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June 4, 2010

Mayor Susan Fennell
City of Brampton

Mayor Hazel McCallion
City of Mississauga

Mayor Marolyn Morrison
Town of Caledon

Greetings Your Honour

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities at their recent convention on May 28th - 31st, 2010 in Toronto passed an emergency resolution sponsored by the City of Toronto, calling on the Conservative government to expand the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), increasing seniors Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 15%, protect Canadian pensions through a federal system of pension insurance and also to call for a National Pension Summit.

Canada's mayors and councillors voted, almost unanimously, on the attached emergency resolution that supports the expansion of CPP. As a follow-up to this very important resolution, we are asking your office to write a letter to the federal and provincial Finance Ministers to urge them to support the four principles of this emergency resolution. Your letter would be most effective if the finance ministers were in receipt prior to the June 13th - 14th Finance Ministers Meeting in Crowbush, Prince Edward Island.

After a lifetime of work, nobody in this country should have to face living their last years in poverty because they didn't have a workplace pension plan, or because their RRSPs didn't earn enough. Now is the time to impress this point on the Finance Ministers and help make this resolution a reality for Canadians.

Sincerely

W. Charles Courneyea

Charlie Courneyea

President

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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

**EXPANSION OF CANADA'S PUBLIC PENSION SYSTEM
2010**

MAY

WHEREAS the Canadian economic downturn is putting the retirement security of many workers at risk; and

WHEREAS Canadian cities are directly impacted as they are key front line providers of social services and support programs for older workers and retirees; and

WHEREAS Ontario cities bear an additional portion of the cost of providing such programs; and

WHEREAS the significant economic downturn in combination with an increased number of employer bankruptcies across various sectors have resulted in under-funded pension plans and the actual and potential loss of promised pension benefits; and

WHEREAS only 1 in 4 private sector workers belong to an employer pension plan and the remaining 3 out of 4 workers must rely more heavily on personal savings to provide for their retirement; and

WHEREAS the Canadian public pension system including Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) plus the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is safe but falls well short of replacing the 50% to 70% of pre-retirement income needed to maintain a decent standard of living;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) support expansion of Canada's public pension system:

- 1.) By increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) by 15%, so no senior lives in poverty; and
- 2.) By protecting Canadian pensions through a federal system of pension insurance

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCM support the call on the federal government to hold a national summit on the issue of pensions and support the expansion of the Canada Pension Plan.

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June 4, 2010

Dear Clerk:

RE: Five Year Review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, in conjunction with other land use planning ministries, is undertaking a review of the Provincial Policy Statement, 2005 (PPS), as required under the *Planning Act*. The main goal of the review is to assess the need for revisions to the PPS.

The PPS is the integrated, consolidated statement of all ministries' policies concerning land use for Ontario and it provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. Municipal councils, planning boards and any other decision makers including the Ontario Municipal Board must ensure their decisions that affect planning matters are consistent with the PPS.

The PPS recognizes the complex inter-relationships among economic, environmental and social factors in planning. It provides direction on key issues such as: the efficient use and management of land and resources; long-term protection of the natural environment and water resources; the conservation of cultural heritage and archaeological resources; and the protection of public health and safety. Your municipality's input and perspectives on whether changes to the PPS are needed will assist the government in determining if the policies are providing appropriate direction and protecting broader provincial interests.

A PPS Review pamphlet containing background information on the land use planning system in Ontario including what the PPS is and how it is used; why the review is necessary; questions asking not only about what policies are working well but also whether some changes are needed; and information on how to provide comments is available online at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page7243.aspx. The PPS, 2005 can also be viewed online by visiting www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1485.aspx.

Please provide your municipality's feedback on the questions contained in the pamphlet by August 31, 2010.

Further information about the PPS Review is available online at www.ontario.ca/PPS.

Information regarding the review of the PPS is also posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Environmental Registry at www.ebr.gov.on.ca.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kyle MacIntyre, Manager (A), Provincial Planning Policy Branch at 416-585-6014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Petersen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ken Petersen
Director (A)
Provincial Planning Policy Branch



The Region of Peel is the proud recipient of the National Quality Institute Order of Excellence, Quality; the National Quality Institute Canada Award of Excellence Gold Award, Healthy Workplace; and a 2008 IPAC/Deloitte Public Sector Leadership Gold Award.

May 31, 2010

Ed Sajecki, Commissioner, Planning & Building, City of Mississauga
Mary Hall, Director, Planning and Development, Town of Caledon
John Corbett, Commissioner, Planning Design & Development, City of Brampton

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Re: Region of Peel Housing Strategy – 2010 Award for Planning Excellence

The Canadian Institute of Planners recently chose the Region of Peel Housing Strategy as the winner of the 2010 Award for Planning Excellence in the Social Planning Category. The Strategy was approved by Regional Council on June 3, 2010. Regional staff is excited to share this award with our partners including the area municipalities.

The Strategy recommends actions to meet the housing needs of Peel residents in the context of recent socio-economic and demographic changes in Peel by partnering and working with the area municipalities and other levels of government, community organizations, and the private sector.

I'd like to thank area municipal staff, in particular Emily Irvine (City of Mississauga), Karyn Poad (City of Brampton), Kathie Kurtz and Marisa Williams (Town of Caledon) for their contribution in developing the Housing Strategy. They provided valuable input and support at working group meetings and insightful comments on the various discussion papers and Housing Strategy document.

This exemplifies collaboration and partnership between the area municipalities and the Region. In the coming months, Regional staff will work with area municipal staff to prioritize and eventually implement the suggested actions in the Housing Strategy.

Sincerely,

Arvin Prasad
Director, Planning Policy and Research

c: Norma Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services,
Region of Peel

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 Regional Clerk

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE (OBC) (O. REG. 350/06) RESPECTING ON-SITE SEWAGE MAINTENANCE INSPECTION PROGRAMS. (EBR POSTING: 010-9557)

THE CURRENT POSTING INCLUDES A PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER REGULATORY CHANGES ARISING FROM POLICIES SET OUT IN THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN (LSPP). THIS POSTING IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE PREVIOUS POSTING (EBR REGISTRY NUMBER: 010-3036) ON MARCH 14, 2008. (2010-J-26) (Our File No. O09-00)

Honourable Minister, please be advised the Joint Health & Social Services, Planning and Works Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on June 2, 2010 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Joint Committee:

- "a) THAT the comments and concerns outlined in Report #2010-J-26 be submitted as the Region's response to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) posting of the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code (EBR # 010-9557) re: onsite sewage maintenance inspection programs; and further
- b) THAT Council specifically recommends to the Province that:
 - i. It develops a cost estimate and/or cost/benefit analysis associated with this program so that municipalities have estimated costs associated with the implementation of this program. The Province also has to support the implementation of this program with proper funding;
 - ii. It extends the deadline for the start of the first phase of this program to allow for a more thorough review, assessment and planning process. This is critical as our northern municipalities are key partners;

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Onsite Sewage Maintenance Inspection Programs

- iii. The LSPP or the Regulation recognize, for circumstances where there are severe problems not easily resolved by the remediation of on-site sewage systems, the opportunity to extend municipal sanitary sewer or water supply services. To be effective the Province should put funding in place to facilitate this approach;
 - iv. All on-site sewage systems that are five years old or less should be exempt from the legislation. Existing documentation (building permits & final inspection reports) associated with these sewage systems offers validation that they were constructed according to the OBC and have no technical reason to be malfunctioning or failing. Attention should be concentrated on older sewage systems that due to lack of maintenance or other factors could possibly be a problem;
 - v. It extends the deadline for the start of the second phase of this program to allow the municipalities to be able to properly plan, assess and complete the enforcement of the first phase of this new legislation;
- c) THAT a copy of Joint Report #2010-J-26 be forwarded to the Ministers of the Environment and Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the GTA Countryside Mayors Alliance; the Townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge; and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority."

As directed, please find enclosed a copy of Report #2010-J-26 of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, Commissioners of Planning and Works.



Pat M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III
Regional Clerk

PMM/lf

Enclosure

- c: The Honourable J. Bradley, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
P. Vanini, Executive Director, AMO
GTA Countryside Mayors Alliance
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K. Coates, Clerk, Township of Scugog

Onsite Sewage Maintenance Inspection Programs

c. cont.:

- D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
- D. Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
- A.L. Georgieff, Commissioner of Planning
- C. Curtis, Commissioner of Works



To: Health and Social Services, Planning and Works Committees

**From: Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health
Commissioner of Planning
Commissioner of Works**

Report No.: 2010-J-26

Date: May 25, 2010

SUBJECT:

Proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) (O. Reg. 350/06) respecting on-site sewage maintenance inspection programs. (EBR Posting: 010-9557)

The current posting includes a proposal for further regulatory changes arising from policies set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP). This posting is supplemental to the previous posting (EBR Registry Number: 010-3036) on March 14, 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) **THAT the comments and concerns outlined in this report be submitted as the Region's response to the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) posting of the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code (EBR # 010-9557) re: onsite sewage maintenance inspection programs; and further**
- b) **THAT Council specifically recommends to the Province that :**
- i. **It develops a cost estimate and/or cost/benefit analysis associated with this program so that municipalities have estimated costs associated with the implementation of this program. The Province also has to support the implementation of this program with the proper funding;**

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- ii. **It extends the deadline for the start of the first phase of this program to allow for a more thorough review, assessment and planning process. This is critical as our northern municipalities are key partners;**
 - iii. **The LSPP or the Regulation recognize, for circumstances where there are severe problems not easily resolved by the remediation of on-site sewage systems, the opportunity to extend municipal sanitary sewer or water supply services. To be effective the Province should put funding in place to facilitate this approach;**
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 - v. **It extends the deadline for the start of the second phase of this program to allow the municipalities to be able to properly plan, assess and complete the enforcement of the first phase of this new legislation;**
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REPORT:**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing draft Regulations regarding sewage maintenance inspection program and highlight Durham's comments and concerns with the proposal, as input to the EBR review process. The deadline for submission is May 28, 2010.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 About one-third of Durham Region's geographic area falls within the Lake Simcoe watershed and is affected by the proposed sewage maintenance inspection program. There are potentially hundreds of septic systems within the Lake Simcoe watershed within Durham Region. It is unknown at this time how many sewage systems would be impacted by the proposed regulatory amendment.

3. EFFECT OF THE LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN

- 3.1 The purpose of the plan is to "protect and restore the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed ecosystem".
- 3.2 In Chapter 4, Water Quality, the LSPP has a number of designated policies and strategic actions intended to address sources that cause water quality impairment including phosphorus and pathogens.
- 3.3 Designated water quality policies require:
- prohibition of new on-site sewage systems with 100 metres of the shoreline or any permanent stream with some exceptions;
- 3.4 Other strategic actions include:
- developing stormwater master plans, stormwater management plans and indicators;

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- **developing a Regulation for mandatory on-site sewage maintenance inspection programs.**

4. REGIONAL COMMENTS

4.1 The Health Department reviewed the proposed Regulation and prepared this report in collaboration with Regional Works and Planning Departments and the CAO's office.

- 4.2 The key areas of concern from a Regional perspective are:**
- **the extent and delivery of mandatory on-site sewage maintenance inspection programs;**
 - **the creation of new financial demands on municipalities, hence the need for sustained funding for the LSPP;**
 - **the language of the regulation is vague and non-specific and will be subject to different interpretation especially around the proposed inspection process and testing procedures;**
 - **the additional responsibilities for data collection (information systems/databases) and reporting and impact on new staffing/resources;**
 - **the need for more realistic timelines that allow for inter-agency collaboration and related funding to achieve the objectives.**

4.3 Extent and delivery of sewage maintenance inspection programs

The proposed amendment of the OBC would require mandatory maintenance inspections of existing on-site sewage systems. Inspections will initially be required in priority areas (to be identified) within 100 metres of the Lake Simcoe shoreline and the mouth of the tributaries that discharge directly into the lake as of January 1, 2011. Inspections would need to be completed within 5 years of that date. Mandatory maintenance inspections of existing on-site sewage systems in the remainder of the areas (to be identified) will be required as of January 1, 2016. Inspections would need to be completed within 5 years of that date.

Back in March 2008, the Province consulted on an OBC amendment to support source water protection, requiring sewage system re-inspections (maintenance) in municipal well head protection areas. The mandatory scope and scale of that proposal was quite small (i.e., municipalities could choose to expand a sewage system re-inspection (maintenance) program beyond the well head protection areas). The OBC amendment for sewage maintenance inspection programs as now proposed would be a huge expansion of the affected geography.

The proposed date to start the first phase of this new program does not allow a sufficient amount of time for municipalities to organize and prepare for the appropriate enforcement of this new legislation. The start date needs to be pushed back to at least January 1, 2012 to give authorities enough time to work out the details for this undertaking. The proposed date to start the second phase of this program needs to be pushed back by a year to January 1, 2017 in order for the municipalities to be able to complete the first phase within the previous 5 years as mandated.

All existing sewage systems that are 5 years old or less should be exempt from the legislation. Existing documentation (building permit & final inspection reports) associated with these sewage systems offers validation that they were constructed according to the OBC and have no technical reason to be malfunctioning or failing. Attention should be concentrated on older sewage systems that due to lack of maintenance or other factors would more likely be a problem.

Durham Region presently has a legal agreement (Sewage System Management Agreement) with seven of Durham's local municipalities. The agreements delegates the enforcement of part 8 (Sewage Systems) of the OBC within their respective municipality to the Health Department. A mandatory maintenance inspection program is presently NOT part of the agreements.

Durham Region does not currently have the in-house resources to carry out such a program on the scale anticipated. Such a program would require provincial start-up funding to establish the administrative function and to hire and train qualified personnel. The ongoing operating budget would require funding, possibly through inspection fees.

Further discussion will have to be held with the 3 northern local municipalities to determine the feasibility and the issues (i.e., staffing, training, resources, costs, number of properties, etc.) associated with setting-up a sewage maintenance inspection program. Ultimately the final decision on the implementation of such a program will rest with each individual local municipality.

4.4

Proposed Technical Changes (EBR Registry Number: 010-3036)**1.10.2.2. Time Periods for Inspections:**

It is proposed that once the inspection of existing on-site sewage systems has been undertaken, thereafter, an inspection needs to be carried out once every 5 year period. This time frame is too short; once inspected, the cycle for another inspection to be undertaken needs to be extended to between a 7 and 10 year period.

A-1.10. Sewage System Maintenance Program:**Inspection Notification**

It is proposed that the principal authority may find it helpful to notify property owners of the intention to inspect their property. In order to have consistency by all jurisdictions throughout the Lake Simcoe watershed, notification to property owners must be made mandatory. Details of what to include on the notice needs to be prescribed so each municipality is approaching the notification process the same way.

Inspections

It is proposed that principal authorities follow a two phase system to complete their sewage maintenance inspections. The document has

wording such as; may be inspected, generally follow, may be identified, also consider and is based on multi-layered examination processes.

The proposed phased approach is complex, time consuming, and will be difficult to implement. In order to have consistency of application in all jurisdictions, the maintenance inspection procedures must be clearly defined in the legislation. Language in the regulation must be more direct so it is clear to all regulators.

A mandatory sewage system maintenance inspection should involve one site visit that spells out unmistakably what steps are to be taken by the inspector (and the owner) in order to determine compliance, including what specific inspection/testing procedures are to be performed and/or what equipment is to be used.

Some of the inspection methods mentioned (e.g. conducting leak diagnostics, conducting flow trial, excavating cross section of a leaching bed) are not presently being performed by the Health Department. Inspection procedures need to be clearly mandated by legislation so that the principal authorities can then plan accordingly for the acquisition of the appropriate equipment and relevant training of personnel. The present wording leaves it wide open for interpretation and will result in inconsistent enforcement between adjacent municipalities around the Lake Simcoe watershed boundary.

Inspection Reports

It is proposed the documentation in respect to sewage maintenance inspections would be left to be developed by each principal authority.

Common inspection report forms for sewage maintenance inspections need to be developed by the Ministry for all jurisdictions in order to ensure consistency of the inspection procedures mentioned above are met. Prescribed forms should be utilized by all principal authorities and should also be specified in regulation similar to building permit applications

4.5 Ability to improve or extend municipal infrastructure

The Greenbelt Plan permits the extension of municipal sewage or water services outside of a settlement boundary but only “in the case of health issues or to service existing uses and the expansion thereof adjacent to the settlement”. Accordingly, the LSPP or regulation should recognize this opportunity to remediate private systems in areas close to urban services. This approach can complicate the remediation process. Affected properties will only be known after the re-inspections have taken place. A coordinated extension of services can then be considered where efficiencies can mitigate cost. Nevertheless, the extension of municipal services is potentially a costly solution for the individual land owner and a complex/time consuming undertaking for the agency having jurisdiction. Provincial funding is essential for this to be implemented. Currently, the Regional Official Plan does not permit the extension of Regional services to areas outside of urban areas. The Plan will have to be amended to allow such extensions and establish financial responsibility should this approach be considered.

4.6 Creation of new responsibilities and financial demands on municipalities requires sustained funding sources

The timing and demands of the proposed regulation will overwhelm already-scarce financial and staff resources. Additional revenues will be needed and changes will have to be phased-in.

The Province needs to review and provide to the municipalities an assessment of the estimated costs involved in the implementation of this program and support such analysis with the proper funding.

There is no indication that training will be conducted by the Ministry to enhance knowledge and skill associated with sewage maintenance inspection programs.

4.7 The monitoring policies in the LSPP plan may require municipalities to acquire new software, then collect and store new kinds of data and performance indicators for the proposed regulation.

4.8 **Unrealistic timelines**

The proposed timeline to begin implementation as of January 2011 is unrealistic. Further discussion and negotiation will have to be held with the three northern municipalities to determine the feasibility and all the other issues (i.e., staffing, training, resources, costs, number of properties, etc) associated with setting up such a program.

5. **NEXT STEPS**

5.1 An OBC amendment which considers the input received through the EBR posting will be brought forward later this year.

6. **CONCLUSION**

6.1 This report provides comments and recommends changes to the proposed amendments to the Ontario Building Code. It also highlights the ongoing concerns about the potential financial and operational impacts on the Region and the northern municipalities. An ongoing provincial commitment to the regulation and funding to deliver the proposed mandatory sewage maintenance program is required in order to ensure its success.

A.L. Georgieff, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner of Planning

Clifford Curtis, P Eng, MBA,
Commissioner of Works

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R. J. Kyle, MD, MHSc,CCFP, FRCPC
Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

RECOMMENDED FOR PRESENTATION TO COMMITTEE

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Chief Administrative Officer



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The Honourable Dalton McGuinty,
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Sir:

RE: HARMONIZED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Please be advised that Council for the Town of New Tecumseth passed the following resolution on May 10th, 2010 and is seeking support from all Ontario Municipalities:

WHEREAS the Harmonized Goods and Services Tax will come into effect on July 1, 2010 resulting in an 8% increase on many products and services for tax payers;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Town of New Tecumseth passed a resolution in July 2009 requesting the Provincial Government to minimize the impact on taxpayers and businesses that was widely endorsed by Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS minor sports organizations have expressed concerns that the HST will result in children's and youth sports activities being too expensive for working families and that enrolment in minor sports will diminish;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are being requested by minor sports organizations to freeze or reduce facility rental fees in order to lessen the impact of the HST;

AND WHEREAS all taxpayers will have to bear the cost of any further subsidy provided by municipalities;

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AND WHEREAS the Province has publicly stated that the health system is committed to reversing the trend to overweight and obesity, but it cannot solve the problem on its own and that physical, social, cultural and environmental factors have strong influence on weight and that Ontario needs a broad, multi-sectoral, community-wide response to the obesity epidemic;

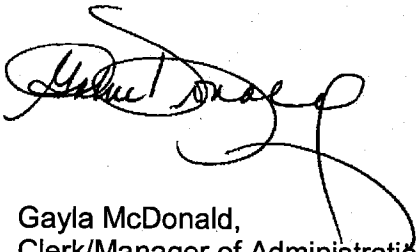
AND WHEREAS the increased cost of recreation and athletic programs resulting from the HST will further prevent individuals, youth and children from registering in these programs;

AND WHEREAS the rising cost of policing is further exacerbated by the increasing number of crimes perpetrated by youth and that keeping our young people active and involved in recreation and sports assists in reducing such criminal involvement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to consider exempting children's recreation programs from the HST in order that Ontario families can afford to participate in athletic and recreation programs in their communities.

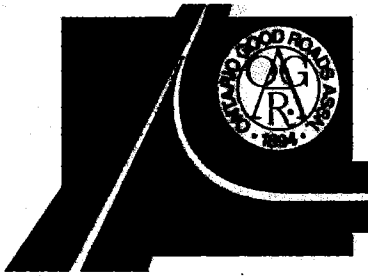
We look forward to your favourable consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,



Gayla McDonald,
Clerk/Manager of Administration and Economic Development

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Ontario Good Roads Association applauds Extension of Highway 407

The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) applauds the decision by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Ontario to move forward with the eastern extension of Highway 407.

“This is exactly the type of long range thinking this province needs,” said Joe Tiernay, Executive Director. “Minister Wynne should be congratulated on moving ahead with this important project.”

The Highway 407 East Extension project will continue to provide much needed economic stimulus by creating and supporting jobs after the current round of economic stimulus funding expires. Once completed, the extended highway will represent a significant addition to the safe and efficient roadway system that Ontario and Ontario municipalities already manage.

“Comprehensive transportation networks, such as the 400-series of highways, are key factor in attracting and retaining business in a globalized world. The province is to be commended for its decision to move forward with the project,” noted Paul Johnson, President, OGRA.

Ontario Good Roads Association represents the transportation and public works interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training, and the delivery of identified services.

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Contact: Colette Caruso, Ontario Good Roads Association, 905-795-2555 or colette@ogra.org

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Town of Caledon
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TOWN OF CALEDON
MAYOR

Dear Mayor Morrison,

It is with great regret that I write to inform you that effective **July 30, 2010**, **vpi Inc., Caledon Employment Assessment Centre** will no longer be offering Services at **30 Martha St., Suite 303 in Bolton** and the office will be closed.

On behalf of myself and the staff of the **Caledon Employment Assessment Centre**, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support and collaboration over the past years. We wish you continued success in all of your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

M. Hood

Megan Hood
Manager
vpi Inc.
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Your worship Mayor Morrison,

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the exceptional efforts of the Caledon (Bolton Station 2) Fire Department who raised \$902.64 for Muscular Dystrophy Canada through their fundraising efforts between April 1st 2009 – March 31st, 2010.

More than 600 Departments/ Associations across Canada worked in partnership with Muscular Dystrophy Canada last year raising more that \$2.5 million. I am proud to inform you that the efforts of hundreds of Fire Fighters from more than 280 Ontario Departments / Associations raised over \$1,093,000.

With these generous funds Muscular Dystrophy Canada was able to provide Canadian families with more than \$2 million worth of equipment including wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters. We also helped fund over \$4 million dollars of cutting edge neuromuscular research.

Canadian Fire Fighters have stood side by side with Muscular Dystrophy Canada for over 50 years. They offer their support, encouragement and time to Canadians affected with muscular dystrophy. Fire Fighters are the cornerstone of our fundraising activities through Boot Drives, community programs and special events.

We admire the ongoing passion and commitment of the members of the Caledon (Bolton Station 2) Fire Department for all they do in your community and for those affected with muscular dystrophy. We are proud to have them on our fundraising team. Muscular Dystrophy Canada would like to extend thanks to your local Fire Fighters, your community, and leaders such as yourself, who support these incredible heroes.

Sincerely,

Deanna Totten

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Revenue Development Manger

cc: Muscular Dystrophy Canada Chairperson - Gillian Boyd
Fire Chief - Brad Bigrigg

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May 22, 2010

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By Registered Mail

Dear Mr. Taylor: **Re: Greenbelt Plan Draft Performance Monitoring Framework Discussion Paper
Submission to EBR 010-9407 (closing June 15/10)**

The Internet web site that provides the lengthy title of subject Paper advises “comments can be submitted electronically to greenbelt@ontario.ca”. Accordingly, the following submission is sent to you via registered surface mail as well as separately by electronic transmission.

NOTE: The Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt Act was hurried into legislation with official assurances that it evolved from peer-reviewed science and extensive economic studies. But appropriate documents were not then or since offered in support of those claims. Ongoing efforts by the provincial government and Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation to legitimize what amounts to a massive re-distribution of wealth are therefore suspect. Meanwhile, a published 2008 research project conducted by Professor Vyn of Guelph University clearly demonstrates that market value of private land in the Greenbelt has substantially decreased as a direct result of this legislation.

1. The Act negatively impacts “green belted” individuals, commerce and municipalities as well as the entire agricultural community by restricting economic development opportunities on private lands and increasing the number, complexity and cost of permits required.
2. The legislation and its management, funding, promotion and performance monitoring to date is seen as an initiative of special interest lobbyists and not based on broad public support. Political justification was and continues to be manufactured.
3. Some “green belted” land is simultaneously subject to regulations of the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Species at Risk Act, the Conservation Act, the Source Water Act and the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, each with their separate restrictions, prohibitions and dire penalties.
4. Identity, credentials, background and government connections of special interest executives who routinely rotate among Greenbelt boards, commissions and tribunals is largely unknown to the general public although all are self-proclaimed “stakeholders” and experts in controlling land they don’t own.
5. Some government officials have acknowledged that Discussion Papers posted on the EBR registry is an ineffectual public consultation tool yet the number and location of communal monitoring meetings have never been widely advertised nor were the few approved events spread across the entire Greenbelt area.
6. The Oak Ridge Moraine Foundation, with no private landowner groups on its ENGO-dominated Board, has recently conducted a separate “moraine monitoring” program, an exercise likely to produce a pre-determined outcome favorable to the incumbent Liberal government and ENGO ideology.
7. For the general public the precise objectives and defined parameters of the Greenbelt Plan Draft Performance Monitoring Framework Discussion paper are unclear. Monitoring is a form of evaluation and needs a set of stated goals to be achieved by which success is measured
8. The Internet reports this Paper was circulated in advance to “some stakeholders and municipalities”, all unidentified. Whether or not any significant number of “green belted” private landowners and lessees, the **real** and directly affected stakeholders, were included in that courtesy preview, is not mentioned.

9. Owing to perceptions of narrow implementation, limited scope and controlled outcome the Greenbelt monitoring program as now structured urgently requires searching review followed by a general overhaul and a media advertised schedule of properly dispersed public meetings.
10. The Greenbelt Act, like the Species at Risk Act and other equally arbitrary provincial enactments, denies right of appeal or compensation for proven losses arising from the legislation. These indefensible exclusions clearly violate the principles of democracy and natural justice and must be rescinded.
11. To provide transparency and accountability in evaluating responses to this Discussion Paper the number and identity of Non-Government Organizations offering comment compared to the number of ordinary citizens offering comment should be publicly announced.
12. In a recent media letter, the Executive Director of Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation stated agriculture has received substantial grants from that tribunal. However, not surprisingly, similar gifts to his colleagues on the Foundation Board weren't mentioned. With accountability safeguards unknown, the perception is that special interest groups represented on the Foundation Board of Directors obtain generous public funding in return for tireless efforts to promote the Greenbelt Act and expand its reach.

Evidently Greenbelt Performance Monitoring in 2010 is intended to “frame” terms of reference for a complete review of the Greenbelt Act in 2015. In that context, frame is perhaps an appropriate word. Particularly since citizens, destined 5 years hence to face freshly minted Greenbelt terms of reference and resulting layers of new regulations, no doubt formulated as usual by a confederacy of unnamed bureaucrats and powerful lobbyists, are inclined to distrust related monitoring input assembled with minimal public knowledge 60 months in advance.

Another bundle of province-wide land use prohibitions now looms on the statutory horizon, thanks to impending in-camera decisions and transplanted law-making authority of an unelected Committee on the Status of Endangered Species in Ontario. Thus future prospects of Ontario private landowners/lessees, whether on or off the Greenbelt and whether or not qualified as performance “monitors”, are unlikely to improve any time soon.

Policy Branch comments are solicited and will be appreciated

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