



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Council Correspondence

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CORPORATION OF THE
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August 18, 2021

The Honourable Michael Tibollo
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Minister Tibollo:

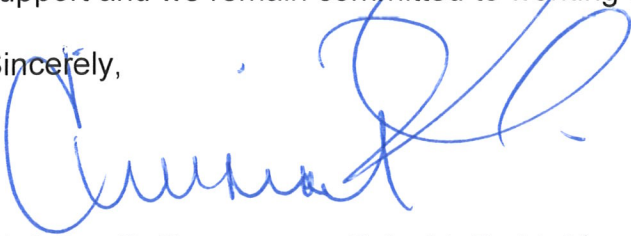
Thank you for taking the time to meet with the NOLUM Mayors on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 about the opioid crisis in Northern Ontario. Your time and the concern you expressed is sincerely appreciated.

Further, I appreciated your acknowledgement that the health care system needs more withdrawal management and care beds. Our community has been advocating for more withdrawal management infrastructure since 2017. In May of this year your government announced \$343,000.00 in new funding to support a proposal submitted by Sault Area Hospital. While all funding is appreciated and important, I think it is clear that those funds are inadequate relative to the nature and scope of the problem.

I am also encouraged that your government is considering how it can increase withdrawal management capacity across the province and specifically in Northern Ontario. I understood you to advise that the government will be issuing a Request for Proposals for service providers to access funding being allocated by the government to develop capacity. I am copying Sault Area Hospital on this correspondence with the hope that it will consider the Request for Proposal and assess how it may be able to access the funding and improve withdrawal management capacity in our own community. In that respect, I will support it or any other service provider in the community that qualifies for the funding and is focused on developing our local health care capacity.

As you are aware, addressing the opioid crisis, substance use disorders and the ancillary effects both are having in Sault Ste. Marie is our community's main and most important priority. We cannot do it without the Provincial Government's cooperation and support and we remain committed to working with you accordingly.

Sincerely,



Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

Cc: L. Silvano, Acting CEO, Sault Area Hospital
MPP Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services
City Council

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CORPORATION OF THE
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August 18, 2021

Liliana Silvano, Acting CEO
Vice President Operational Sustainment & Chief Financial Officer
Sault Area Hospital
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Ms. Silvano:

Thank you for assuming a leadership role at our hospital at a critical time. I appreciate your commitment to our community and I am confident that you will serve it well.

Please find attached my letter to the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Michael Tibollo.

I had the opportunity to speak with Minister Tibollo recently and was advised that the provincial government will be issuing a request for proposals to increase withdrawal management and care capacity across the province. I understand the request for proposals will be released shortly and I encourage SAH to consider the request immediately upon its release to determine whether there is anything we can do here in the community to access the funding and improve our local care infrastructure.

I welcome the opportunity to speak to you about this further and I will make myself available to you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

Cc: City Council

MPP Randy Pettapiece
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August 16, 2021

RE: Relationship with MPAC

Dear MPP Pettapiece,

At the regular meeting of Council held on August 5, 2021, Perth County Council passed the following resolution brought forward from a Notice of Motion:

WHEREAS municipal governments in Ontario are obliged to receive property assessment services from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC); and

WHEREAS municipalities are funding the mandatory services of MPAC; and

WHEREAS the work of MPAC directly affects the equitability of property taxation in Perth County and in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced in its 2021 Ontario Budget, that it will be undertaking a Property Assessment and Taxation Review which will address MPAC's performance and will seek the input from all benefiting municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Council of the County of Perth endorses Ontario's expressed intention for a review, including a review of the accuracy and stability of property assessments and the strengthening of governance and accountability of MPAC; and

WHEREAS the County of Perth acknowledges that an evaluation of MPAC is warranted given there have been a number of performance and level of service concerns that need to be addressed;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the County of Perth:

THAT Staff be given direction to research and prepare a report in anticipation of the Province's request for input that achieves the following:

- Reviews the details of the financial performance (e.g., balance sheet and income statement reviews) of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to support our understanding of the viability of the Corporation and its alignment of spend and assets for their defined mission, mandate and objectives;

- Reviews level of service parameters and performance levels (e.g., key indicators related to accuracy, timeliness, process efficiencies, consistency of outcomes, land use classification revisions, and missed properties) of MPAC efforts in Perth County, collaborating with the lower tier municipalities of Perth County to support with data collection; and
- Clarifies the current governance model and accountabilities of MPAC's Board of Directors, including accountabilities for their performance and means of complaint submission and resolution.

AND THAT, a letter, including a copy of this resolution, be distributed to MPP Randy Pettapiece, Perth-Wellington; Hon. Steve Clark, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and all municipalities in Ontario.

We thank you for your advocacy on this matter and look forward to supportive responses from our municipal counterparts and officials from all levels of government.

Sincerely,



Jim Aitcheson, Warden
The Corporation of the County of Perth

CC:

Hon. Steve Clark – Steve.Clark@pc.ola.org
Ontario Municipalities

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August 23, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Draft Resolution for Municipal Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and New Municipal Resource Materials

Recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Western Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to immediately address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s (TRC) Calls to Action.

All Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation. The TRC’s 94 Calls to Action are addressed primarily to the federal, provincial, and territorial governments but also to municipal governments, the corporate sector, and the broader Canadian society. They cover a wide range of government responsibilities including child welfare, education, language and culture, health, justice, commemoration, museums and archives, training for public servants, and a few specific initiatives related to reconciliation.

At the August 14th Board Meeting, the AMO Board of Directors approved two resource papers to assist municipal councils’ efforts to support Truth and Reconciliation.

The first resource paper provides an overview of the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s \(TRC’s\) Calls to Action](#) that municipal governments can address themselves.

The second resource paper provides ideas and options for [what municipal leaders, councils can do to better support and engage Indigenous residents and neighbours at this time.](#)

These AMO resource papers are meant to be organic and to be revised/updated when appropriate and more municipal resource materials are available.

Municipal Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Draft Resolution

The AMO Board of Directors encourages members to recognize September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (also known as Orange Shirt Day with the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the [municipality] of [placename] does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

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.

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