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# Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation Launched

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As anticipated, the Ontario government has now launched a [90-day consultation](#) to obtain broad feedback on strengthening municipal codes of conduct. AMO is supportive of this public consultation as it will help to make sure that the municipal codes of conduct continue to evolve appropriately.

“Municipal councils are looking for new tools and new measures to address modern challenges in local government”, said AMO President Graydon Smith. “Where there are serious code of conduct violations, municipal councils need the authority to take actions that are measured, appropriate and effective”.

As part of this consultation, the Province is including collecting feedback on [AMO Board of Directors' recommendations](#) for holding municipal councillors accountable, including increased financial penalties, suspension for certain violations, removal from office in certain circumstances, and better training and standards for integrity commissioners. The AMO Board of Directors provided these recommendations for the Province’s consideration earlier this year.

AMO’s recommendations aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct and provide additional tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. In providing their input, AMO’s Board expressed confidence in Codes of Conduct and the offices of

Municipal Integrity Commissioners as important resources to help councils maintain public accountability.

Comments to the provincial consultation should be provided through the [online survey](#) by July 15, 2021. Anyone, including members of the public and municipal elected leaders, can participate in the online survey to provide feedback. Municipal councils are encouraged to provide official feedback through the online survey.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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April 12, 2021

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**Re: PROJECT UPDATE NOTICE**  
**Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities**  
**Refurbishment of the Sault 3 circuit, Batchawana TS and Goulais Bay TS Project**

Dear Mayor Provenzano,

This letter is to inform you that due to a study initiated by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is cancelling a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) on behalf of Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie (HOSSM) for the Refurbishment of the Sault 3 circuit, Batchawana Transmission Station (TS), and Goulais Bay TS project.

Before proceeding further with the Sault 3 circuit refurbishment, a study of the electrical infrastructure assets associated with this project must be completed by the IESO. The IESO is responsible for ensuring future energy needs in Ontario are being met and this study will help the IESO determine how to best address future electricity demand in the region. As such, Hydro One has decided to cancel this EA until further direction has been received by the IESO.

Hydro One will continue with the planned refurbishment work at Batchawana TS and Goulais Bay TS to ensure communities and businesses have access to a safe and reliable supply of power now, and for years to come. Indigenous communities, community members and businesses near these stations will receive a new Notice of Commencement when the two separate EAs begin.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please contact:

**Emily Spitzer, Community Relations**  
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**PROJECT UPDATE NOTICE**

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**Refurbishment of the Sault 3 circuit, Batchawana TS and Goulais Bay TS Project**

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April 12, 2021

His Worship Christian Provenzano  
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Dear Mayor Provenzano:

Thank you for your application to the Ministry of Transportation's 2021-22 Connecting Links Program.

We received 42 submissions this year, and all were carefully reviewed by the ministry. Unfortunately, your project was not selected for funding in 2021-22. If you would like to discuss your submission, please feel free to contact me at [herb.villneff@ontario.ca](mailto:herb.villneff@ontario.ca) or 705-497-5500.

The ministry recognizes the importance of investing in Connecting Link infrastructure. As you may be aware, the annual program funding available was \$30 million for the 2021-22 program year and will be maintained at that level going forward. Therefore, I encourage your municipality to submit a project(s) for the 2022-23 Connecting Links Program, which will be open for applications later this year.

Thank you again for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herb Villneff".

Herb Villneff  
Director, Northeast Operations

c. Malcolm White – CAO

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**Cc:** City Clerk <[cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca](mailto:cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** Laurentian University needs your help!

Good afternoon Mayor Christian Provenzano

I am writing to you today to ask that the City of Sault Ste. Marie supports Laurentian University as it's going through a devastating restructuring process. The silence and inaction of your local MPP Ross Romano is more than concerning.

Laurentian University is a public institution, not a private sector corporation. Its bilingual and tri-cultural mandate to support French, English, and Indigenous programs is vital to the communities it serves. Laurentian University is economically and culturally important to Sudbury and Northern Ontario. It is the provincial government's responsibility to ensure that Laurentian has the operating funds needed to secure the institution's future.

The time to act is now. I am asking that the City of Sault Ste. Marie releases a statement in support of Laurentian and/or sends a letter to Queens Park. These cuts will have repercussions on your municipality because students will have to travel further to get the post-secondary education they are looking for and it will contribute to the rural exodus of our northern Ontario youth. The midwifery program, one of three and only bilingual program in Canada has been cut, along with 68 other programs, and this will affect the public health of our northern communities as midwives are often the only option in these rural and underserved communities.

L'Université a annoncé lundi que 28 programmes en français de premier et second cycle n'existeront plus à l'Université Laurentienne. Au total, 69 programmes et 110 postes de professeurs seront aussi coupés. Notre francophonie est sous attaque et nous devons nous battre pour garder notre programmation francophone.

I am counting on you to do everything in your power to support Laurentian in its fight to secure proper funding and to ensure that no jobs are lost, no programs are unnecessarily cut and no students are affected by the current challenges facing this important public institution.

Faculty, staff, and students should not have to pay the price for the poor management practices of an underfunded public institution.

The support of the City of Sault Ste. Marie is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Mario McLean  
3rd-year Laurentian Student, former resident of Earleton

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