also include working with the Ministry of the Environment to put in place new wellfield permits that replace individual permits and provide more flexibility to modify pumping rates within the Local Areas. The regional water supply strategy should also seek to identify and test potential future drinking water supplies as needed to promote growth and also to protect against risks that may affect existing supplies and other uses;”*

The conclusions of the Tier 3 water quantity study, identifying this area as a significant quantity threat, as opposed to a future threat, as I understand, was made for the following reasons, the municipal wells have already been approved at certain rated levels; and, the municipalities have approved development within their existing Official Plans that may lead to increased pumping and reduced infiltration.

It appears that the Source Protection Committee has not considered several other alternatives to the proposed policies, including the ongoing and increasing number of water conservation policies and initiatives by the municipalities to reduce water takings, the fact that the municipal wells are purposely over-rated to provide backup water supply in emergency situations, and the potential re-rating by the approval authority of the existing water systems, based on actual water use levels, as opposed to the theoretical water use levels required to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment.

The approved pumping rates are inflated. The approved land uses could also be considered inflated due to the Provincial land use policy system, specifically Places to Grow legislation, which required that additional density in the Orangeville area be reflected in the Official Plan documents. The Provincial Government has the ability to correct these flaws without downloading the solution of this problem to the municipalities.

(c) Re-rating Systems

The Town of Mono is identified within the water quantity significant threat area as a result of the inclusion of the Cardinal Woods water system. This water system has wells located in two separate watersheds. The development within this area is fully approved and nearing completion. The development standard within this subdivision area provides for infiltration to the groundwater resource from the septic systems to the sand and gravel subsurface and the larger lots within the sand and gravel formation promotes infiltration to the groundwater resource as well. This contribution has been minimized, in our opinion, in the Tier 3 water quantity studies. Regardless, the Town is now at a point where the existing development as approved by the Official Plan is built out, yet the rating of the municipal wells remains the same. The fact that municipal wells are rated at certain levels does not mean that they will ever be pumped at those levels. On the current closed system within Cardinal Woods, the only reason for higher rated levels is in case of emergencies and maintenance back-up. It is my understanding that our municipal wells are currently approved for pumping at a rate of approximately 30 l/s which would be the rate reflected in the Tier 3 study. The current actual watertaking is less than 10 l/s, and the total watertaking expected at full build out is also expected to be less than 10 l/s. This requirement is one-third of the amount actually approved by the Ministry of Environment. Should the Ministry of Environment be concerned with the current well ratings of the municipal wells within the Cardinal Woods systems, these wells could be re-rated

individually or as a Local Area wellfield to reduced pumping levels, provided that the municipalities are given an opportunity under emergency or maintenance circumstances to increase pumping levels. This is consistent with the Tier 3 recommendations.

(d) Infiltration/LID

Municipalities are also moving towards implementation of low impact development standards which should also increase infiltration to the groundwater resource. This combined with the water conservation policies will provide an opportunity for the Source Protection Authorities to re-evaluate the quantity threat in this area under more realistic circumstances. The infiltration or water balance component of the quantity threat should be evaluated by the water system Local Area, not across the identified threat area. What is the water balance for the Cardinal Woods Local Area, having a reduced pumping rate, with the current development standard (i.e. large lots, septic)?, and would this Local Area remain part of the significant threat area?

(e) Aquifer/Watershed Boundary Concerns

The concept of physically linking the systems as suggested by members of the Source Protection Committee should be abandoned. This part of the Source Protection Committee discussion is operational in nature and was not suggested as a solution to the problem by the Tier 3 study. This solution creates water takings from two separate aquifers in Mono, and two separate watersheds being operated as one system. This solution is unnecessary or at the minimum premature based on the above discussion, and is not a recommendation of the Tier 3 report. The Tier 3 report recommends a management study to deal with permitting and monitoring, and does not include recommendations on operations and/or physical connections of systems.

(f) Municipal Governance

The Tier 3 study recommended a Regional Water Strategy for Orangeville, Mono, and Amaranth, municipalities with functioning wells in the area. The Source Protection Committee proposed policy adds East Garafraxa to this list although that municipality has no municipal wells in the stressed area, but rests within it geographically, as does the Town of Caledon. If the Source Protection Committee feels it necessary to include East Garafraxa in this group, then to be consistent in their approach, the Town of Caledon and/or Region of Peel must also be included.

## CHANGES TO PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS/POLICIES

### (a) Transportation Systems

The current draft protection policies deal, for the most part, with point source water takings and/or contamination points. The Town of Mono currently requires a Risk Management Plan to be prepared by new commercial/industrial users within the Town's identified wellhead protection areas and beyond, including all limits of the Town's industrial and commercial subdivision. The current proposed policies will create a bureaucratic quagmire beyond our current planning regime to protect the groundwater resource. The Town's current policy shows due diligence in protecting the groundwater resource within the municipality. The current draft proposed policies show an ignorance of the potential of contamination of municipal water systems from a transportation network perspective. The Town of Mono has two major Provincial transportation arteries running through the Town's wellhead protection areas. These transportation networks provide a network for the potential transportation of high volumes of DNAPL's, ASM, NASM haulage, gasoline, nuclear waste, or other serious large scale contaminant sources to the municipal groundwater systems. The likelihood of a contamination of a water supply from an underground storage tank for a gas station, which includes double walled tanks with monitoring, and the oversight of the TSSA and requirements for replacement times for these underground storage tanks, are significantly less than the chances of a significant contamination episode as a result of a transport trailer roll over, accident, or accidental discharge of materials, within the wellhead protection areas. In the past year, we have experienced an accident resulting in the release of large quantities of diesel fuel on the Provincial highway corridor. This issue truly is the most significant threat to a municipal groundwater resource and has not been addressed in any documents from any Source Water Protection region, or under the Clean Water Act or any other Provincial Legislation.

### (b) Contaminant Regulations

The policies prepared to date propose to address groundwater point source locations within a wellhead protection area. More attention should be directed to restrictions placed on the production, distribution, and disposal of contaminants, especially prohibited contaminants such as DNAPL's. This must be completed at a Provincial or Federal level. The Town has already experienced a situation where a commercial operator (dry cleaner) with a business location outside of the Town, proceeded to dispose of contaminants (DNAPL's) at home through the septic system, since they were restricted by a sewer discharge bylaw at the commercial location. A Provincial or Federal register requiring documentation and delivery/disposal amounts should be considered for all potential contaminants of municipal water systems, which can and have been moved or transported beyond municipal boundaries.

The above concerns regarding the transport of potential contaminants becomes more pressing with the release this week of the Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada, which is critical of many aspects of Federal oversight of the transportation of and compliance with regulations in transporting of dangerous goods.

Thank you for allowing us to comment at this time on the proposed policies. The goals and objectives of the policies are laudable, specifically the protection of municipal drinking water sources. Considerable information on the natural environment and groundwater resources has been generated through this process. However, I believe the current policies are too complex and onerous for implementation (financially and bureaucratically) in their current format. The policies are not being developed locally for the users and operators, and will result in a confused policy process. The lack of understanding, and in some cases animosity, from many municipal representatives who are seeing these policies for the first time in your workshops speaks volumes to the complexity and costs of implementation of the proposed policies. I look forward to further involvement in your process and, hopefully, receiving consistent documents from your Committees in the future.

Yours very truly

**TOWN OF MONO**



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To: Heads of Council  
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Dan Mathieson  
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

**Subject: MPAC Assessment Products and Services Delivery Update**

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I am writing to bring you up-to-date on the work we are doing at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) as part of our ongoing commitment to deliver exceptional service to municipalities.

Since my last update in April, MPAC has continued to move forward on the key areas of supplementary and omitted assessment, Property Assessment Notice delivery, property reviews, and the Ontario Auditor General's Annual Report.

#### **Supplementary and Omitted Assessment**

In 2011, we added approximately \$28.4 billion in supplementary and omitted assessment to the roll, representing our highest amount ever added to the municipal roll.

We continue to work with Ontario municipalities to improve our ability to add timely and accurate supplementary and omitted assessment. A particular focus is the standardized electronic exchange of occupancy permit information, which automatically informs MPAC when a building permit has been completed and is ready for inspection. We have established a working group to increase the number of municipalities submitting (occupancy and building permit) information to us in a standardized electronic format. We also continue to work with third parties including building permit vendors and our new strategic alliance with the Electrical Safety Authority, to obtain information that will allow us to better determine when a building permit is complete so that we can arrange an inspection.

In early October, MPAC attended the Ontario Building Officials Association conference to discuss this initiative with delegates.

With this information and partnering with municipalities we can add new assessment to the roll in a more timely fashion. We can also improve productivity by reducing the number of times our inspector visits a property and reduce the potential for errors by eliminating the need to manually track and input information.

### **Property Assessment Notice Delivery**

Nearly one (1) million Property Assessment Notices were mailed this Fall to properties that have experienced a change in value, classification, ownership or school support. Delivery of the assessment roll to municipalities and other year-end products to ministries and agencies will take place on or before December 13, 2011.

### **Property Reviews**

MPAC has introduced new technology to help improve productivity and continue to move closer to our goal of a property review cycle in which every property in Ontario is reviewed at least once every 12 years.

A mobile data collection system for the assessment of new residential construction has been deployed in our high growth offices to allow property inspectors to conduct a full property inspection on site. With the mobile device, our inspectors can update property inspection and building permit information electronically, without the need to complete paper forms and travel back to the office to re-enter the information manually, providing a real-time stream of data to MPAC's property database.

We have also introduced the use of digital imagery to identify changes to properties and schedule inspections where required. Similar to Google Earth, the imagery includes aerials and, in some areas, street views of properties. This method of property review has been approved by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

### **Ontario Auditor General's Annual Report**

We have taken action on all nine (9) of the recommendations in the provincial Auditor General's Report, which was released last spring. Of particular note, we have reinforced programs that automatically trigger a sales investigation when the sale price of a property is significantly above or below its assessed value. Over 117,000 residential sales reviews were conducted in 2011 which is almost double of that conducted in 2010.

As you may be aware, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) released its Report in response to MPAC's appearance before the PAC on March 9, 2011. In its Committee Report, the PAC made five (5) recommendations that we had been asked to report on within 120 days. The Committee recommendations each relate specifically to the Auditor General's Annual Report.

I can confirm that we reported back to the Committee earlier this fall on the issues of; investigating sales on a more timely basis, finding better ways to get information from municipalities on completed building permits, exploring initiatives and future actions to help us achieve the 12 year cycle, updating the Committee that the IPS system was brought in on time and under budget, and that MPAC has aligned its procurement and travel expense policies with the directives issues by the government.

### **Improved Service**

As our partners in the property taxation system, we are committed to improving service to Ontario municipalities.

We have introduced new follow up procedures to enhance the ability of your Municipal Relations Representative (MRR), your primary point of contact with MPAC, to address concerns in your municipality. This builds on the 2010 realignment of our core business into two streams – Residential and Farm Properties and Business Properties.

With the realignment, our valuation and customer service employees are able to work more closely together. A single staff member who has an understanding of both the local community and the properties is now responsible for addressing a property taxpayer's assessment concerns from start to finish.

Our MRRs are available to discuss any issue or make a presentation to council or committee regarding the assessment products and services MPAC offers and our plans for moving forward.

### **Municipal Communications Strategy**

MPAC recently introduced its 2011/2012 municipal communications strategy entitled *Strengthening Partnerships – Broadening Communications*. The strategy provides an integrated, comprehensive approach to building on the relationship MPAC has already established with municipalities.

This strategy includes tactics that will help MPAC support municipalities by providing them with timely relevant information and ensuring their questions and issues are dealt with quickly and effectively.

In particular, this strategy includes an outreach and contact plan to explore new partnership opportunities. We will also work with municipalities through the appeal process to ensure that you have the information you require to better understand the valuation of significant properties under appeal in your community. Our plans are also to review the effectiveness of our communication material to ensure that we improve our communication with you next year and in the future.

## **2012 Assessment Update**

You will also be interested to know that preparations are well underway for the 2012 province-wide Assessment Update, which will culminate in the mailing of Property Assessment Notices next fall. This is the second update since the Provincial Government changed legislation to introduce the four-year assessment cycle.

Since 2005, we made a concerted effort to improve service and increase public understanding of Current Value Assessment and our respective roles in the property taxation system.

Up to October 31, 2011, we held more than 1,475 outreach activities with property taxpayer associations, municipalities and other stakeholder groups and improved the Property Assessment Notice.

We will continue to keep you updated on the work we are doing in support of the 2012 Assessment Update.

## **New Four-Year Strategic Plan**

Work began this fall on the development of a new four-year strategic plan that will go into effect following the 2012 Assessment Update and guide MPAC through to the 2016 Assessment Update. We are asking MPAC employees for their input and will be talking to municipalities, our partners in the property taxation system, to help form the development of the plan. We will keep you informed of our progress as the process unfolds.

## **MPAC President and Chief Administrative Officer Carl Isenburg to Retire**

Earlier this year, Carl Isenburg announced his decision to retire at the end of 2011 after a 38-year career in assessment. Since Carl was appointed President and Chief Administrative Officer of MPAC in 2004, he has led MPAC through several key strategic endeavors including the implementation of the recommendations made by the Government of Ontario and the Ombudsman of Ontario, and most recently, in the Corporation's implementation of the recommendations made by the Auditor General of Ontario. The implementation of these recommendations has resulted in a number of improvements to MPAC's assessment practices.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Carl for the incredible job he has done and to wish him all the best in his retirement.

## **Transition to MPAC's New President and Chief Administrative Officer**

As you know, our Board of Directors announced that Antoni Wisniowski had been appointed President and Chief Administrative Officer of MPAC.

Antoni will assume his new duties on January 1, 2012. In the meantime, he has been working closely with Carl Isenburg and members of MPAC's executive team to ensure a smooth transition for the organization.

I am looking forward to working with Antoni as we continue to deliver on our commitment to property assessment excellence and outstanding service to our municipal partners, government stakeholders, and customers, the property taxpayers of Ontario.

As an elected municipal colleague and as the Chair of the MPAC Board of Directors, you have our commitment that we will continue to pursue excellence in meeting the needs of our shared customer.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your local Municipal Relations Representative or Arthur Anderson, Director of Municipal Relations at 905 837-6993 or 1 877 635-6722 extension 6993. If you would like to speak to me directly, I can be reached at 519 271-0250, extension 234.

Yours truly,



Dan Mathieson  
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

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## GRCA General Membership

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Townships of Amaranth, East Garafraxa, East Luther Grand Valley, Melancthon and Southgate	Tom Nevills
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Township of Centre Wellington	Joanne Ross-Zuj
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Town of North Perth and Township of Perth East	George Wicke
Region of Halton	J. Barry Lee
City of Hamilton	Jeanette Jamieson
County of Oxford	Bruce Banbury
County of Brant	Brian Goleman, Steve Schmitt
City of Brantford	Robert Hillier, Vic Prendergast
Haldimand and Norfolk Counties	Lorne Boyko, Fred Morison

## Second draft of 2012 GRCA budget

The GRCA board is working through the 2012 budget, which will be approved in February.

The board was presented with the second draft in November. It shows a budget of \$29.3 million, compared to an overall budget of \$33.6 million in 2011.

The base programs budget is expected to increase by 2.7 percent while the capital budget is expected to decrease by 32 per cent. Overall, the general municipal levy is budgeted to increase three per cent. Special projects spending is expected to decrease \$3.3 million.

Changes to the budget will be reviewed by the board over the next few months. The budget is scheduled to be ratified by the board at the annual general meeting in February.

The draft budget is available online by looking [www.grandriver.ca/Reports](http://www.grandriver.ca/Reports) under November 2011.

## Groups take part in WMP workshop

The GRCA hosted a meeting of 33 representatives of the environmental non-government community on Nov. 10 to talk about the Grand River Water Management Plan.

Many described it as "an important first step" towards involving the people who play an active role in addressing local, regional and national water and conservation issues at the grassroots level.

The group evaluated the draft water objectives that have been drafted as the basis of the plan.

There was general agreement that the list of objectives is comprehensive and that the objectives address the issues that matter most. But several participants stressed the importance of acknowledging the limits of the natural system as a central component of the plan.

The GRCA will share the ideas that came out of the meeting with members of the Project Team and Steering Committee. The goal is to revise the water objectives based on feedback received through this meeting, the public survey and other engagement activities.

For more information about the roundtable meeting, the survey and the Water Management Plan visit [www.grandriver.ca/wmp](http://www.grandriver.ca/wmp).

## E-flows workshop a success

A day-long workshop on the e-flows for the Grand River held at the end of October was hosted by the GRCA and about 130 people from across the province attended.

Water managers have been working to improve their understanding of e-flows, also called environmental flow requirements. This means taking a holistic look at natural river flows that support healthy aquatic ecosystems and human well-being. The healthy flow will vary at different times of the year.

The goal of this workshop was to bring together practitioners, researchers and water managers to talk about steps to integrate e-flow requirements into water management and planning in the Grand River watershed. This was the first time such an event has been held in Ontario.

There were 11 speakers and two panel discussions on both the policy and science aspects of e-flows at the workshop. The group spent part of the morning defining what "ecological flow requirements" means to them. During the afternoon they considered scientific approaches and a framework for ecological flow assessments.

A website section at [www.grandriver.ca/eflows](http://www.grandriver.ca/eflows) provides more information on this workshop, links to resources and e-flow information for specific reaches within the Grand River watershed.

## Warm November

Precipitation in November was far below the long term average across the watershed until the end of the month, when there was lots of rain.



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In 2011 there have been very wet periods and very dry periods so November follows this trend.

Most of the watershed saw approximately 25 per cent of the long term average precipitation by Nov. 21, whereas October precipitation was about 175 per cent of average. Then there was a big turn around during the week of Nov. 29 when there was over 50 mm of rain in some locations.

This resulted in flood warnings in two locations.

In New Hamburg the affected residents were in the Milton Street and Jacob Street areas. Regional police and municipal staff also were urged to warn residents of Ayr along Tanner and Piper streets. They were advised not to park vehicles in low lying areas overnight. River levels peaked Nov. 30 in New Hamburg and on Dec. 1 through Ayr.

The year is on track for slightly higher than normal annual precipitation across the watershed.

As of Nov, 21, the air temperature at Shand Dam was 4.7 degrees above the long-term average. Monthly average air temperatures have been above the long-term average since May.

Groundwater levels at the monitoring wells near Mill Creek have been decreasing since June, but they are high for this time of year. Levels are close to the highest levels recorded in November since 2001. Check the full report in [www.grandriver.ca/WSConditions](http://www.grandriver.ca/WSConditions).

## Auto subscribe to receive Grand Actions

Grand Actions has a new updated look and is now a full colour publication when viewed or downloaded from [www.grandriver.ca/grandactions](http://www.grandriver.ca/grandactions).

Links are also embedded in the online newsletter, making it easier to go to the web to find specific information.

Grand Actions newsletter has been produced every two months since 1996 by the GRCA and is available at no charge.

E-mail subscribers to Grand Actions can now subscribe automatically by sending a blank e-mail (no content in subject line) to:

[GrandActions-subscribe@grandriver.ca](mailto:GrandActions-subscribe@grandriver.ca).

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## New signs tell Grand River story

People who use recreational areas will notice new interpretive signs going up to provide information about the Grand River.

A grant for the Telling the River Story interpretive sign project came from the Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation's Community Fund and the Florence Louise Marsland Fund. The goal of the signs will improve understanding of the river and engage more people in river activities.

Twelve sets of two signs each are going into information kiosks, most of which are new. These are at the gatehouse of Laurel Creek Conservation Area and by the Laurel Creek Reservoir, close to the Shand Dam at Belwood Lake Conservation Area, by the parking lot at the Woolwich Reservoir, at Pilkington Outlook and by the pedestrian bridge that is under construction at Pioneer Tower. These signs focus on various aspects of the river including the tailwater fishery, dam management, the value of natural areas and recreational opportunities.

## Give green for the holidays

This holiday season, consider giving the gift of a strong and resilient natural world by making a donation to the Grand River Conservation Foundation.

Whether it is for family, friends or someone you appreciate in your community, a gift in support of tree planting, trails and special natural places is unique and will be appreciated for generations to come.



GRCA staff members take measurements at Parkhill Dam on a warm fall day.

A \$50 contribution provides an outdoor learning kit for students attending GRCA nature centres, \$30 will cover the costs to plant a tree in your area and \$20 helps keep trails in top shape for the community.

The recipient of your gift will receive a beautiful personalized card from the foundation and you will receive a charitable tax receipt. Please order by Friday, Dec. 16, 2011. Give by visiting [www.grcf.ca](http://www.grcf.ca) calling Doina Hartley toll-free at 877-29-GRAND (877-294-7263) or e-mailing [dhartley@grandriver.ca](mailto:dhartley@grandriver.ca).

The Grand GRCA Minutes were published in November 2011.

It is a summary of the October 2011 meeting conducted by the Grand River Conservation Authority board and committee as well as other noteworthy happenings and topics of interest.

The Grand River Conservation Authority welcomes the photography and journalism of GRCA Minutes.

Reports mentioned in the GRCA Minutes are available online at [www.grandriver.ca/minutes](http://www.grandriver.ca/minutes).

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Dear Mr. Osyany:

**RE: Road Use Agreement; Skyway 8 Wind Energy Inc.**

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We are in receipt of your email of November 30, 2011 in which you respond to our client's reasonable request that the Township of Melancthon ("Melancthon") consider a cap on legal fees associated with drafting the road use agreement (the "Agreement"). Your allegation of bad faith on behalf of our client is unacceptable, and is clearly not supported by the record.

At this time I will not attempt to characterize the positions taken by your client with regard to what should be a very simple agreement. It is our understanding that your fees to date amount to approximately \$10,000. In our client's estimation your fees are higher than they should be because you spent a significant amount of time revising the Agreement to insert provisions to grant Melancthon access to and control over our client's wind farm development, notwithstanding that none of the turbines are actually in Melancthon. Given that none of the turbines are situated in Melancthon, your position on this particular issue is completely unreasonable. Furthermore, the Township of Southgate ("Southgate"), as evidenced by a series of letters written by Gil Deveril between June 30, 2011 and July 12, 2011, did not support the approach taken by your client with regard to access and control of the wind farm, even though all of the wind turbines are located in the Southgate.

Another unreasonable position that was taken by you on behalf of your client was a very significant financial demand that would result in payments by our client of over \$1,000,000.00 to Melancthon and Southgate over the life of the current power purchase agreement, and likely double that over the life of the project. This demand is especially unreasonable in light of section 41(8) of *Electricity Act, 1998*, which states clearly that a distributor is not required to pay any compensation in order to, among other things, exercise its powers to construct or install such structures, equipment and other facilities as it considers necessary for the purpose of its

distribution system, including poles and lines, over, under or on any public street or highway. Our client is a "distributor" for the purposes of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, a position that is supported by the recent Ontario Energy Board decision, EB-2010-0253, dated January 12, 2011.

The original bargaining position taken by you appears to have been that because our client needed Melancthon's consent to use a section of unopened road allowance, you could therefore leverage this position to place unreasonable financial terms on our client and expand Melancthon's power over the wind project, regardless of the fact that, other than collector lines, very little of the development was taking place within Melancthon. I emphasize that our client's only request of Melancthon is to utilize the road allowances in such a manner as is provided for in the *Electricity Act, 1998*. In order to meet Melancthon's requests, our client has made alternate arrangements and no longer needs to use the unopened road allowance. On these grounds, our client has every right to refuse payment of your invoices. However, as a show of good faith, and notwithstanding the foregoing, our client remains willing to cover your fees to a certain threshold.

To further demonstrate that our client is acting reasonably and in good faith and that the allegation of bad faith is unfounded, it has stated that it would be willing to deposit funds into our trust account in the amount of the invoices issued to date and related to the Agreement. The funds would remain in trust pending a satisfactory resolution on the issue of an estimation/cap of your fees going forward. Your recent correspondence has not added to our client's confidence that an acceptable Agreement will be easy to obtain, and it is not reasonable for our client to write a 'blank cheque' going forward. Conversely, it is not unreasonable for you to provide an estimate of the cost of negotiating the Agreement going forward.

My understanding is that our client's communications with your client have at all times been cordial and respectful. The record is clear that our client has acted in good faith throughout negotiations with Melancthon. As such, your allegation of bad faith should be withdrawn immediately. To summarize, we are at a loss to understand why the Agreement has become a contentious issue. The *Electricity Act, 1998* provides that our client, as a distributor within the meaning of the said Act, has the power to use any public street or highway for the purposes of constructing the distribution system for the wind farm. Our client is merely exercising its rights and is seeking an agreement regarding the placement of the distribution infrastructure.

As always, and as evidenced by the cooperation between our client and the Township of Southgate, our client remains committed to negotiating in good faith with the communities that are host to its projects. In the event that you choose to refuse to assume a reasonable position with respect to the Agreement, our client will have no choice but to proceed with an order under section 41(9) of the *Electricity Act, 1998*.

Yours very truly,

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File No. 20300

December 16, 2011

David Flynn  
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e-mailed to: *flynnd@cbslaw.to*

Dear Sir:

Re: Melancthon - Skyway 8 Wind Farm

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The chronology below is prompted by your letter of December 7, 2011.

Melancthon - Skyway Chronology

1. On August 25, 2010, Messrs. Brown and McCoy, representing the Developer, attended on the Township Planner in connection with this project.
2. On October 14, 2010, Andrea Kausel, representing the Developer, consulted with the Township CAO and advised that she was drafting an agreement, based on the Township - Plateau Project agreement.
3. At the Developer's request a meeting was held on November 10, 2010. The Developer was represented by Andrea Kausel and Jonmark Pierce. The Township was represented by CAO, Public Works Superintendent, Engineer, Planner and Solicitors. There was a discussion of the overall project, the Township's requirement for underground wiring and a number of other matters.
4. On November 16, 2010, a draft agreement was sent to the Township by Andrea Kausel. This agreement received initial legal review on behalf of the Township, but was not followed up by the Developer who put the project on hold from December to February.

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5. On March 31, 2011, Andrea Kausel stated that the project was back on track and the Developer was keen to get the process moving forward. The Developer then sent out flyers and published a notice in the local newspapers.

6. On May 6, 2011, after internal reviews and consultations with Andrea Kausel, and the setting of the joint meeting date for May 25, 2011, the Township Solicitor wrote to Andrea Kausel regarding the situation, suggesting a joint meeting with Southgate and that there should be either a tripartite agreement, or the two municipal agreements should be harmonized. A revised draft agreement was enclosed (Osyany draft).

7. On May 20, 2011, Andrea Kausel dealt with the preparations for the upcoming joint meeting (set for May 26, 2011), and stated that she had not yet received comments back from her solicitor on the Osyany draft.

8. On May 26, 2011, the joint meeting took place. The Developer was represented by Andrea Kausel and Jonmark Pierce. The Developer's lawyer, David Flynn, did not attend. Southgate was represented by the CAO, Road Superintendent, Chief Building Official and Solicitor. Melancton was represented by the CAO, Planner, Engineer and Solicitors. Andrea Kausel took the lead, and reviewed the Osyany draft. It was generally found to be acceptable, with very minor changes. Additional issues discussed focused on the unopened road allowance, haul routes, access turns, gravel and concrete contractors, treatment of scrub, etc. Andrea Kausel proposed community development contribution of \$5,000 per turbine per year to each municipality. Southgate made no commitment, but Osyany stated that he would recommend it to Melancton.

The developer wanted to break ground in July, and there was discussion of Council dates to make all this happen.

9. On May 27, 2011, David Flynn contacted Osyany, asking for a red-lined version of the Osyany draft, which was supplied.

10. On June 7, 2011, Osyany e-mailed David Flynn to find out if the Developer decided between harmonized agreements or a tripartite agreement. David Flynn responded by opting for a tripartite agreement, but also challenging many of the provisions in the Osyany draft, and asking for a three-way conference call.

11. On June 22, 2011 David Flynn sent his version of the draft agreement (Flynn draft), taking a restrictive view of what the agreement could cover and stating that he did not know where the community development contribution provision came from and that the municipalities would have to propose an amount or delete the provision. Subsequent to the receipt of the Flynn draft, Osyany did no further work on the Osyany draft, even though normally it is the municipality that prepares documents that the municipalities enter into.

12. On June 24, 2011, Osyany responded to David Flynn, setting out some of the background, taking issue with a number of items in the Flynn draft and the letter of June 22, 2011, and stating that Melancthon intends to co-operate in an expeditious way with the developer, in exchange for the developer's co-operation.

13. Gil Deverell, the Southgate solicitor, completed an extensive and multi-segmented review of the Flynn draft from June 30, 2011 to July 12, 2011, which were considered internally by Melancthon's Solicitors.

14. There was zero communication from David Flynn or anyone on behalf of the Developer at this time. Presumably the project was put on hold again.

15. The Melancthon CAO sent out the invoices for the professional advisers to the Developer on September 23, 2011. The details are the following:

Planner	1,506.05
Engineer	2,608.41
Solicitors	6,670.14
Total	10,784.60

Despite follow-ups, these amounts are still unpaid. Southgate is also unpaid by the Developer.

16. The first communication on behalf of the Developer since June, 2011, was a phonecall from David Flynn on November 17, 2011 to Gil Deverell and Osyany, followed by a letter on November 21, 2011, asking for meeting dates.

17. On November 23, 2011 Osyany advised David Flynn of the acceptable date of December 14, 2011, and stating that Melancthon would not meet unless Melancthon's costs were paid in full by 3 PM on December 13, 2011. Osyany also asked for draft documentation and agenda.

18. On November 29, 2011, David Flynn wrote to Osyany that the Developer had no legal obligation to pay, and the municipality should be meeting with parties who are in need of municipal approvals without requiring financial payment. He stated the Developer's position to agree to pay only if there was a cap on the legal fees, and the obligation would only stem from a signed agreement. He promised to send a revised agreement next week. No such agreement has ever been received. Also, no mention is made in the letter of the planning and engineering fees.

19. Melancthon has refused the conditions in the David Flynn letter, and David Flynn sent a further letter on the subject on December 7, 2011. The allegations in that letter have prompted this chronology.

Your letter complains of the total projected payments to Southgate and Melancthon - implying that these were demanded by the municipalities. The record is clear that it was the developer who made the financial offer.

Your letter makes unfair criticisms of the Melancthon approach to the agreement. Had you attended the meeting, you would have known that Melancthon's concern was that various issues be addressed, either by Southgate, or by Melancthon, or in a joint agreement. A very major feature of the development was the Developer's proposal to clear and grade a jointly-owned municipal boundary road, though neither of the municipalities wanted the road open or maintained. It was only in November in your communications that the municipalities were alerted to the fact that the Developer no longer needs to use the unopened road. This, of course, is many months after the professional work has been done and billed.

It is also Melancthon's experience that usually both parties prefer to have more comprehensive agreements. For example, developers ask for provisions which are beyond the black letters of the Electricity Act, 1998, but which assist in getting financing for the project. Similarly, municipalities have rights and obligations arising from other Acts as well, which legitimately need to be rolled into these agreements. Melancthon, which has the largest wind development in the country, has negotiated several comprehensive agreements with other developers.

It is a well-established principle that the developer has to carry the cost of the development. The Township has incurred costs to date in dealing with this development. The project has apparently been put on hold twice already. At any point the Developer may walk from the project, leaving the municipality holding the bag. On the other hand, Melancthon has worked with the Developer and expedited matters to assist in the apparent rush schemes each time.

The municipality remains willing to work with the Developer to bring about an agreement, but takes the reasonable position that the costs billed to date should be reimbursed, prior to any further meetings. These costs were reasonably incurred by the Municipality, and how the Developer can take the position that it is appropriate for the Developer not to pay them appears to be incomprehensible.

If there is any inability to achieve an agreement, it is due to the Developer's refusal to pay for the municipality's cost of dealing with the project.

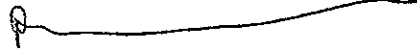
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David Flynn

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The Developer should pay the municipality's billed costs to date, and the Township will come back to the table. Note that the Township is not requiring (as it perhaps should, given the history of this matter and the position of the Developer) that the Developer post additional securities at this time as a condition of further dealing with the Developer.

Yours very truly,  
SHEPHERD, OSYANY & KING, LLP  
per:



Andrew Osyany

(ext. 233)

AO/ofa

cc. Township of Melancthon  
Gil Deverell

## Denise Holmes, AMCT

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**From:** Alex banks <songdragon0414@yahoo.ca>  
**Sent:** December-15-11 10:19 AM  
**To:** dholmes@Melancthontownship.ca  
**Cc:** songdragon0414@yahoo.ca  
**Subject:** restricting wind mills

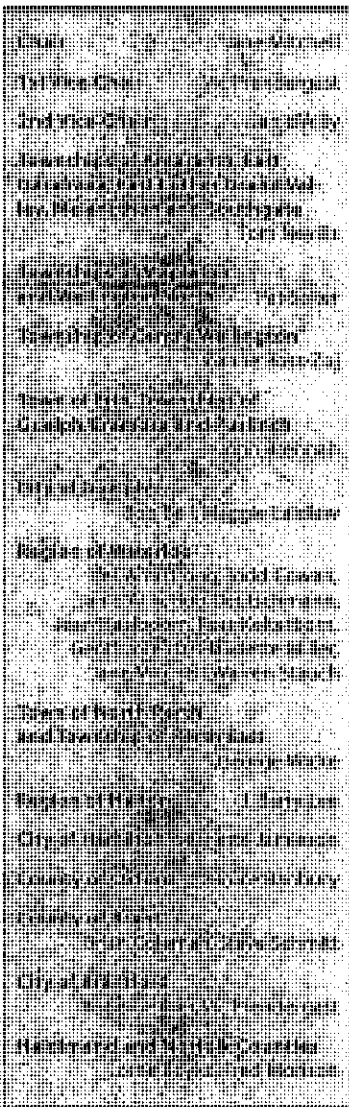
Good Day I read the article in the banner Dec 8 and read a bout the council try to get support to stop number of wind mills in townships . I Do Not agree with this as it will put more restriction on my properties .As we have wind mills in the township all ready, I think is a waste of your time and there is more important issues for you to work on . It is may opinion,(And the farmers I talk to ) that it is unfair to restrict Landowners of every possibility to help the income and future income of our farms for us and our children . They have restriction all ready for set back and the like! please take the whole township in to account not just the complainers . you aim at restricting one landowner and hit the whole town ship with sweeping rules . the same with the wood lot the county is bring in . more restriction to stop one landowner and hit the whole town ship . please think before you act . Alexander John banks

# GRCA Minutes



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## GRCA General Membership



## Drimmie Dam reconstruction

In-river work to reconstruct Drimmie Dam could get underway as early as July 2012.

This dam is in Elora upstream of the Elora Gorge Conservation Area, where the GRCA operates a river tubing concession each summer. This area is also a popular spot for kayaking. The proposed reconstruction project will address the dam's deteriorating conditions related to safety of river users.

The GRCA and Sanchez Engineering have been working to complete the approvals process, with approval required from nine organizations. There are a couple of outstanding issues, but most of the approvals are in place. The contractor, Xterra Construction Inc. of Kitchener, won this \$1 million construction contract last August.

There are three sources of funding for this project — \$545,500 from the provincial Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure program, \$375,000 from the GRCA capital levy and reserves and \$200,000 from the Township of Centre Wellington. Due to delays in securing approvals, the WECI funds are being moved from the 2011-2012 year and the project will be considered at the front of the queue for funding of 2012-2013 projects.

## Researchers will study river organisms

What can fish, mussels and other organisms tell us about the health of water in the Grand River system?

That's the question that a team of researchers hope to answer in a three-year study financed by a \$600,000 grant from the Canadian Water Network. The research team is led by Mark Servos, the Canada Research Chair in Water Quality Protection at the University of Waterloo. The team includes nine other researchers at six universities and government agencies.

They'll study the impact that pollutants have on organisms that live in the waters of the Grand River and its tributaries. Some species are more sensitive than others to the presence of pollutants, so studying them provides insight into the overall health of the river system.

That information is important to the GRCA, municipalities, provincial ministries and others who manage water resources in the Grand River watershed.

They will work with the research team to develop a framework that can be used in the future to evaluate the impact on water quality caused by changes in land use practices, sewage treatment plant upgrades and other activities.

The grant to the Grand River team is one of four recently announced by the Canadian Water Network which is based in Waterloo. It also awarded grants to research teams looking at the Muskoka River in Ontario, the Northumberland Strait in Prince Edward Island and the Tobacco Creek in Saskatchewan. The grants total \$2.1 million.

## Alan Dale appointed to Source Protection

Alan Dale, former chair of the GRCA and a long-time board member, was appointed to the Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee in December.

There was a vacancy on this committee because one public interest representative chose not to seek re-appointment. Dale was selected from among the applicants for this position and his appointment was approved by the GRCA board in its role as the Grand River Source Protection Authority.

Dale was the chair of the GRCA board for four years and vice-chair for four years. He served on the board for 10 years until 2010. He is a former member of Norwich Township Council and has served on several township and Oxford County committees.



[www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca)

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Also this fall, Waterloo resident George Schneider was appointed as an aggregate representative, replacing the former representative who opted to step down. Schneider is a principal at Golder Associates Ltd. and has worked on many projects including those for aggregates, water supply, source water protection, contaminated sites and mining.

The Lake Erie Region Source Protection Region is comprised of the Catfish Creek, Grand River, Kettle Creek and Long Point Region watersheds.

The Source Protection Committee is developing four source protection plans which are expected to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment in 2012.

For more information on Source Protection visit [www.sourcewater.ca](http://www.sourcewater.ca).

## Environment Canada partnership with GRCA

Environment Canada is proposing to partner with the GRCA to monitor nutrient levels in the Grand River year-round at the new York water quality station.

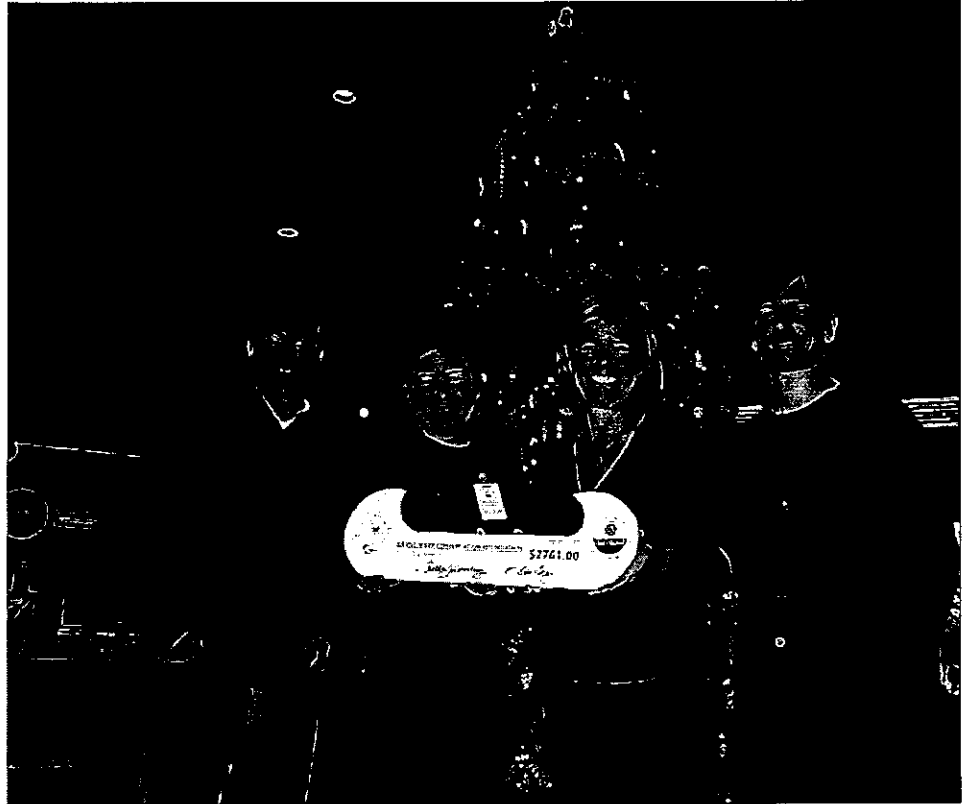
This monitoring partnership means nutrient loads can be calculated from the Grand River to Lake Erie. The York station will be the primary location for intensive phosphorous sampling year-round by installing a new automatic sampler to collect samples continuously. This was a key recommendation in the Nutrient Strategy proposed by the Lake Erie lake-wide Management Plan. The project will start in 2012 and will run for three years. It will be paid for by Environment Canada. The GRCA has asked for funds to help cover costs related to utilities.

## Flood messages terminated Dec. 8

Flood warning messages issued by the Grand River Conservation Authority on Nov. 29 and 30, were terminated on Dec. 8.

High flows, augmented by rain, had moved out of the southern river and water levels were within the banks.

The first two weeks of December were on target for average rainfall for the month, except at Luther Marsh and Shade's Mills which have seen slightly lower amounts.



Ned and Shelly Jo Courtney (left), owners of Canoeing the Grand in Kitchener, presented a donation to Sara Wilbur and Logan Walsh (right) of the Grand River Conservation Foundation. The couple are neighbours of the Kitchener business which they purchased last year and they had a grand first season.

Annual precipitation for 2011 at all GRCA-owned climate stations is above the long term average, although July was one of the driest on record.

During the first two weeks of December, air temperature at Shand Dam was 2.9 degrees above the long-term average. River flows were receding after lots of rain during the last week of November and start of December. As a result, there was not much snow accumulation in the watershed.

Check [www.grandriver.ca/WSConditions](http://www.grandriver.ca/WSConditions) for the full report.

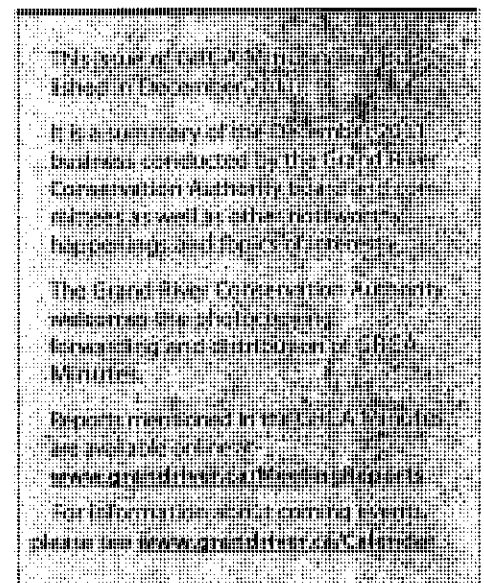
## Accessibility to GRCA services

The GRCA has added a new section to the website for information related to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Effective Jan. 1, 2012, organizations such as the GRCA and other non-profits and private enterprises must comply with the customer service provisions of the act.

The new section of the GRCA's website contains policy and customer feedback information. In addition, notices of "service disruptions" will be posted in the Newsroom section at

[www.grandriver.ca/Newsroom/news.cfm](http://www.grandriver.ca/Newsroom/news.cfm).



## Denise Holmes, AMCT

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**From:** Denise Holmes, AMCT <dholmes@melancthontownship.ca>  
**Sent:** January-03-12 10:45 AM  
**To:** Denise B. Holmes  
**Subject:** FW: An e-mail from the Premier of Ontario

> Subject: FW: An e-mail from the Premier of Ontario

> Date: Thu, 22 Dec 2011 09:27:55 -0500

> From: [correspondence@premier.gov.on.ca](mailto:correspondence@premier.gov.on.ca)

> To: [Bill\\_Hill@sympatico.ca](mailto:Bill_Hill@sympatico.ca)

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> Please see below email sent Dec 16

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: [dmcquinty@premier.gov.on.ca](mailto:dmcquinty@premier.gov.on.ca)

> Sent: December 16, 2011 5:28 PM

> To: 'tyler\_171@msn.com'

> Cc: 'bhill@melancthontownship.ca'; Minister, MOE (ENE)

> Subject: An e-mail from the Premier of Ontario

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> This e-mail account is not monitored. Please do not reply directly to  
> this e-mail.

> For further inquiries, kindly direct your online message to

> <http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/feedback/default.asp>.

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> I am writing as a follow-up to my November 24 e-mail in response to  
> concerns you raised about proposed wind turbines in your community. I  
> appreciate your concerns and am therefore pleased to have this  
> opportunity to expand on and clarify some of the comments contained in  
> my previous e-mail - and to share additional information with you.

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> Protecting our natural environment and the health of Ontarians is of key  
> importance to our government. That is why, as mentioned in my prior  
> e-mail, we called for a full environmental assessment of the proposed  
> Melancthon Quarry.

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> With respect to future wind projects, we remain committed to ensuring  
> that community members and the environment are protected. Our priority  
> is to develop renewable sources of energy in a way that both engages and  
> protects local communities. Energy developers in Ontario must meet the  
> requirements of the Renewable Energy Approvals (REA) regulation in order  
> to carry out renewable energy projects. This regulation is based on the  
> best available science, and protects human health and the environment.

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> While an applicant for REA must consult with local municipalities prior  
> to applying for an approval, it is the Ontario Ministry of the  
> Environment that reviews and approves the application. And local input  
> is an important part of the REA process. The REA regulation has  
> mandatory requirements to provide opportunities for public participation  
> in the process. Applicants must provide written notice of a proposed  
> renewable energy generation facility and post at least two notices in a  
> local newspaper at a preliminary stage of the project planning. In their

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> application, as part of their consultation report, developers must  
> document concerns that have been raised by local groups and individuals,  
> and they must describe how these concerns have been addressed.

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> Before submitting an application for review by the Ministry of the  
> Environment, an applicant is required to hold at least two community  
> consultation meetings to discuss the project and its potential local  
> impact. Any required studies must be made available for public review at  
> least 60 days prior to the date of the second community consultation  
> meeting or, if there are more than two meetings, before the final  
> meeting. An applicant for a renewable energy project must also consult  
> with local municipalities prior to applying for an REA.

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> Experts agree the Green Energy Act is making Ontario a global leader in  
> clean energy. Farmers are also among the strongest supporters of our  
> green energy programs in communities across Ontario. Clean energy is  
> helping us replace dirty coal-fired plants and protect the health of  
> Ontarians for future generations. The use of coal is down over 90 per  
> cent in 2011 compared to 2003, which means cleaner air, fewer hospital  
> visits - and savings on environmental and health care costs. The Green  
> Energy Act has attracted billions of dollars in investment to this  
> province, and helped create thousands of jobs for Ontarians. More than  
> 20,000 new jobs have been created, and we are on track to create 50,000  
> jobs by the end of 2012.

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> I would also like to mention that Ontario is a leader in establishing  
> clear setbacks for renewable energy projects that protect people's  
> health and the environment: they are among the toughest in North  
> America. In response to public health concerns, Ontario's Chief Medical  
> Officer of Health completed a review of existing scientific evidence on  
> the potential health impacts of wind turbines. The Chief Medical Officer  
> of Health's report, released in May 2010, concluded that there is no  
> direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health  
> effects. And, on December 16, the Ministry of the Environment released a  
> report it commissioned which concluded that there is no direct health  
> risk from wind turbine sound at Ontario's regulated setback distance.

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> If you would like more information about the process for renewable  
> energy projects, I invite you to contact my colleague the Honourable Jim  
> Bradley, Minister of the Environment, directly. I have forwarded a copy  
> of your original correspondence to him so that he is also aware of the  
> issues you raised.

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> I regret any confusion that may have been caused by my prior response. I  
> would also like to thank you for this opportunity to share more precise  
> and detailed information with you. Please accept my best wishes for a  
> safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

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> Dalton McGuinty  
> Premier of Ontario

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> c: His Worship Bill Hill  
> Mayor, Township of Melancthon

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> The Honourable Jim Bradley

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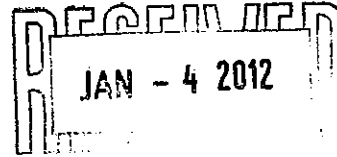
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Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

December 20, 2011

Denise Holmes  
CAO  
Township of Melancthon  
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**Subject: Proposed listing of the Silver Lamprey as a species of special concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act***

This letter is to inform you that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is in the process of considering how to advise the Minister of the Environment with respect to a proposed listing of Silver Lamprey as a species of "special concern" on the list of wildlife species at risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). Prior to finalizing our recommendation, we would like to hear and understand any concerns or issues you may have about this listing.

The SARA is a federal statute intended to prevent species from becoming extinct or extirpated (extinct in Canada, but found elsewhere in the world), to provide for the recovery of species that are extirpated, endangered or threatened as a result of human activity, and to manage species of special concern to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened. Before a species or population is offered legal protection under SARA, it is first assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). This independent committee of experts uses available scientific, community and aboriginal traditional knowledge to assess whether a species or population is a species at risk.

The assessment by COSEWIC is provided to the Minister of the Environment who will, upon review of this assessment, provide a recommendation to the Governor in Council as to whether or not a species should be listed under SARA, or referred back to COSEWIC for further evaluation.

In May 2011, COSEWIC assessed Silver Lamprey as a species of *special concern*. A species of *special concern* is defined as a wildlife species that may become a threatened or an endangered species because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats. For species listed as *special concern*, there are no prohibitions or legal restrictions under SARA which could limit activities that

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would harm animals or their habitat, as these prohibitions only apply to those species listed as *extirpated*, *endangered* or *threatened*.

Listing Silver Lamprey as *special concern* will require the development of a Management Plan to establish measures which the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans considers appropriate to ensure the conservation of the species.

We would appreciate hearing your views on how the proposed listing of Silver Lamprey could affect you or your organization. A Species at Risk consultation document, including a series of questions to help capture your input has been posted at [www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=1928](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=1928).

**Comments received January 31, 2012 will be reviewed and considered prior to DFO providing recommendation on the listing of Silver Lamprey to the Minister of the Environment.**

Yours truly,



Pooi-Leng Wong  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
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Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N6  
(204) 984-0599 or 1-866-538-1609 (toll-free)  
email: [fwisar@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:fwisar@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)



Item 11a

CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW

DATE:	DECEMBER 12, 2011
MOVED BY:	<i>[Signature]</i> T. D. PATTERSON
SECONDED BY:	<i>[Signature]</i> Brent Preston

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario, through the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), is moving forward with its commitment to review the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program.  
And

**WHEREAS** the stated purpose of the review includes the consideration of issues related to local consultation and the renewable energy approval process (REA).  
And

**WHEREAS** the Township of Clearview is in general support of the concerns expressed by the Township of Mulmur in their resolution passed on November 01, 2011 and forwarded on to the Minister of Energy for consideration as part of the OPA review of the FIT program.  
And

**WHEREAS** the REA process, as currently being implemented, limits the ability of Municipalities to comprehensively review and comment on matters normally within their purview and now specifically excluded as they pertain to alternative energy projects.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario be requested to establish limited, complementary responsibilities for Municipalities under the Green Energy Act, thereby ensuring that alternative energy projects address local municipal issues to better balance the interests of ratepayers with the needs of the Province to encourage investments in new clean energy in Ontario.

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**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be requested to establish direct consultation with municipalities, perhaps through the offices of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, AMO, to discuss concerns regarding building permitting and zoning matters with the objective of better addressing these issues in the Provincial process.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Township staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the appropriate Provincial agencies, our local MPP, AMO, the NEC, NVCA, Mulmur Township and to the other rural and small urban municipalities in Ontario.

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I, ROBERT CAMPBELL, CLERK OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLEARVIEW, DO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF

*resolution passed  
by Clearview Township  
Council on December 12/2011*

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK

## Denise Holmes, AMCT

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**From:** Nanci Malek <bentertainment@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** December-23-11 6:10 AM  
**To:** dholmes@melancthontownship.ca  
**Subject:** Fw: RE: a woodlot inquiry

fyi

Nanci,

This is what I have been able to ascertain so far,

As set out in the adjuster's guide, woodlots are eligible under ODRAP for farm/small business claims:

*-clean up and disposal of debris for safety and access*

*-land restoration/site preparation*

*-tree replacement with seedlings*

ODRAP does not allow for reimbursement to farmers/small business owners for potential future revenue losses associated with damage to trees in woodlots.

In considering whether a woodlot should be eligible, the DRC may find it helpful to consider the criteria used by the federal government for its Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements. The federal government outlines uses to determine whether a woodlot is actively managed, and therefore can be considered in a farm/small business claim. The following is an excerpt from the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements guidelines:

For a woodlot to be considered eligible it must be land covered with trees and held primarily as a source of fuel, posts, logs or trees. The trees must be grown with some significant degree of active management. It can also include treed land that is a farmer's wooded land where such land is actively managed. Active management is considered to exist where at least one of the following conditions is demonstrated:

- a) The woodlot is operated with a reasonable expectation of profit. The term commercial woodlot is also used where there is an activity in the nature of trade in connection with a woodlot and where an amount based on the use of, or production from, the woodlot is received. If the main focus of the commercial woodlot is not lumbering or logging, but is planting, nurturing and harvesting trees pursuant to a forestry management plan, and significant attention is paid to manage the growth, health, quality and composition of the stand, it is considered to be an actively managed farming business; or
- b) There is evidence of active management (i.e. a business or forest operational plan, or significant previous investment, or evidence of realized revenue from timber sales in the last five years). There is extensive forest product utilization by the farmer as an integral part of the overall farm operation; or
- c) There is proof of participation in one or more provincial programs dealing with any relevant aspects of forest/woodlot management (conservation, incentive and improvement programs, etc.).

Financial assistance to woodlot owners, including orchards, nurseries and tree farms is limited to land repair and related preparation.

I hope this helps,

Steven D. Murphy

Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Office of Emergency Management

County of Dufferin

4-229 Broadway

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December 7, 2011

Mayor Bill Hill  
Township of Melancthon  
157101 Highway #10  
RR #6  
Shelburne, ON L0N 1S9

**Re: Financial Assistance for the Fiscal Year 2012**

Dear Mayor Hill:

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka is requesting your consideration for financial support during budgetary discussion for 2012. Your financial support will assist our program in continuing to provide your community with the best Crime Prevention program available to make our communities safer.

Crime Stoppers is not a police program, nor funded by the provincial or federal government or from police agencies, but operates with monies generously donated from the private sector, by businesses, municipal support and monies raised through fundraising, by the volunteer Board of Directors and local community committees throughout our geographical area.

Crime Stoppers is a program that benefits everyone in the community and in 2005 Crime Stoppers International was recognized by the United Nations as a global force in the fight against crime and terrorism. Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka is very proud to be part of that effort.

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka and the Police Services that provide policing to your community continue to have an excellent partnership and this relationship has produced impressive results in drugs seized, stolen property recovered and arrests made. To maintain this investigative aid to all Police Services in the Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka area requires an operational budget in excess of \$130,000.00 per year. The Municipal funding assessment is the largest single source of revenue in our budget and we would not be able to operate the program without this support.

Your continued financial support in the amount of \$550.00 which is based on \$ .20 per population ratio, will assist Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka in continuing to provide your community with the best Crime Prevention program available to make all our communities safer. We would be happy to do a presentation to Council or the Budget Committee or if you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

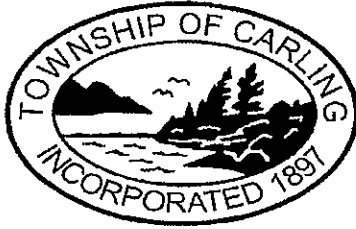
Yours Sincerely,

Colleen Weise  
Office Administrator

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December 16, 2011

Mr. Norm Miller, M.P.P.  
17 James St.  
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1T4

RE: Ontario MPP Introduces Private Members Bill to Pave Highway Shoulders

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This is to advise you that Carling Township Council has enacted the following resolution:

11-144

**Moved by Councillor Konoval  
Seconded by Councillor Gordon**

**WHEREAS** Muskoka MPP Norm Miller has re-introduced his private member's bill which would enhance public safety for the motoring public and promote active transportation in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** if Mr. Miller's bill is passed it would require a minimum one metre paved shoulder on certain provincially owned highways to improve public safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike;

**AND WHEREAS** studies in other jurisdictions confirm that where paved shoulders exist, accidents are drastically reduced;

**AND WHEREAS** there are obvious health benefits for individuals and society in general, as more opportunities are provided to cycle and walk for recreation, or for transportation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Carling supports for MPP Norm Miller's Private Members Bill to pave highway shoulders;

**AND FURTHER** that Council of the Township of Carling respectfully requests that all municipalities in the province of Ontario consider supporting the resolution from the Township of Carling;

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Yours truly,

*Beth Schreiner*

Beth Schreiner  
Office Assistant

cc. All municipalities

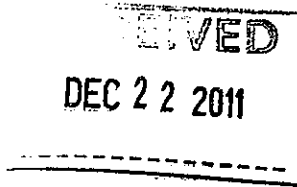
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Mayor Bill Hill  
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**RE: January is "Crime Stoppers Month"**

Dear Mayor Hill and Members of Council:

We need your assistance in our continuing effort to promote Crime Stoppers in your community and it would be greatly appreciated if you would recognize CRIME STOPPERS by presenting a motion to declare or proclaim January as "Crime Stoppers Month". Please advise if your town or township will be issuing a proclamation as an official media launch will take place in early January.

CRIME STOPPERS of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka was established in January 12, 1987 and became incorporated as a non-profit charitable organization on February 11, 1987. We are very excited to be celebrating our 25 Year Anniversary in 2012, making this year's Crime Stoppers Month a special celebration! The program is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors, who oversees all phases of the program.

CRIME STOPPERS is not a Police program nor funded by the provincial or federal government or from police agencies. The program is operated solely with monies generously donated from the private sector, businesses or raised through fundraising efforts of the volunteer Board of Directors.

CRIME STOPPERS is a program that benefits everyone in the community and in 2005 Crime Stoppers International was recognized by the United Nations as a global force in the fight against crime and terrorism. We are very proud to be part of that effort.

CRIME STOPPERS mandate is to assist the Police in solving crimes thereby making our communities and schools safer. Through the media, the public is encouraged to call a province wide toll free number with any information about a crime that has occurred or is about to occur. If the information provided solves or prevents a crime, the anonymous caller is eligible for a cash reward.

Anonymous calls to CRIME STOPPERS of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka have assisted the Police and other investigative agencies in making 3,647 arrests, recovering stolen property valued at \$10,743,041 and seizing \$53,250,667 in illegal drugs. For this information, Crime Stoppers has paid \$264,710 in cash rewards.

Thank you for your support

Gord McNeice  
President

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# Clarington

Leading the Way

December 20, 2011

Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

**RE: SPECIAL PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO COVER MUNICIPAL DEFICITS**  
**FILE NO.: F11.GE**

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At a meeting held on December 19, 2011, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GPA-719-11:

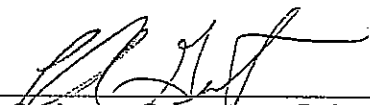
WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* requires that municipalities operate on a balanced budget;

AND WHEREAS all municipal councils face difficult decisions in the budget process in balancing (i) the needs of their communities; and (ii) being fiscally responsible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a) The Municipality write to the Premier of Ontario respectfully requesting that if any municipality in Ontario receives special funding from the Province to cover a budget deficit, that all local municipalities receive the same per capita funding from the Province; and
- b) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to John O'Toole, MPP for Durham, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting that they endorse this resolution.

Yours truly,



C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO  
Deputy Clerk

CAG/jeg

- c. John O'Toole, MPP, Durham  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
All Municipalities in Ontario  
N. Taylor, Director of Finance/Treasurer

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CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

40 TEMPERANCE STREET, BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO L1C 3A6 T 905-623-3379

December 20, 2011

The Honourable Jim Bradley  
Minister of the Environment  
77 Wellesley Street West  
11th Floor, Ferguson Block  
Toronto ON M7A 2T5

Dear Minister:

RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS REGARDING COMMERCIAL  
FILL OPERATIONS  
FILE NO.: E05.GE

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At a meeting held on December 19, 2011, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GPA-720-11:

WHEREAS municipalities are faced with requests from Commercial Fill Operators to place fill in, for example, either previously undisturbed areas or expired gravel extraction pits;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited resources and ability to regulate this type of operation other than through zoning restrictions and agreements associated predominantly with operational protocol;

AND WHEREAS the issue of soil quality of fill imported to a receiving site potentially has a significant cross jurisdictional environmental impact that should be elevated to the Provincial level through the Ministry of the Environment;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment has established criteria for quality of fill for Brownfield redevelopment but not for the importation and placement of fill within, as an example, undisturbed areas or expired gravel extraction pits;

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**Mulmur/Melancthon Fire Board**

Date: January 5, 2012

Moved by Malek

Seconded by Mills

That the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board recommend to both Council's the purchase of Dependable Emergency Vehicles stock pumper #9010 as described in the quote of December 23, 2011, (attached) in the amount of \$212,000 after trade in of \$20,000 plus HST.

MOTION CARRIED .....Darren White..... CHAIR

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December 23, 2011

Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department  
758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line E., R. R. # 2  
Lisle, Ontario, LOM 1M0

Mr. Richardson,

It was a pleasure meeting with you and members of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department today.

As per our discussion, the following items are being added to stock pumper #9010 in order to meet your needs:

- two (2) 12V telescopic scene lights
- Foam Pro 1600 System
- one (1) piston intake valve
- Thirteen (13) various trays and shelves
- pump compartment heater and heat pan
- cab medical storage compartment and electrical
- Six (6) On-Scene Solutions Talon model helmet holders
- Electrical cord and reel c/w cable reel
- Paint upper section Red
- Supply and Install Lettering and unit number on Chassis
- one (1) additional year of warranty for cab, pump, and electrical equipment

**Total Purchase \$232,000.00 /Trade In unit (\$20,000.00)**

**Total Selling Price \$212,000.00** not including HST for stock pumper #9010 complete with additional items above.

F.O.B. Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department

Payment due on delivery.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions. I can be reached at 1-800-268-0871 or [pino@dependable.ca](mailto:pino@dependable.ca)

*Pino Natale*

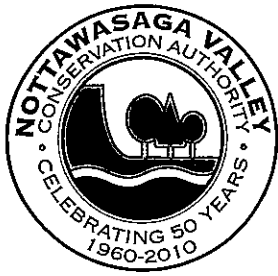
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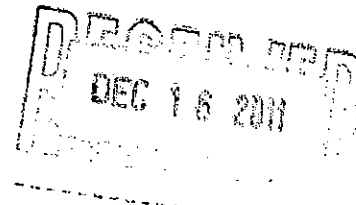


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December 12, 2011

Hon David Tilson, MP Dufferin-Caledon  
229 Broadway, Unit 2  
Orangeville, Ontario L9W 1K4



Dear MP Tilson:

RE: Highland Companies proposed limestone quarry in Melancthon Township

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 24, 2011 addressed to our Chairman Walter Benotto, regarding the Highland Companies proposed quarry.

### Member Municipalities

Adjala-Tosorontio  
Amaranth  
Barrie  
The Blue Mountains  
Bradford-West Gwillimbury  
Clearview  
Collingwood  
Essa  
Grey Highlands  
Innisfil  
Melancthon  
Mono  
Mulmur  
New Tecumseth  
Oro-Medonte  
Shelburne  
Springwater  
Wasaga Beach

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is undertaking a comprehensive review of the proposed Highland Quarry in Melancthon as it relates to the mandate of the Conservation Authority. Our consultant review team is composed of hydrogeologists, karst specialist, quantitative hydrogeologist, aquatic ecologist, terrestrial biologist, fluvial geomorphologist, and a hydrologist. This consulting team will work closely with staff at the NVCA to evaluate the potential impacts of the quarry on the environment including fisheries and fish habitat.

The review is based mainly on the reports submitted by the Highlands Company to the Ministry of Natural Resources in support of its application under the *Aggregate Resources Act* for a Category 2, Class A license. This review is currently underway. In addition, the review team proposes to review the groundwater computer model prepared by the Highland Company that is used to predict future groundwater conditions with the quarry in place.

We have been informed by the Highland Company that an updated computer model is presently being developed and should be released sometime in December, 2011. Our review will be held up until the computer model is completed and provided to our review team.

In summary, the NVCA review is presently underway. The completion date of our review will be dependent on the release date of the updated computer model. If it is released to the NVCA early in the New Year, our review should be completed by the end of March 2012. However this is a moving target and I would suggest that you check in with us periodically and we can update you on our schedule.

Sincerely,

Wayne R. Wilson, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer

C: NVCA Chair and Board of Directors, Mayor and Members of Council, Melancthon Township, Carl Cosack, Chair, North Dufferin Agricultural & Community Task Force  
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OTTAWA  
December 1, 2011

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of the Environment  
Room 407, Confederation Building  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister,

I enclose a copy of an article entitled "*Water concerns and environmental risk assessments impede plans for a mega-quarry near the GTA*" from the December 2011 issue of *Canadian Geographic Magazine*.

Evidence with respect to the potential for the Highland Companies' proposed mega-quarry in Melancthon Township, Ontario to cause widespread environmental damage is mounting by the day. As more people examine the proposal, be they experts or regular citizens, the more they are convinced that the size and scope of this project demands a federal environmental assessment.

Once again, I call upon you to direct the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to conduct a full review of this project. Nothing less than complete scrutiny will suffice.

I look forward to your early reply.

Sincerely,

David Tilson, Q.C., M.P.  
Dufferin-Caledon

cc. The Honourable Michael Chong, P.C., M.P.  
Mr. Carl Cosack, Chair, North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce

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## Melancthon mega-quarry (Canadian Geographic, Dec 2011 issue)

### Water concerns and environmental risk assessments impede plans for a mega-quarry near the GTA

By Ruth VanDyken

Ontario's densely populated Greater Golden Horseshoe, which hugs the western tip of Lake Ontario from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) to Niagara and stretches all the way to Georgian Bay and Peterborough, has less than four percent of the province's land mass but is home to nearly a quarter of all Canadians. The region is one of the country's biggest economic engines, with industries such as auto and steel manufacturing as well as Toronto's diverse economy pushing urban development across agricultural and natural land. Such sprawl is often controversial. But the need for raw materials — specifically, the gravel required for road and building construction — is creating another clash between man and nature.

At the centre of this conflict is a proposed mega-quarry in the Township of Melancthon, a farming area known for its potatoes about 75 kilometres northwest of Toronto. Five kilometres across and, at an average depth of 57 metres, deeper than the Horseshoe Falls at Niagara, the quarry would be the largest in Canada and the second largest in North America. The project is led by The Highland Companies, a Nova Scotia-registered landholder and large-scale potato grower backed by a Boston hedge fund called the Baupost Group. If Highland receives regulatory approval, workers will blast into subsurface limestone to produce a billion tonnes of aggregate over the quarry's decades-long lifespan.

Based on the research Highland has commissioned, the quarry "simply can't have a negative environmental impact," says company spokesperson Lindsay Broadhead. But officials and residents in Melancthon and neighbouring townships remain concerned. With the facility operating 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, and blasting under way six days a week to fill the estimated 150 trucks coming and going every hour, locals say it will be an assault on the ears and eyes. Moreover, at 937 hectares, the quarry will cover about 15 percent of the area's prime agricultural land and could disrupt the headwaters of five major rivers, including the Nottawasaga and the Grand.

The need for increased aggregate production in Ontario is undeniable. The provincial government released a report last year concluding that "over two-thirds of the licensed reserves supplying the GTA are being rapidly depleted." Existing operations cannot meet the growing demand for gravel, and mega-quarries are "the most feasible alternative sources of aggregate." Highland says the Melancthon site is ideal, considering its proximity to the Golden Horseshoe (a major consumer) and its position outside the environmentally sensitive Niagara Escarpment.

When Highland began to buy up Melancthon farms in 2006, residents thought the company was planning to expand its potato operations, which already produce more than 45 million kilograms of spuds in Ontario every year. Talk of a 121-hectare quarry began in 2009, says township mayor Bill Hill. In March, Highland filed an application to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for a mega-quarry almost eight times larger than early plans, which has prompted more than 5,000 letters of concern.

Water tops the list of worries. Melancthon is called the Roof of Ontario — its waters flow away from the region in virtually every direction. If the quarry proceeds, Highland will eventually have to pump 600 million litres of water out of the site every day. Broadhead says that Highland has extensively researched underground water routes and that water removed from the quarry will be pumped back into the water table, a practice that's already in use at another quarry in nearby Milton. This, she says, will maintain the quality and volume of underground water.

But underground waterways are tough to chart, with subterranean rivers, caverns and possibly even lakes flowing into one another, say residents such as Carl Cosack, a cattle-rancher-turned-critic with the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce. The quarry will be "sitting on the control switch" of rivers that flow into the GTA and supply water to millions of people, he says. "This is not a risk anybody ought to take."

John Werring, an aquatic-habitat specialist with the David Suzuki Foundation, is more concerned about the quarry's potential to harm aquatic life. It may deplete ponds and streams and could destroy or disrupt the habitats of fish and other species.

In September, the MNR and Ontario's Ministry of the Environment took the unprecedented step of calling for an environmental assessment of Highland's application. Quarries are typically subject to less stringent review under the province's Aggregate Resources Act. It's unclear how long the assessment process will take and whether Highland will get the green light, but one thing is certain: the GTA's annual demand for aggregate is about 55 million tonnes. Until we devise new ways to build, all that gravel will have to come from somewhere, which may push the megaquarry to another community's backyard



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OTTAWA  
December 15, 2011

Ms. Denise Holmes  
157101 Wighway 10  
RR # 6  
Shelburne ON L0N 1S9

Dear Ms. Holmes,

I am writing to update you on my activities with respect to the Highland Companies proposed mega-quarry in Melancthon Township, Dufferin County.

As someone concerned about this issue, I wanted to keep you abreast of several initiatives I have taken in recent months. I have written several times now to federal Environment Minister Peter Kent seeking a federal Environmental Assessment and to point out the potential impacts on our local environment. After the province announced in September it would conduct a provincial Environmental Assessment, I again wrote Minister Kent asking for a joint federal-provincial review. Minister Kent has since replied, restating his initial opinion that the federal government has no information that would lead it to call for a review at this time.

I most recently wrote to Minister Kent on December 1 in order to share with him an article that appears in the December issue of Canadian Geographic. I enclose a copy for your interest.

To find out why Minister Kent is taking this position, last month I introduced a question on the Order Paper, a Parliamentary tool where Members of Parliament can ask written questions of the government. My question asks the government to share all the information it has in its possession that leads it to believe that a federal Environmental Assessment is not needed at this time. I expect a reply in the New Year.

On December 1, I had the opportunity to make a Statement in the House of Commons just before the daily Question Period. I said the following: *Mr. Speaker, the Highland Companies, backed by a Boston-based hedge fund, proposes to dig a 2300 acre limestone quarry on prime farmland in Melancthon Township in my riding of Dufferin-Caledon. They want to dig down 200 feet, well*

*below the water table. The end result is that 600 million litres of water per day - enough for over a million Ontarians - would have to be pumped out, treated, stored and injected back into the local aquifers. The project proponents say this poses no risk to the local environment. Mr. Speaker, Melancthon Township is home to the headwaters of 4 major river systems, flowing in all directions. To claim that there would be no effect on the headwaters and beyond stretches the realm of possibility. I call upon the Minister of the Environment to order that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency conduct a full environmental assessment. The residents of my riding and of Canada deserve no less.*

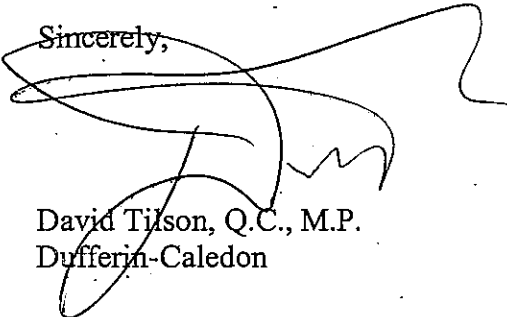
The petition I began circulating in June has been gathering signatures and continues to come in. As you may recall, the petition calls upon the federal government to direct the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to conduct an Environmental Assessment on the mega-quarry proposal. Since the House of Commons began the fall sitting in September, I have tabled about a dozen of the petitions in the House and have many more ready to be submitted. On November 3, I received the first response to that petition from the government, a copy of which I enclose for your information.

In October, I was fortunate enough to be able to attend Foodstock in Melancthon. On a cold, grey, rainy day almost 30,000 folks came out to show support for local food production and to voice their opposition to the quarry proposal. It was a very inspiring event indeed!

Also in October, I met with the Canadian Chair of the International Joint Commission, the Honourable Joseph Comuzzi. The IJC is the Canada-US body established by the *Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909* and is responsible for safeguarding our shared boundary waters, particularly the Great Lakes. I brought to Mr. Comuzzi's attention the anticipated 600 million litres of water per day that Highland states will have to be stored and filtered and then and re-injected into the local aquifers in perpetuity. He committed to have his team look at the science.

I will continue to explore all avenues at the federal level on this file and your ongoing support is most appreciated. From time to time, I hope to send you updates such as this one so that you are kept abreast of what I am doing in Ottawa and in Dufferin County on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



David Tilson, Q.C., M.P.  
Dufferin-Caledon



**ORDER/ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
ORDRE/ADRESSE DE LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES**

NO.-N° 411-0042	BY/DE Mr. Tilson (Dufferin-Caledon)	DATE September 20, 2011 / 20 septembre 2011
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RETURN BY THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS  
DÉPÔT DU LEADER DU GOUVERNEMENT À LA CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES

Signed by Mr. Tom Lukiwski

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# RESPONSE TO PETITION RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

PREPARE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH MARKING "ORIGINAL TEXT" OR "TRANSLATION"  
PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

PETITION NO./N° DE LA PÉTITION  
**411-0042**

BY / DE  
Mr. Tilson (Dufferin-Caledon)

DATE  
September 20, 2011

RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT

The Honourable Peter Kent

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MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

SUBJECT / OBJET

## Environmental Assessment and Review

RESPONSE / RÉPONSE

ORIGINAL TEXT  
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TRANSLATION  
TRADUCTION

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act), an environmental assessment is required before a federal authority can either proceed with a project as the proponent or enable a proposed project to proceed by:

- 1) providing financial assistance;
- 2) transferring federal land or any interest in federal land; or
- 3) issuing an authorization identified in the Act's *Law List Regulations*.

Officials at the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) have discussed the quarry proposed by Highland Companies in Melancthon Township project with other federal departments. Based on these discussions and the information currently available about the project, the Agency has determined that there are no federal decisions being contemplated in relation to the project that would cause a federal environmental assessment to be required.

Should new relevant information regarding the project come forward, the Agency will review it to determine if the Act applies.



# RESPONSE TO PETITION RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

PETITION NO./N° DE LA PÉTITION 411-0042	BY / DE Mr. Tilson (Dufferin-Caledon)	DATE September 20, 2011
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RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS AND  
MINISTER FOR THE ATLANTIC GATEWAY  
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DES PÊCHES ET DES OCÉANS ET  
MINISTRE DE LA PORTE D'ENTRÉE DE L'ATLANTIQUE

Honourable Keith Ashfield

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY  
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SIGNATURE  
MINISTER OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
MINISTRE OU SECRÉTAIRE PARLEMENTAIRE

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Environmental Assessment and Review

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- Fisheries and Oceans Canada's mandate includes the protection of fish and fish habitat through the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, including sections 32 and 35. Section 35 prohibits the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat unless authorized, while Section 32 prohibits the killing of fish by means other than fishing.
- Departmental officials are guided in their review of works or undertakings in or near Canadian fisheries waters by the national *Policy for the Management of Fish Habitat*. Based on the Policy, the Department assesses the impacts of proposals on fish and fish habitat and from that assessment provides advice regarding options to mitigate impacts to fish and fish habitat, which could include recommendations to relocate or redesign certain components of a project to reduce or eliminate any impacts to fish and fish habitat.
- The proponent is responsible for planning and implementing works or undertakings in a manner that will protect and conserve fish and fish habitat. In cases where it is not possible to avoid impacting fish and fish habitat, it is the proponent's responsibility to obtain authorizations or approvals under the *Fisheries Act*.
- Residual impacts to fish habitat that cannot be mitigated by redesign or relocation will require habitat compensation by replacing natural habitats lost due to the project by creating compensatory habitat at or near the site, by creating habitat off-site, or by enhancing existing habitats to increase their capacity to produce fish.

- Before Fisheries and Oceans Canada can issue an approval or authorization under sections 32 or 35 of the *Fisheries Act*, an environmental assessment would likely be required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.
- To streamline project reviews in Ontario, Fisheries and Oceans Canada has established partnership agreements with Conservation Authorities. The Authorities conduct an initial review of projects within their watersheds to determine if it is likely to result in harm to fish and fish habitat. The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is currently reviewing the Melancthon Quarry proposal, however, to date, they have not referred the project to the Department indicating that harm to fish habitat is likely, and that authorization under the *Fisheries Act* is likely required. If an authorization is required, it will trigger a review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.



# RESPONSE TO PETITION RÉPONSE À LA PÉTITION

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PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

PETITION NO./N° DE LA PÉTITION 411-0042	BY / DE Mr. Tilson (Dufferin-Caledon)	DATE September 20, 2011
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RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY OF CANADA FOR THE REGIONS OF QUEBEC  
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DES TRANSPORTS, DE L'INFRASTRUCTURE  
ET DES COLLECTIVITÉS ET MINISTRE DE L'AGENCE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
ÉCONOMIQUE DU CANADA POUR LES RÉGIONS DU QUÉBEC

The Honourable Denis Lebel

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Transport Canada may be required to conduct an environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act if the proposed quarry project (in whole or in part) requires regulatory approval under the Navigable Waters Protection Act. A determination on the type and nature of Transport Canada's environmental assessment and approval requirements would require the receipt and review of an application submitted by the proponent under the Navigable Waters Protection Act, and/or a complete project description submitted by the proponent, or another federal or provincial government agency. To date the department has received no such submission.



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MELANCTHON  
2012 SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER

**Council:** Mayor Bill Hill - 519-925-5264; Deputy Mayor Darren White - 519-923-2829; Councillor John Crowe - 519-925-6069; Councillor Janice Elliott - 519-923-3803; Councillor Nancy Malek - 519-925-0591 (E-mail addresses are available on the Township website)

**Staff:** CAO/CLERK-TREASURER - Denise B. Holmes, AMCT  
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT - Allen Braiden, CRS

**Email/Website:** [info@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:info@melancthontownship.ca)/[www.melancthontownship.ca](http://www.melancthontownship.ca)

**Telephone/Fax:** 519-925-5525/519-925-1110

**Address:** 157101, Highway 10, R.R. # 6, Shelburne, Ontario, L0N 1S9

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed Fridays in August)

**Council**

Council Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month commencing at 9:00 a.m. & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Public Question Period is held at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday meeting) and 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meeting). *Please check the website for information on Public Question Period.*

Agendas and Minutes of meetings are available at the Municipal Office, as well as on the website. Minutes are also available at the Shelburne and Dundalk Public Libraries.

Correspondence and General Business pertaining to each Council meeting is posted on the website by the close of business on Monday (before the Thursday meeting). In the event that the Monday is a Statutory Holiday, the information will be posted by the close of business on the Tuesday.

**"NEW" TAX/FINANCIAL Information** - Please be advised there will be a change in the billing and due dates for municipal taxes for the year 2012 - **Interim** (will be billed February 1, 2012) - **1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due Date: February 23, 2012, Second Installment Due Date: May 23, 2012, Final** (will be billed August 1, 2012) - **1<sup>st</sup> Installment Due Date: August 23, 2012, Second Installment Due Date: November 23, 2012**

You can pay your taxes at the Municipal Office, TD Canada Trust and Credit Union in Shelburne, the CIBC and Credit Union in Dundalk or by mail. Payment can also be made via Internet/Telephone Banking. **If paying by Internet/Telephone Banking, please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to reach our office in order to avoid late charges.** Sorry, no debit or credit card payments accepted. The Township also accepts post-dated cheques and has a drop off box at the front door for after hours. Penalty - 1.25% per month on all unpaid taxes added the first day of the calendar month.

**Road Business**

**Half Load Season** - will commence on March 1, 2012 and end on May 15, 2012 (subject to weather conditions)

**Fences** - a permit is required to construct a fence along the frontage of your property. Please contact the Road Superintendent for further information.

**Illegal Dumping** - If you witness illegal dumping please record as much information as possible and contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

**Planning**

**Jerry Jorden, Township Planner** is now working out of the Municipal Office two days per month (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday). If you would like to make an appointment to see Mr. Jorden, please call the Township Office. Please note that Mr. Jorden is the Township's Planner and therefore will provide information on Township and Provincial Planning Documents and requirements but will not be providing planning consulting advice to residents for their own projects or issues.

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### Canine Control

Canine Control Services are handled by Olympus Dog Training. For dogs running at large, lost or found, please call the Municipal Office during Office Hours. For after hours, please call Olympus at 519-942-1508 and leave a message – someone will return your call. 2012 Dog Tags are now available at the Municipal Office - 1<sup>st</sup> dog - \$20.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> dog - \$25.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> dog - \$60.00 Add an additional \$10.00 for each dog that is not spayed or neutered. Kennel Licence - \$150.00.

### **COMMUNITY TORCHLIGHT - Wellington/Dufferin**

Provides free telephone-based support, referral and crisis intervention services across Guelph, Wellington and Dufferin counties. Distress Line - 1-888-821-3760, Crisis Line - 1-877-822-0140, Telecheck Dufferin (Seniors) - 519-415-3764, Youth Support Line - 1-888-821-3760 and Emergency Shelter Resource Line - 1-888-821-3760. For more information about Community Torchlight and other services visit [www.dc-wd.org](http://www.dc-wd.org) or phone 519-821-376

### Fire Information

**Fire Permits** - If you intend to burn at your property, a fire permit must first be obtained from the Municipal Office. The cost is \$10.00 and is good for the calendar year. You do not need a fire permit to burn in a barrel, but the fire must be under control at all times.

**Smoke Alarms** - Mandatory - Section 2.13 of the Ontario Fire Code states that every home in Ontario must have a **working smoke alarm** on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It is the **owner's responsibility** to ensure smoke alarms are installed and maintained in working order. Failure to comply with this law will result in serious fines. You can purchase **Smoke Alarms** at the Municipal Office for \$20.00.

### Landfill

The Township Landfill is located at 237234 4<sup>th</sup> Line NE. The hours of operation are Fridays from 10:00 am. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Please note the change to summer hours will commence on April 13, 2012 and the landfill will be open Fridays - 12 noon - 8:00 p.m. Saturday hours remain the same. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LANDFILL SITE WILL BE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

Your 2012 Landfill Card (pink) was mailed with your final 2011 tax bill last September. This card entitles you to 104 free bags of garbage this year (pro-rated at two bags per week). For occupied properties only. All household garbage must now be placed in clear or colour transparent garbage bags (26" x 36"). Green/Black garbage bags will no longer be accepted.

**Reduce-Reuse-Recycle** - Recycling is mandatory at the Township Landfill Site. Blue Boxes are available at the Municipal Office for \$7.50/box. We recycle the following material: co-mingle (glass/can), newsprint/magazine, cardboard and large styrofoam. These items no longer have to be separated and go into one bin. Clean white bale wrap can be recycled (not mesh).

**Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Days** - **May 5** - Town of Mono Works Yard, **May 26** - County of Dufferin Primrose Operations Centre, **June 9** - Town of Orangeville Operations Centre, **July 11** - Town of Mono Works Yard, **August 15** - Town of Orangeville Operations Centre, **Sept. 8** - Township of East Luther Grand Valley Works Yard, **Oct. 6** - County of Dufferin Primrose Operations Centre, **Oct. 27** - Town of Orangeville Operations Centre. Check the County of Dufferin Take It Back Directory- [http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/Take\\_It\\_Back\\_2010\\_Directory.pdf](http://www.dufferincounty.on.ca/documents/Take_It_Back_2010_Directory.pdf) and the Do What You Can website [www.dowhatyoucan.ca](http://www.dowhatyoucan.ca). Specific HHW and E-wastes can be dropped at listed locations.

**HORNING'S MILLS COMMUNITY HALL** - On March 10, 2011, the Township received notice that the Horning's Mills Community Hall was approved for a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in the amount of \$116,800.00 to make renovations and accessibility improvements which will provide increased access to activities and gatherings that take place at the Hall. Construction started on December 5, 2011 and completion is expected by this summer. For more information on the Hall or to rent the Hall, please call the Municipal Office.

**GOOD FOOD BOX** - This is a cooperative program running October-May. For the low cost of \$12.00 you receive fresh fruits and vegetables purchased by Shelburne Fresh Variety. The program is looking for volunteers to help sort and pack the produce. Please call 519-925-6293 for more information.

### **TREE SEEDLING SALE**

The Dufferin South Simcoe Land Stewardship Network will be holding a first-come-first-served tree and shrub seedling sale for all residents of Dufferin County on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9 am - 12:00 noon at the County of Dufferin, Primrose Operations Centre, 635666 Hwy 10 (just south of Hwy 89). For more information call Caroline Mach at 705-435-1881 or e-mail [forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com](mailto:forestmanager@dufferinmuseum.com).

## Denise Holmes, AMCT

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**From:** Terry Horner <thorner@mulmurtownship.ca>  
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Hi Denise: Please find enclosed draft minutes of the last three fire board minutes and as well the draft 2012 budget for your Council's approval. This budget does not reflect any deficit or surplus for 2011, it probably will be a deficit, but until all the bills are in we can not be sure.

Terry Horner, A.M.C.T.  
CAO/Clerk  
Township of Mulmur  
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**General Ledger**

**Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report**  
 Fiscal Year Ending: DEC 31,2012 - From Period 1 To Period 12 Ending DEC 31,2012

Account	Description	Previous Year Total		Current Year To Date
		Actual	Budget	Budget

**Fund: 02 MULMUR/MELAN FIRE**

**Category: 1???**

**1094 MULMUR/MELANCTHON REV/EXP**

Revenue				
02-1094-0010	MM FIRE CALL REVENUE RECEIVED	2,940.00	14,500.00	21,300.00
02-1094-0015	MM FIRE CALL REVENUE PENDING	2,940.00	0.00	0.00
02-1094-0018	MM FIRE FIRE ASSOCIATION RECOVERY	1,894.12	0.00	0.00
02-1094-0020	MM FIRE MISC DEPT REVENUE	20.00	0.00	0.00
02-1094-0021	MM FIRE XPLORNET TOWER RENT	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
02-1094-0030	MM FIRE OP REV MEL TAXATION	31,156.64	31,154.00	30,050.00
02-1094-0040	MM FIRE CAP REV MEL TAXATION	12,500.00	12,500.00	34,450.00
02-1094-1010	MM FIRE OP REV MUL TAXATION	101,143.36	101,146.00	97,700.00
02-1094-1020	MM FIRE CAP REV MUL TAXATION	12,500.00	12,500.00	34,450.00
02-1094-1030	MM FIRE CAP REV MEL DC'S	0.00	0.00	9,750.00
02-1094-1040	MM FIRE CAP REVMUL DC'S	0.00	0.00	9,750.00
02-1094-2000	MM FIRE TSF FROM RESERVE FUND	52,564.77	30,000.00	199,200.00
02-1094-3124	MM FIRE SALE OF EQUIP/VEHICLE	3,500.00	0.00	20,350.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>224,158.89</b>	<b>204,800.00</b>	<b>460,000.00</b>

Expense				
02-1094-5100	MM FIRE MANAGEMENT SALARIES	16,092.30	21,000.00	16,800.00
02-1094-5101	MM FIRE PRACTICE WAGES	27,256.44	19,000.00	28,650.00
02-1094-5102	MM FIRE SITE WAGES	12,021.34	16,000.00	16,000.00
02-1094-5103	MM FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING WAGES	1,377.92	0.00	0.00
02-1094-5104	MM FIRE SECRETARIAL DUTIES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
02-1094-5105	MM FIRE BAD DEBTS	540.00	0.00	0.00
02-1094-5108	MM FIRE EMPLOYER HEALTH TAX	1,106.55	1,100.00	1,200.00
02-1094-5109	MM FIRE WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,313.96	3,400.00	3,900.00
02-1094-5110	MM FIRE SELF CONT BREATH APP (SCBA)	2,305.93	4,000.00	4,000.00
02-1094-5111	MM FIRE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	6,663.50	10,000.00	15,000.00
02-1094-5112	MM FIRE VEHICLE FUEL	2,675.63	3,000.00	3,000.00
02-1094-5113	MM FIRE VEHICLE REPAIRS/MAINTENAN	6,205.63	9,000.00	5,000.00
02-1094-5114	MM FIRE HALL MAINTENANCE	2,151.72	3,000.00	3,000.00
02-1094-5115	MM PURCHASE MATERIALS/SUPPLIES	4,107.80	2,000.00	5,000.00
02-1094-5116	MM FIRE RADIO MAINTENANCE	810.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
02-1094-5117	MM FIRE ELECTRIC HEAT/HYDRO	3,688.03	4,000.00	4,200.00
02-1094-5118	MM FIRE DEPT COURSES	2,625.71	3,000.00	3,000.00
02-1094-5119	MM FIRE ASSOCIATION FEES	395.69	400.00	400.00
02-1094-5120	MM FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	11,062.37	10,000.00	13,000.00
02-1094-5121	MM FIRE MISC (AWARDS)	215.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
02-1094-5122	MM FIRE TREASURERS EXPENSE	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
02-1094-5123	MM FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES	337.38	500.00	2,500.00
02-1094-5124	MM FIRE PROPANE	2,619.06	3,500.00	3,500.00
02-1094-5125	MM FIRE AUDIT	2,465.40	2,000.00	2,100.00
02-1094-5128	MM TRUCK PURCHASE	52,564.77	30,000.00	236,050.00
02-1094-5134	MM FIRE INSURANCE	15,758.27	16,000.00	16,000.00
02-1094-5140	MM FIRE TRAVEL	290.97	500.00	500.00
02-1094-5141	MM FIRE MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	259.88	500.00	500.00
02-1094-5142	MM FIRE OFFICE/COMPUTER SUPPLIES	1,485.62	1,000.00	1,000.00
02-1094-5143	MM FIRE MEDICAL SUPPLIES	277.29	500.00	500.00
02-1094-5144	MM FIRE EQUIP R & M	238.80	500.00	500.00
02-1094-5300	MM FIRE TSF TO CAPITAL RESERVES	25,000.00	25,000.00	68,900.00
02-1094-7355	MM FIRE PROFESSIONAL FEES	24,270.62	10,000.00	0.00

TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR  
General Ledger

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Annual Department Budget vs. Actual Comparison Report  
Fiscal Year Ending: DEC 31, 2012 - From Period 1 To Period 12 Ending DEC 31, 2012

Account	Description	Previous Year Total		Current Year To Date
		Actual	Budget	Budget
02-1094-7365	MM FIRE ASSET MANAGEMENT	(178.08)	0.00	400.00
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>232,405.93</b>	<b>204,300.00</b>	<b>460,000.00</b>
	<b>Dept Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(8,247.04)</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Category Excess Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>(8,247.04)</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>