



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCE
REGULAR MEETING
Addendum
May 14, 2019
6:45 p.m. – Council Chambers**

7. Staff Reports

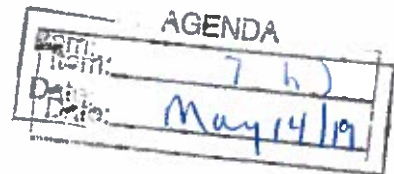
- h) FONOM Report from Councillor Amadio
- i) ICIP application for Walls Road Rehabilitation has been submitted. FYI

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- g) Ontario – Creating Jobs and Boosting Economic Growth in Rural Ontario
- h) Ontario – Taking important steps forward to fix hydro mess

13. New Business

- i) Town of Hanover & Townships of Essa & Mulmur – re: Library funding cuts
- j) Town of Aurora – Opposing Bill 108
- k) Town of Mono – Maintaining OMPF



FONOM CONFERENCE NOTES

Respectfully Submitted: David Amadio.

Sudbury Ontario, May 8th – 10th, 2019.

Mayor Lamming and myself attended this conference.

Wed May 9th:

Keynote Speaker: Gordon Hume: recognized as one of Canada's leading voices on municipal government, sustainable urban development, cultural planning and creative cities.

His message was that the status quo for small municipal governments is Dead. Leadership of Council members and staff are critical to the survival and thriving for our communities. Small towns in N. Ont are vulnerable to erosion of young people (out migration) and local tax base diminishing.

The 5 things small municipalities must do are:

- Do an honest assessment of the current status of themselves,
- Develop a strategic plan (limit to 3 or 4 major points)
- Fight back against upper levels of gov't downloading to municipalities
- Develop partnerships and alliances (strength in numbers)
- Be innovative: have the courage to make decisions.

N. Ont communities have the advantages of clean environments, affordable housing and healthy lifestyles, all of which are key to attracting and keeping young families. But we also need fast internet (latest in technology connectivity), a friendly and welcoming community and an opportunity for careers. The 2 major sources of young families moving into our communities is through immigration and returning residents.

Between 1955 and 2011, Infrastructure ownership by municipalities has increased from 27% to 52%, while the federal gov't has reduced their ownership by a similar amount. Thus the capital investments to maintain this infrastructure has moved proportionately. Unfortunately, small municipalities only have municipal tax increases to offset these higher costs.

Municipalities must look to secure access to other forms of revenue originating from consumption taxes such as:

- Share of Provincial Sales tax,
- Shares of Federal Income tax,
- More Fed Gas Tax Funding,
- Share of new Carbon Tax,
- Share of Cannabis tax,
- Local authority for taxing powers (such as recently announce Municipal taxes some communities are not applying to hotel bills).

His comment: How do we build globally competitive 21st century cities, with a 17th century tax system, and a 19th century governance system: it is broken and needs to be fixed.

A recent study found that 40% of all Cdn jobs are at risk to robot replacement over the next 20 years.

It is critical in his words that municipalities attract “smart people” in their staff and elected positions.

He mentioned that Stratford had a recent cyber attack and was held for ransom: he did not indicate the size of the ransom that was being asked: they did have cyber insurance.

He made a comment and there appeared to be general consensus around the room that average tax increases was approx. 2.5% per year.

Science North CEO: Guy Labine:

Mr. Labine spoke of the partnership that Science North has not only with Sudbury, but all across N. Ontario. He spoke to the partnership with SSM and the Bushplane Museum. After the session Mayor Lamming and myself talked with the Science North personnel about possible “day” science fairs we might be able to offer within the Twp. They are to get back to Mayor Lamming.

Greater Sudbury Showcase: Brian Bigger: Mayor of Sudbury

This session included 3 presentations by members of the Greater Sudbury Staff explaining how they have prioritized major project work on IT development and implementation, as well as energy savings on the water systems, and watershed planning. While these major water systems work do not apply to us in Prince, their problem solving method and execution using the following 4 steps are applicable to most problems and capital spending prioritization and justification:

- 1) Establish the Goal
- 2) Determine the Lead Measure (engage all of council and staff)
- 3) Create a scoreboard to track progress against plan,
- 4) Ensure accountability.

Jeremy Cormier: mpac

I met with Jeremy after the sessions: I invited Jeremy up to visit us next year, prior to our budget deliberations but after mpac sets the 2020 assessments. He can help us understand the nuances of the mpac assessments on our tax rates and how we communicate that to our residents along with any tax levy we might require to pass along. Jeremy is our area representative and has wanted to visit us in Prince for a couple of years.

Fednor Program Updates: Aime Dimatteo: Director General Fednor.

Aime talked about the many programs Fednor is currently supporting across many initiatives. One of the most interesting topics he mentioned was that Fednor was very concerned about pockets across Northern Ontario and these “pockets” not only exist in the isolated areas of the province but also in various municipalities. After his presentation Mayor Lamming spoke to Aime about the current work Bell is doing in SSM with fibre optic and how we might work with Fednor to apply pressure or funding to insure that fibre optic can come to Prince. Aime asked Ken to contact him directly after the conference to discuss possible next steps.

Aime also talked about 7,000 foreign students come to study in N. Ont post secondary institutions and Fednor continues to work with those students on internships and 1st job opportunity where they will stay in N. Ontario providing the necessary skill set to fill current vacant jobs.

Contact North: Leigh Kitlar: Mid-North Region & Michelle Boileau N. Eastern Region:

Contact North is about allowing people to remain in their N. Ont communities and study via online courses. Currently they have over 67,000 registrations associated with 116 learning centres and over 600 rural, indigenous, and francophone communities. They partner with Ontario Works and Employment Ontario as well as other groups to try to support post secondary education via online studying and accreditation.

After their presentation Mayor Lamming and myself talked to Leigh Kitlar inquiring if they provide any on line firefighting courses, and she indicated they do. The plan will be to talk to Leigh after the conference and at the appropriate time, put her in contact with our Fire Chief to see if we can perhaps attain some required training online at an affordable rate.

Opening Doors to Housing in N. Ont: Cindy Couillard: Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

There have been numerous changes to how the province will be moving forward with housing initiatives across Ontario with announcements being made as recently as the 1st week in May. The people in roles are still trying to understand and interpret all the changes and impacts it may have on them.

In this area: we on Prince Council should meet with our local DSSAB leadership and talk about potential multiunit housing in our Twp. This of course would have to be discussed as part of our strategic plan and growth potential, but it is a very good way to be part of the solution for affordable housing within our province (only a % of the units have to be subsidized) while generating positive revenue growth for the township vs minimal tax revenue from current vacant land that could be potential sites for such a facility. Other small townships have some very good success stories about similar initiatives undertaken in their area.

It Takes a Forest: Rob Keen: CEO Forests Ontario

There was a very informative presentation about N. Ont forestry industry and forest management by Rob Keen. He indicated and took great pride in stating that the N. Ont forests are the best managed forests in the world. And this is a critical industry across N. Ont.

He mentioned that there is a real shortage of people who want to work in this industry and the demographics indicate that current workforce shows a very high % will be eligible to retire in the near future. The industry is aware of this and working with government to try to find ways to attract new and young people to this industry and provide them with the skill sets to be successful.

Effective Municipal Finance – Council & Staff Roles

Kathy Horgan: Mgr Local Gov't. & Housing

Liana Bacon: Sr. Municipal Financial Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing.

Very interesting and informative presentation. Talked about budgeting process and how it must tie into Asset Management Plan and long term financial planning and Strategic Plan.

Q1: Does Prince have a strategic plan? Do we review and use this in our budget deliberations?

It was stated that Councils should request at a minimum one budget update mid year for actual spend against budget.

Budgets should be completed as early in the year as possible. Many municipalities have passed bylaws defining budget policy and timelines.

Not applicable to Prince Twp at this time because we have no debt, but they discussed the Annual Repayment Limit that we must follow if Prince ever undertakes some debt.

was discussion again about the mandated timeline regarding Asset Mgmt Plans:

July 1, 2019: Strategic Asset Mgmt Plan Polciy:

Peggy: Have u been able to attain samples of other municipalities Asset Mgmt Policies? When will we be passing this Policy?

July 1, 2021: Phase 1 of the Asset Management Plan must be submitted to Ministry. This should include our infrastructure as well as our vehicles a

nd VFF major pieces of equipment.

July 2, 2023: Phase 2 of the AMP: all remaining assets must be included. (eg. Marina, etc).

Our AMP must also be posted for the public to view.

The presenters also talked about possible policies be passed regarding debt and reserve funds. This is something that we should consider. Reserves would be more pressing for Prince Twp at this time. There are available sample policies for these items available on the Ministry websites.

There was a good deal of time spent of Financial Information Return (FIR). Our staff submit this annually by May 31st to the Ministry. It is a good key indicator of how we in Prince are doing and can compare to other municipalities. As part of the FIR, the presenters talked about other financial indicators including Tax Effort, Debt Load per household, Reserve Levels per household, and there are others. The data exists and is available for comparison to the provincial average as well as other individual municipalities.

I believe there is lots of information available that we can access if we so choose, however we must insure we are compliant with the Strategic Asset Mgmt Plan Policy due by end of May.

Updates from AMO: Jamie McGarvery, AMO President:

AMO continues to work with its members on behalf of all municipalities to lobby the government to the issues facing municipalities in light of the ongoing provincial downloading and reduced funding. The small N. Ont municipalities are very vulnerable to this downloading. He did confirm the positive budget of \$315 M for broadband and cellular services as promised by the gov't but there are no details on the planned spending. The gov't announced in its budget a \$200 M reduction in public health, and again, no details available as to how this will be accomplished or what impacts this will have on local public boards

and hence municipalities. Jamie also confirmed that the gov't is always reviewing the OMPF (which is our primary source of provincial funding) and it has been reducing at a rate of 10% annually.

Ministers Forum: The Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing,

And The Honorable Mike Thibillo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sports.

Both ministers gave a short talk on the recent budget as well as their major plans but there were no details on anything. Minister Clark did speak in a general manner on Bill 108 which is the bill for More Homes and More Choices: however no details. Minister Thibillo spoke of potential tourism opportunities within N. Ont that we collectively must find ways to tap into. He did mention that Ontarians spend \$15 B annually on travel and tourism "outside" of Ontario. He also alluded to pending announcements on grants to municipalities who had applied to help bring the film industry back to Ontario and especially N. Ont.

Mayor Lamming and myself talked with Minister Thibillo after the session and invited him to see our pavilion as he is aware of that project and would like to see Prince Twp. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to have him visit our Twp.

GEMS: Going the Extra Mile for Safety: Mark Wilson:

Mark made a very interesting presentation on an alternative highway design option to "twinning" our N. Ont highways. This proven highway design is used in many countries around the world, most widely in Sweden and Ireland. These countries have shown significant reduction in fatalities on these highways when compared to single lane and twinned highways. The concept is such that there are 2 lanes going in one direction and a single lane going in the opposite direction with a barrier inbetween. Then every 2-4 kms the lanes switch such that you have 2 lanes going in the other direction. This lobbying group has been meeting with the Minister of Transportation but to date, the gov't is not willing to enter into a pilot project. Mark was requesting for a pilot project on Hwy 11 between North Bay and Temiskaming.

Overall it was a good conference with a chance to hear some very interesting speeches and a chance to network with our peers across N. Ont. Most of us are facing the same issues with less funding from the provincial gov't, yet being asked to take on more services (downloading)

Key followup Items:

Fednor: can they help us with the fibre optic and improved cellular service in Prince.

Contact North: are there any opportunities for our VFF training on line.

Must complete our Strategic Asset Mgmt Policy: and must be submitted to Ministry by May 31, 2019.

Creating Jobs and Boosting Economic Growth in Rural Ontario

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News Release

Creating Jobs and Boosting Economic Growth in Rural Ontario

May 10, 2019

Ontario revitalizing the Rural Economic Development program for greater impact

The Ontario government is working for the people to better help rural and Indigenous communities attract investment, create jobs and boost economic development through a revitalized Rural Economic Development (RED) program. The first intake of the redesigned program will open July 29, 2019.

The updated program will continue to support projects that diversify and grow local economies and will now target more impactful projects with tangible community benefits. It will also reduce the burden for applicants, create efficiencies in program delivery, and better align with the government's priorities of creating jobs and removing barriers to investment and growth in Ontario's rural communities.

The program will offer two new project categories:

- Economic Diversification and Competitiveness (projects that remove barriers to job growth and attract investment); and
- Strategic Economic Infrastructure (projects that advance economic development and investment opportunities).

"Our government is committed to boosting economic growth in our rural communities," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "That's why we've updated the Rural Economic Development program to focus on projects that will bring real benefits to communities and help attract investment and create jobs, while also providing greater value for taxpayer dollars."

This program is one of the key components of the government's efforts to build community capacity and support economic development in Ontario's rural communities.

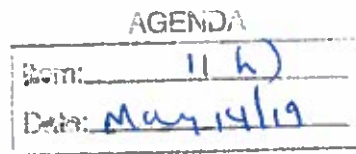
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Ontario Takes Important Step Forward to Fix Hydro Mess

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News Release

Ontario Takes Important Step Forward to Fix Hydro Mess

May 9, 2019

Province passes legislation allowing for comprehensive reform to conservation programs, Ontario Energy Board and end of Fair Hydro Plan

TORONTO — Ontario's Government is working for the people by reforming the electricity system to reduce costs and drive efficiencies. Today, the government has made significant progress towards this by passing the *Fixing the Hydro Mess Act, 2019*.

"We are keeping our promise to clean up the hydro mess that we inherited from the previous government," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines. "Our government's plan protects what matters most by reducing costs, driving efficiencies, and lowering electricity rates for medium and large employers."

The legislation and related regulatory initiatives would, once fully implemented:

- Protect what matters most by finding savings of up to \$442 million through refocusing and uploading certain electricity conservation programs to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Modernize the Ontario Energy Board to make the regulatory system more efficient and accountable, while continuing to protect consumers
- Hold average residential electricity bill increases to the rate of inflation
- Take advantage of lower government borrowing costs by winding down Global Adjustment Refinancing
- Show the true costs of power on consumer electricity bills through a new transparent on-bill rebate.

"These changes will help create a modern, transparent, and accountable electricity system that works for the people of Ontario," said Rickford. "We continue to find hundreds of millions in savings that help to keep rates low for large companies which allows them to invest in themselves, so they can create more good jobs, and reduce Ontario's debt. We are also keeping residential hydro bills stable as we continue to work to lower electricity rates by 12 percent."

Learn more:

- Industrial Electricity Price Consultations

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

May 13, 2019

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Item:	13 17
Date:	May 14/19

Kathi Maskell, Chair
Hanover Public Library Board
451 10th Avenue
Hanover, ON N4N 2P1

Dear Mrs. Maskell:

Re: Resolution - Cuts to Ontario Library Services

Please be advised that at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, May 6, 2019 the Council of the Town of Hanover passed the following resolution:

Moved by COUNCILLOR HOCKING | Seconded by COUNCILLOR FLEET

WHEREAS the provincially funded Ontario Library Service agencies (Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service – North) provide vital shared and collaborative public library services, including the Overdrive ebook collection, inter-library loan system and deliveries, technical support, skills training, and other services that are not sustainable by small and rural libraries alone;

WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service agencies ensure consistent quality and range of services are available to citizens through all public libraries no matter where they are located;

WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service agencies exist to provide value for money, efficiency and respect for taxpayer dollars by acting as a source of expertise and coordination, and leverage combined purchasing power to reduce operating costs for all Ontario public libraries; and

WHEREAS the role of these agencies is crucial to the day-to-day provision of services to the public at libraries of all sizes in every part of Ontario;

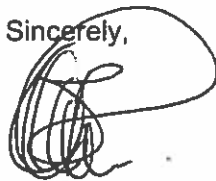
THEREFORE, we the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

1. To reverse the 50% funding cuts to Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service – North agencies and reinstate provincial funding for these services to at least the 2017-2018 funding level, and
2. To maintain the operating grant funding for all Ontario libraries.

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the MPP, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Brian Tocheri
CAO/Clerk

cc Honourable Mike Toboltoa, Minister of Culture, Recreation & Sport – minister.mtcs@ontario.ca
Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound - bill.walker@pc.ola.org
Municipalities of Ontario

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AGENDA

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Date:	May 14/19

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May 9, 2019

All Ontario Municipalities

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Township of Essa Request for Support - Resolution No. CW097-2019
Re: Support of Essa Public Library Board Initiative

Please be advised that at its meeting of May 1, 2019, Council of the Township of Essa passed the following motion in respect of support of the Essa Public Library Board:.

Resolution No: CW097-2019 Moved by: White Seconded by: Sander

WHEREAS the Ontario Library Service North and Southern Ontario Library Service provide the support for interlibrary loans, staff and board training, bulk purchasing, collaborative programming, technological supports, shared electronic book collections and shared catalogue databases; and WHEREAS Township of Essa Council supports the Essa Public Library Board in their initiative to circulate a petition seeking support for the Ontario Public Library Board in their request for the reinstatement of funding to the Ontario Library Service (North and South) agencies to, at a minimum, 2017-18 funding levels, in order for these agencies to continue their day-to-day support of Ontario Public Library Services, and to continue to maintain base funding for Ontario Public Libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the office of MPP Simcoe-Grey Jim Wilson, AMO, County of Simcoe Council, and all Simcoe County municipalities for their support.

---Carried---

Council has further requested that letters of support be sent directly to the Township of Essa, and that the attached petition be made available to the public.

Sincerely,

Lisa Lehr, CMO
Clerk

cc. MPP Simcoe-Grey, Jim Wilson
AMO
All Simcoe County Municipalities

Hello,

The Township of Mulmur passed the following motion at the Council meeting on May 1, 2019.

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Motion #83-19 Boxem-Cufaro: WHEREAS, Mulmur Township Council considers public libraries as a vital service to community well-being especially in a rural community such as ours;
AND WHEREAS, public libraries offer much needed support to the very vulnerable members of our society - the children, the seniors, recent immigrants, and the low-income citizens;
AND WHEREAS, the Provincial Government has cut the budget for Ontario Library Services by 50%;
AND WHEREAS, this funding will end the Interlibrary Loan Service to libraries;
AND WHEREAS, due to limited resources available to some libraries, the Interlibrary Loan Service is of great importance to its patrons;
NOW THEREFORE, Mulmur Township Council respectfully requests that the Province reconsiders the 50% budget cut for Ontario Library Services and finds some other means to fund necessary library services.
Carried.

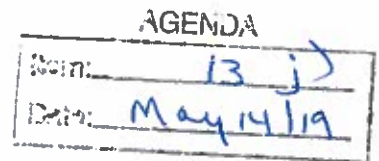
Have a nice day,

Adam Hicks | Administrative Assistant

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From: <TMrakas@aurora.ca>
Date: Fri, May 10, 2019 at 12:32 PM
Subject: ATTN: Heads of Council - Motion to oppose Bill 108
To:
Cc: <BDeBartolo@aurora.ca>



Good afternoon your Worship,

As committed to each of you in my previous correspondence, enclosed is a Motion developed by the OMB Reform Working Group in response to Bill 108.

This Motion opposes the changes outlined in Bill 108 in its current state and sends a clear message to the Government of Ontario that Municipalities need to be consulted on how we grow.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas, as the Bill is in Second Reading. It is imperative that collectively our voices are heard. Local governments should have the authority to exercise greater control over planning matters in their own communities and by working together we can build a positive future and ensure planning that's for the people.

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support; and

WHEREAS All parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS On August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into "...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government."; and

WHEREAS This MOU is "enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act". And recognizes that as "...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest"; and

WHEREAS By signing this agreement, the Province made "...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact"; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That your Municipality oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

Be it further resolved that your Municipality call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Regards,

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May 2, 2019

Hon. Victor Fedeli
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AGENDA
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Dear Mr. Fedeli:

Re: Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the Province's main general assistance grant to municipalities. The program, that primarily supports northern and rural municipalities, is a critical component of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship. Since 2012, grant allocations have decreased from \$598M to \$505M in 2019.

The government has committed to consult with municipalities in 2019 regarding the future of the OMPF. The goal of this review is to ensure that the program remains sustainable and focused on the northern and rural municipalities that need this funding the most. Reductions in the funding have a significant impact on municipal finances, with the loss of revenue typically being made up through increased tax levies. This has the potential of adversely affecting housing affordability in the affected municipalities and is contrary to the Province's stated goal of improving housing affordability.

The Town of Mono recommends that the OMPF be maintained at not less than its current funding level.

I look forward to an earnest dialogue with the Province that recognizes the importance to municipalities of maintaining this program and the potential impact that reductions to funding will have.

Regards,

TOWN OF MONO

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