



Friday, January 19, 2007

To All Ontario Municipalities with a Population of Less Than 250,000:

The Council of the Town of Minto, at the January 17, 2007 Council meeting, unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

WHEREAS:

The Walkerton Tragedy of 2000 has been responsible for the implementation of countless regulations and Acts that have forever changed the method municipalities deliver safe drinking water to their residents;

AND WHEREAS:

In order for a municipality to be in compliance with the countless regulations and Acts enforced by the Ministry of the Environment, millions of dollars in infrastructure upgrading must be spent with reconstruction of water towers, water pump houses, water mains, sewer mains, sewage treatment plants, to name a few; are necessary;

AND WHEREAS:

The Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Honourable David Caplan, at the OSUM Conference in Owen Sound in 2004 announced the Canada Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Program (COMRIF) for municipalities with a population of less than 250,000;

AND WHEREAS:

Through COMRIF, the governments of Canada and Ontario are each investing up to \$298 million over the next five years to improve public infrastructure in small, urban and rural municipalities throughout the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS:

The priorities for Intake One and Intake Two were local bridges and roads, solid waste management, water and wastewater (i.e. sewage) and these projects must also be supportive of federal and provincial policy directions such as reducing greenhouse gases, sustainable water and sewage systems, economic development and increased waste diversion with an equal emphasis placed on health and safety and the quality of the project in addressing public policy priorities;

AND WHEREAS:

The priorities for Intake Three were assessed using three criteria; being health and safety, public policy priorities and value for money;

AND WHEREAS:

Small rural municipalities must spend limited funds and staff resources to prepare detailed applications and engineering drawings, which must accompany the COMRIF application and in many cases thousands of dollars are spent preparing the application leaving the unsuccessful municipalities more in debt than they were previous to applying for the COMRIF grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Minto petition the federal Minister responsible for infrastructure and COMRIF, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon and the provincial Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Honourable David Caplan to reimburse those municipalities that were unsuccessful in all three COMRIF Intakes the engineering fees that were paid in order to submit the COMRIF application;

AND FURTHER THAT:

This Resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Province of Ontario with a population of less than 250,000 for their support;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Town of Minto's Member of Parliament, Gary Schellenberger and their Member of Provincial Parliament Ted Arnott be sent a copy of this Resolution requesting their support for the reimbursement of the engineering fees paid by the Town of Minto in the amount of \$15,000.

Please present this Resolution to your members of Council for their consideration and endorsement.

Yours truly,

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