



**Town of Aurora
Additional Items to
General Committee Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
7 p.m.
Council Chambers

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- **Item 13 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2016**
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- **Item 16 – Memorandum from Councillor Pirri; Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016**
- **Notice of Motion (b) Councillor Mrakas; Re: Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-law**



**Town of Aurora
General Committee
Meeting Agenda (Revised)**

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
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Councillor Abel in the Chair

- 1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
Recommended:
That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.
- 3. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**
- 4. Adoption of Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion**
- 5. Delegations**
- 6. Presentations by the Advisory Committee Chair**
- 7. Consideration of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

8. Notices of Motion

(a) Mayor Dawe

Re: Implementation of Whistle Cessation for GO Train Crossings

(b) Councillor Mrakas

Re: Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-law

(Added Item)

9. New Business/General Information

10. Closed Session

11. Adjournment

Agenda Items

1. CS16-004 – Audio Visual Upgrades and Meeting Management Suite

Recommended:

1. That Report No. CS16-004 be received for information.

2. FS16-030 – 2017 Fees and Charges Update

Recommended:

1. That Report No. FS16-030 be received; and
2. That the 2017 Fees and Charges for applications, permits, use of Town property, the sale of Town publications and for the prescribed service charges for administrative matters as itemized on the attached schedules be approved:
 - i. Schedule A – General Fees and Charges
 - ii. Schedule B – Planning and Building Services
 - iii. Schedule C – Corporate Services
 - iv. Schedule D – Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
 - v. Schedule E – Infrastructure and Environmental Services
 - vi. Schedule F – Financial Services; and
3. That the necessary bylaw be enacted at November 8, 2016 Council meeting in accordance with the Town's Notice Provision Policy.

3. IES16-075 – Metrolinx Temporary Parking Accommodations – Responses

Recommended:

1. That Report No. IES16-075 be received for information.

4. IES16-076 – Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Regional Transportation Plan Review

Recommended:

1. That Report No. IES16-076 be received for information.

5. IES16-077 – Award of Tender IES 2016-87 – Greenhouse Floor System

Recommended:

1. That Report No. IES16-077 be received; and
2. That Tender IES 2016-87 – The construction of one (1) slab-on-grade floor system for the Aurora Joint Operations Centre Greenhouses be awarded to Lombardi Construction Inc. in the amount of \$157,695.00, excluding taxes; and
3. That the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary Agreement, including any and all document and ancillary agreements required to give effect to same.

6. PRCS16-044 – Leslie Street Underpasses Construction

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PRCS16-044 be received; and
2. That an increase in the Town of Aurora's 50 per cent contribution toward construction of two (2) underpasses in the amount of \$148,336 be approved; and
3. That the budget for Project No. 73177 – Regionally Approved Underpasses be increased for a total of \$901,960.

**7. PBS16-069 – Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control
Paradise Homes Leslie Inc.
Lots 195 to 202 and 212 and Block 215
being 65R-36506, 65R-36524, 65R-36551 and 65R-36552
File Number: PLC-2016-09**

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PBS16-069 be received; and

2. That the Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control submitted by Paradise Homes Leslie Inc. to divide Lots 195 to 202 and 212 and Block 215 on Plan 65M-4462 into eighteen (18) separate lots for semi-detached units and five (5) townhouse lots be approved; and
3. That the implementing Part Lot Control Exemption By-law be presented at a future Council meeting.

**8. PBS16-076 – Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control
Casings Developments Inc.
Blocks 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16
being 65R-36585, 65R-36584 and 65R-36593
File Number: PLC-2016-10**

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PBS16-076 be received; and
2. That Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control submitted by Casings Developments Inc. to divide Blocks 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 16 on Plan 65M-4478 into thirty-five (35) townhouse lots be approved; and
3. That the implementing Part Lot Control Exemption By-law be presented at a future Council meeting.

**9. PBS16-077 – Request for Street Name Approval
Carpino Construction Inc.
15278 Yonge Street
Related File Number: OPA-2015-04, ZBA-2015-10
File Number: SP-2015-08**

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PBS16-077 be received; and
2. That the following street name be approved for the proposed road within the approved Site Plan application, File SP-2015-08:

Street "A" Alex Gardner Circle

**10. PBS16-078 – Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control
TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc.
Blocks 222, 224 and 225
being 65R-36534, 65R-36533 and 65R-36620
File Number: PLC-2016-11**

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PBS16-078 be received; and
2. That the Application for Exemption from Part Lot Control submitted by TACC Developments (Aurora) Inc. to divide Blocks 222, 224 and 225 on Plan 65M-4462 into fifteen (15) townhouse lots be approved; and
3. That the implementing Part Lot Control Exemption By-law be presented at a future Council meeting.

**11. PBS16-080 – Proposed Bell Radiocommunication Antenna System
Gaetano DiBlasi
1360 Bloomington Road East
Part of Lot 11 Concession 2
File Number: SP(T)-2014-02**

Recommended:

1. That Report No. PBS16-080 be received; and
2. That Industry Canada and the applicant be advised that the Town's Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Protocol has been complied with in respect to the proposed 40-metre high telecommunication tower; and
3. That Council provide direction respecting:
 - a) Concurrence; or
 - b) Non-Concurrence

regarding the proposed 40-metre high telecommunication tower at 1360 Bloomington Road East; and

4. That Industry Canada be advised of Council's resolution on the subject application.

12. Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2016

Recommended:

1. That the Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2016, be received for information.

13. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2016

(Added Item)

Recommended:

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 15, 2016, be received; and
2. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Space

1. That staff be directed to investigate a public education program and public survey regarding pet waste in public parks and open spaces.

New Business Motion No. 1

1. That staff be directed to provide a review of the ownership, maintenance, and replacements of all existing feature walls in the Town; and
2. That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of replacing the feature walls at the north-east and south-east corners Batson Drive and Yonge Street.

14. Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2016

(Added Item)

Recommended:

1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of September 16, 2016, be received; and
2. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

1. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad

1. That staff be directed to investigate the cost of the proposed Atkinson Park trail extension, consult with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and York Region, and report back to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee for consideration.

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Lake to Lake Trail Update

1. That the draft plan of the proposed Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail be publicly communicated.

15. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

Re: Correspondence from Her Majesty The Queen

(Added Item)

Recommended:

1. That the correspondence from Her Majesty The Queen be received for information.

16. Memorandum from Councillor Pirri

Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016

(Added Item)

Recommended:

1. That the memorandum regarding Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016, be received for information.



**Town of Aurora
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Michael Thompson (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Juergen Daurer, Richard Doust, Stephen Kimmerer, Eric McCartney, and Brian Trussler

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Al Downey, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, and Samantha Yew, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Juergen Daurer
Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2016

**Moved by Stephen Kimmerer
Seconded by Richard Doust**

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None.

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised

Staff provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. The Committee provided suggestions, including:

- A new mandate that includes open space in addition to parks; and
- As per the Sport Plan, the addition of “Sport” to the Committee name, and inclusion of sport-related matters in the Committee mandate; and
- Increase to two (2) members from the Sports Council; and
- The increase in frequency of meetings from bi-monthly to monthly.

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas
Seconded by Richard Doust**

1. That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Revised be received; and
2. That the comments provided by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) be considered by staff in preparation of the revised PRAC Terms of Reference.

Carried

6. Informational Items

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks Re: Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Space

The Committee discussed possible strategies to deal with pet waste in public parks and open spaces.

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

1. That the memorandum regarding Pet Waste in Public Parks and Open Spaces be received; and
2. **That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:**
 1. **That staff be directed to investigate a public education program and public survey regarding pet waste in public parks and open spaces.**

Carried as amended

3. Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer**

1. That the Club Aurora Membership Pass Summary Report for June and July 2016 be received for information.

Carried

4. Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016 Re: Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2016

**Moved by Eric McCartney
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of June 14, 2016, regarding the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 31, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

- 5. Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016
Re: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 16, 2016**

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016, regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Juergen Daurer noted that a member of Club Aurora expressed concern regarding the state of the lockers at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, noting more than half of the lockers are not in working condition. Staff indicated that Infrastructure and Environmental Services will be notified.

Eric McCartney inquired about the ownership and maintenance of feature walls to entrances of neighbourhoods, and the demolition of the feature walls that were located at the north-east and south-east corners of Batson Drive and Yonge Street. Staff indicated that the ownership and maintenance of feature walls varies, and that the feature walls at Batson Drive and Yonge Street were demolished as they required very extensive restoration. Staff noted that there are no plans to rebuild them at this time.

**New Business Motion No. 1
Moved by Eric McCartney
Seconded by Juergen Daurer**

That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

1. That staff be directed to provide a review of the ownership, maintenance, and replacements of all existing feature walls in the Town; and
2. That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of replacing the feature walls at the north-east and south-east corners Batson Drive and Yonge Street.

Carried

Stephen Kimmerer requested an update regarding the proposed Ice Allocation Policy update. Staff indicated that a report to Council is forthcoming.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the Tender and construction timelines of Mavrinac Park, and noted that construction will likely commence in 2017.

Stephen Kimmerer inquired about the development of the turf field at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. Staff indicated that it is currently in the Tendering process, and that a report to Council is expected in the fall.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Stephen Kimmerer

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.



**Town of Aurora
Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Friday, September 16, 2016

Time and Location: 10 a.m., Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Sandra Humfryes (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Alison Collins-Mrakas, Richard Doust (PRAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff, and Nancee Webb (EAC Representative)

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Jim Tree, Manager of Parks, Lawrence Kuk, Planner, Jamal Massadeh, Traffic/Transportation Analyst, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Laura Lueloff
Seconded by Richard Doust**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

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- Delegation (a) Eric McCartney, Resident
Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from Manager of Parks, Re: Atkinson Park Trail
Extension to St. John's Sideroad

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

**Trails and Active Transportation Meeting Committee Minutes of June 17,
2016**

**Moved by Bill Fraser
Seconded by Nancy Webb**

That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of June 17,
2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

On a motion of Richard Doust seconded by Laura Lueloff, the Committee
consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedural By-law
to allow for the addition of Delegation (b) Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi
Howson Ltd., representing Treasure Hill Homes; Re: Trail Connections for
Proposed Plan of Subdivision, 1289 Wellington Street East.

**(a) Eric McCartney, Resident
Re: Item 1 – Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad**

Mr. McCartney spoke in support of the memorandum and noted the benefits of
providing a trail connection from Atkinson Park to the south side of St. John's
Sideroad. He presented a video of the Atkinson Park Trail and noted the trail and
overpass improvements needed, and parking issues.

**Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

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(b) Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., representing Treasure Hill Homes

Re: Trail Connections for Proposed Plan of Subdivision, 1289 Wellington Street East

In response to a comment raised by Council at the June 29, 2016 Public Planning meeting, Ms. Sciberras introduced the proposed draft Plan of Subdivision application and acknowledged Council's comment with regard to a possible trail connection from the subject property to the trail system as identified within the Town's Trails Master Plan. She confirmed that the trails within the Town's Trails Master Plan are located outside of the subject property, and acknowledged the possibility of a trail connection, from the easterly portion of the property or along the north side of the subject property on Wellington Street East, to the planned trail as indicated on the Town's Trails Master Plan. Ms. Sciberras advised that this matter would be taken into consideration by the developer.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

1. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and responded to Committee inquiries about the population served by the trail and possible flood plain issues. The Committee suggested that further data and consultation is needed.

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Moved by Laura Lueloff

Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

1. That the memorandum regarding Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad be received; and
2. **That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:**
 - a) **That staff be directed to investigate the cost of the proposed Atkinson Park trail extension, consult with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and York Region, and report back to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee for consideration.**

Carried as amended

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Lake to Lake Trail Update

Staff provided background to the Aurora component of the proposed Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail between Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario, and noted that the proposal was satisfactory in principle.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Nancee Webb

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake to Lake Trail Update be received; and
2. **That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:**
 - a) **That the draft plan of the proposed Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail be publicly communicated.**

Carried as amended

3. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Conservation Ontario Council Report – Passage of Bill 100
*Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016***

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The Committee inquired about formal protection of trails in relation to current or pending legislation. Staff advised that the Town's Trails Master Plan, as part of the Official Plan, offers good protection. The Committee suggested that the memorandum be shared further on a General Committee meeting agenda.

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the memorandum regarding Conservation Ontario Council Report – Passage of Bill 100 *Supporting Ontario Trails Act*, 2016 be received for information.

Carried

4. Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016

**Re: Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of
June 17, 2016**

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016, regarding the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

The Committee discussed aspects of the proposed Bike Aurora initiative, including a possible connection to Activate Aurora. It was agreed to extend an invitation to representatives from Activate Aurora to present at the next Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting. Councillor Humfryes noted that she would formulate a Notice of Motion regarding the Bike Aurora initiative for Council's consideration.

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8. Adjournment

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless otherwise adopted by Council at a later meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Agenda Item 3 - Memorandum from Mayor Dawe; Re: Conservation Ontario Council Report - Passage of Bill 100, *Supporting Ontario Trails Act*, 2016

Attachment 1



Memorandum

Office of the Mayor

Date: September 16, 2016
To: Trails and Active Transportation Committee
From: Mayor Geoffrey Dawe
Re: Conservation Ontario Council Report – Passage of Bill 100 Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016

Recommendation**1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee:**

- Receive the correspondence for information**
- Endorse the recommendations**
- Provide direction**



VISION 2016 – 2020

Conservation Ontario will be the leader in engaging Conservation Authorities in matters of common interest and in shaping effective policy related to Conservation Authorities

Conservation Ontario Council Report

From: Richard Wyma, General Manager, Essex Region Conservation Authority; Conservation Ontario representative on the Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

Date: June 15, 2016

Subject: Passage of Bill 100: Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016

Summary

On June 1, 2016, Ontario passed legislation, the *Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016*, which includes the stand alone legislation, the *Ontario Trails Act, 2016*, which, when proclaimed in force, proclaims an annual trails week, and allows for the establishment of voluntary best practices, a trails classification system, and the recognition of Ontario trails of distinction. The *Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016* also includes amendments to existing legislation to address liability, trespassing and protection of property issues. Amendments will come into force according to their respective schedules. As an implementing body of the Supporting Ontario Trails Act, the Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee (OTCC) is reviewing its Terms of Reference to provide opportunities for trail partners and stakeholders to provide input on the implementation of the Act (e.g. Trail Classification systems)

Recommendation

THAT Conservation Ontario Council receives this report.

Background

On June 1, 2016, Ontario passed legislation, the Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016, that is intended to protect and enhance thousands of kilometres of the province's urban, suburban, rural and remote land and water trails, while encouraging expansion.

The Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016 includes the stand alone legislation, the Ontario Trails Act, 2016, which, when proclaimed in force, proclaims an annual trails week, and allows for the establishment of voluntary best practices, a trails classification system, and the recognition of Ontario trails of distinction.

The Supporting Ontario's Trails Act, 2016 also includes amendments to existing legislation to address liability, trespassing and protection of property issues. Amendments will come into force according to their respective schedules.

As part of the passage of the legislation, Richard Wyma attended the presentation of the Bill to Second Reading, and appeared before the Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly to support the Bill. In keeping with Conservation Ontario's comments on the draft legislation (September 2015), Richard acknowledged that the Act will bring a higher profile to the importance of trails beyond the trails community, and additionally noted that CAs, and CO support:

the designation of Trails Week, and Trail of Distinction program with some questions around criteria and relationship to existing trails promotional efforts

the establishment of a trails classification system and the establishment of best practices to clarify user experience and expectations and encouraged the Minister to consult actively with Conservation Authorities in defining those standards

the use of easements for trail purposes, but recognized these tools exist today; and the Trails Act could additionally provide incentives (tax or compensatory payments) to the landlords by the Province to encourage establishment and maintenance of easements, especially to complete trail systems

Additionally, it was noted that the Act could benefit from greater clarity around 'negligence' and consider reckless disregard or other terms that more firmly place the onus of responsibility on the user, rather than the trail manager or landowners. It was also noted that increased fines are not a deterrent unless there is greater enforcement, and we urge the Province to facilitate and fund increased enforcement through trail managers, including Conservation Authorities.

Current Status

The OTCC was established in February 2006 as recommended in the Ontario Trails Strategy, to represent public, not-for-profit, Aboriginal and private-sector trail stakeholders to increase collaboration. The role of the OTCC is to provide advice on trail planning, policy and coordinating matters of provincial interest and to provide oversight to the implementation of the Ontario Trails Strategy, associated Trail Action Plans and other frameworks affecting trails. The OTCC membership of 12 ministries/agencies and 11 external organizations as well as one Aboriginal representative (24 total) was expanded in 2013 to include 14 ministries and agencies and 13 external organizations, as well as one Aboriginal representative (28 total).

The OTCC did not meet between 2009 and 2013 which created a gap in direction from the Province on trails and a challenge to progress and profile of trails in Ontario. With the release of a Trails Action Plan, provincial investments in trails, and the drafting, and now passing of the Trails Act, the Province, through Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, conducted a review of its Terms of Reference which included clarifications related to mandate, structure, and composition of the OTCC.

The draft TOR (attached) is intended to clarify the role of the OTCC, incorporate the Trails Action Plan, and other provincial efforts (e.g. Cycle ON!) and improved effectiveness of the committee on research

and education, accessibility, and in guiding implementation of components of the Supporting Ontario Trails Act.

The OTCC TOR includes an ability to establish short-term working groups and sub-committees to support the ongoing business of the OTCC and lead, for example, discussions around trail standards, trail classifications, promotions, etc. Conservation Ontario remains with a formal seat on the Committee (currently represented by Richard Wyma) and has expressed interest in having CAs participate in sub-committees and providing its comments and recommendations related to the implementation of the Trails Act and Trails Action Plan. Comments on the TOR can be directed to the OTCC through Richard Wyma. Richard will also ensure CAs have opportunity to provide comment and input to trail classifications, promotions, and other components of the *Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016*.

Terms of Reference – Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ONTARIO TRAILS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (OTCC)

PURPOSE OF THE OTCC

The OTCC provides advice on trail planning, policy and coordinating matters of provincial interest including oversight for the implementation of the Ontario Trails Strategy, associated Trail Action Plans and other frameworks affecting trails.

BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport is the designated lead Ministry for trails in Ontario and has the responsibility for coordinating trail planning and policy matters for the Government of Ontario. The Ministry led the development of the Ontario Trails Strategy during 2004/05 and launched the Strategy on October 6, 2005. It articulates a high-level framework to guide public, not-for-profit and private sectors in dealing with key concerns. Implementation priorities are set out in Trail Action Plans.

Trails are used for recreation, transportation (including active transportation), tourism and educational purposes. They provide health, economic, environmental, cultural heritage, educational and community-building benefits across the province. Trails support the overall well-being and quality of life of Ontario citizens through social connectivity, volunteerism and appreciation of the great outdoors and nature. Ontario promotes the increased use of all types of trails and universal access.

Trails are readily accessible to Ontario citizens, located in attractive settings, many are free or inexpensive to use and appeal to people of all ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds. Land/water, non-motorized/motorized, on and off-road trails are valuable assets found in urban, suburban, rural and remote landscapes across Ontario.

The vision of the Ontario Trails Strategy is:
“A world-class system of diversified trails, planned and used in an environmentally responsible manner, that enhances the health and prosperity of all Ontarians.”

Key strategic directions of the Ontario Trails Strategy are:

- Improving collaboration among stakeholders;
- Enhancing the sustainability of Ontario trails;
- Enhancing the trail experience;
- Educating Ontarians about trails; and
- Fostering better health and a strong economy through trails.

The core values of the Ontario Trails Strategy that will guide future decisions affecting trails in Ontario include:

- Respecting private and public lands, including agricultural lands, Crown lands and

Terms of Reference – Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

- the traditional land-use areas of Aboriginal communities;
- Protecting, conserving and appreciating the environment, including cultural heritage and natural heritage;
- Providing a variety of trail opportunities in keeping with the diverse trail interests of Ontario's population and visitors;
- Valuing regional differences and supporting local decision-making; and
- Adopting good planning principles and approaches.

SCOPE OF THE OTCC

The OTCC is to provide advice on trail matters of provincial interest toward a more coordinated and responsible approach to trail planning, development, management, marketing and use. The scope of the committee includes:

- Overseeing the implementation and review of the Ontario Trails Strategy, associated Trail Action Plans and other frameworks affecting trails;
- Ensuring that a collaborative approach is undertaken in the planning, development and implementation of other key planning, policy and coordinating initiatives of provincial interest;
- Representing the diversity of stakeholders affected by trails;
- Facilitating stakeholder cooperation where appropriate;
- Identifying potential issues and solutions affecting the planning, development and/or implementation of trail initiatives; and
- Keeping a network of stakeholders abreast of implementation activities and opportunities to input to the process. Key messaging will be provided following each OTCC meeting for distribution to its constituents to foster good communications.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The OTCC will:

- Review and advise on how to best achieve the goals of the Ontario Trails Strategy, associated Trail Action Plans and other key provincial trail initiatives within the context of the Ontario Trails Strategy's core values;
- Monitor progress towards achievement of key priorities and results;
- Ensure the application of a universal accessibility lens in all undertakings;
- Support co-ordination and information sharing on planned activities and best practices among ministries and organizations represented on the Committee and in the broader trails community;
- Provide a co-ordinated response to potential issues that are acceptable to all sectors with an interest in trails; and
- Support the establishment of linkages with other stakeholders and groups not represented on the Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee (e.g. Parks Canada should be invited periodically to provide updates and seek synergies).

Terms of Reference – Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

STRUCTURE OF THE OTCC

Co-Chair

The OTCC is co-chaired by Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the President of the Ontario Trails Council.

Members and Alternates for OTCC Members

Each OTCC member body/interest shall have one member (unless otherwise approved) and name an informed alternate, if necessary, to attend meetings in their absence.

Sub-Committees of the OTCC

Sub-committees (e.g. Executive Committee) may be established to undertake on-going activities of the OTCC. The need for such committees would be identified by a member, discussed by the group and voted on before establishing such a committee. Any sub-committee would need to function within existing shared resources.

Working Groups of the OTCC

Working Groups may be established under a similar process for short term value-add purposes (e.g. to conduct an assessment of best practices in a subject area).

SCHEDULE

The committee will meet at least once a year and as required. Meeting dates will be announced in January of each year for the calendar year.

TERM

Members will be appointed for a 5 year term and may be renewed. Any member who does not attend 3 consecutive meetings without providing an alternate or reasonable explanation will require the approval of the majority of the committee members to continue as a member.

APPOINTMENT

External stakeholder members will be appointed by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Terms of Reference – Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

COMPOSITION

The Committee will be comprised of representatives from relevant ministries and agencies that have an interest in trails and external stakeholder groups from public, private and not-for-profit sectors. The Committee will also involve Aboriginal representation. Committee members include one representative (unless special arrangements have been approved) from each of the following ministries/agencies, external stakeholders and Aboriginal interests:

Ontario Ministries/Agencies

1. Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)
2. Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs (MAA)
3. Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
5. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) (including Ontario Parks)
6. Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
7. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (MNDM)
8. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
9. Ministry of Finance (MOF)
10. Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (MEDEI)
11. Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (Health Promotion) (MHLTC)
12. Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT)
13. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS)
14. Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
15. Ontario Parks
16. Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMPC)
17. Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade (MCIIT)

External Stakeholders

1. Trails Community - Ontario Trails Council (OTC)
2. Trails Community – Motorized
3. Trails Community – Non-Motorized
4. Farmers - Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)
5. Tourism - Nature and Outdoor Tourism Ontario (NOTO)
6. Accessible Trails and Active Healthy Living Representative
7. Active Transportation Representative
8. Environmental Stewardship Representative
9. Conservation Authorities - Conservation Ontario (CO)
10. Municipalities - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
11. Parks - Ontario Parks Association (OPA)
12. Parks and Recreation - Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO)
13. Northern Municipalities - Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
14. Resource-based Recreation - Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH)
15. Academic - Trail Studies Unit, Trent University

Terms of Reference – Ontario Trails Coordinating Committee

16. Regional Tourism Organizations Representative

Aboriginal Representation

1. Representative - Wasauksing First Nation, Parry Sound

Other key interest groups such as manufacturers, forestry industry, fur trappers, prospectors, funders, nature conservancies, access coalitions, Parks Canada, Niagara Escarpment Commission, cottager associations, economic development interests and non-traditional users (e.g. cultural groups) are to be kept abreast through the networking of committee members and provide direct input where appropriate.



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**Town of Aurora
Office of the Mayor**

Memorandum

Date: October 4, 2016
To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Mayor Dawe
Re: Correspondence from Her Majesty The Queen

Recommendations

1. That the correspondence from Her Majesty The Queen be received for information.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from Her Majesty The Queen dated September 16, 2016



Attachment 1

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

16th September, 2016.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

The Queen has asked me to convey her thanks for the message and resolution of congratulations you have sent on behalf of the Members of Aurora Council and the Residents of the Town of Aurora on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday.

The Queen greatly appreciated your kind words and, in return, Her Majesty has asked me to send her warm good wishes to you and all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Sandamas
Chief Clerk to The Queen

His Worship Geoffrey Dawe.



Memorandum

Councillor Paul Pirri

Date: October 4, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Pirri

Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum regarding Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016, be received for information.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Report to Council, Meeting of the Board of Directors, Oakville, ON, September 13-16, 2016

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OAKVILLE, ON

SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2016



SUMMARY

The FCM Board of Directors met in Oakville, ON, from September 13-16. Board members spent four days addressing vital national issues playing out at the local level as well as the historic momentum achieved by the municipal sector. The details of those discussions are presented in the Committee reports that follow.

With this meeting taking place just days before MPs return to Parliament in Ottawa, it was timely to make Phase 2 of the federal government's ambitious infrastructure plan a key theme in the discussions. Board members explored the central role municipalities will play in making these historic infrastructure investments a success, from tapping local expertise to identifying local projects that offer the best return on investment. And they talked about municipal Phase 2 priorities, with an emphasis on an allocation-based model for transit and green investments, as well as significant, dedicated funding for housing and rural infrastructure. Another important topic of conversation was the imperative partnership needed among orders of government to ensure Phase 2 lives up to its potential. On that note, Board members agreed that the federal government must maintain its 50 per cent contribution to project costs, while provinces need to partner with no less than their traditional one-third share.

The Executive of the Board met with a special guest, Jean-Yves Duclos, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. The Executive welcomed plans for a National Housing Strategy, but also stressed to the Minister the need for urgent investments in social and affordable housing. Members of the Social-Economic Development Committee met with Dwight Dorey, National Chief of the Indigenous Peoples' Assembly of Canada. The meeting was an important step forward in our joint efforts to work together to support urban Indigenous people living in cities and communities across the country.

Board members adopted a number of resolutions on issues ranging from rural post office closures to the installation of truck sideguard safety equipment. They also confirmed the importance of remaining active and engaged in the critical coming months, as the federal government finalizes the details of Phase 2, as well as a National Housing Strategy. They agreed that influencing these federal policies was paramount to furthering the unprecedented momentum of the municipal sector.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Vice-Chair Pam McConnell opened the meeting by introducing the other Vice-Chair, Tom Taggart, and welcoming new members and returning members. Vice-Chair McConnell provided members with a brief overview of the mandate of the SED Committee and reminded members that the purpose of the September meeting is to establish the policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year.

In the Update on Committee Activities and Action Items Status report, delivered by Matt Gemmel, the Committee heard that FCM is monitoring the government's roll out of their budget commitments on housing and homelessness which, while significant, were short-term in nature and didn't adequately address the issue of expiring social housing operating agreements. FCM provided a submission to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) regarding the development of the Affordable Rental Housing Financing Initiative, specifically on how the Initiative could expand the availability of affordable, high-quality rental housing in Canada over the long-term. Members also learned that FCM participated in a pre-consultation meeting and expert roundtables pursuant to the development of the National Housing Strategy (NHS) at the invitation of CMHC.

Further, in an ongoing effort to building stronger relationships with Aboriginal organizations, FCM staff have met with senior staff from national indigenous organizations. In June, FCM members participated in five of the consultations on the federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy, which took place in cities and communities across the country and were organized by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

The Committee discussed the need to continue to monitor settlement challenges for Syrian refugee families, particularly as financial support for government sponsored refugees ends one year after arrival, which will occur soon for many families. Members directed staff to report back on this issue at its November meeting.

Following that update, the Committee received a report from Vice-Chair Pam McConnell on the recent work of the Urban Aboriginal Working Group.

Next was a presentation delivered by Dwight Dorey, National Chief of Indigenous Peoples' Assembly of Canada (IPAC), formerly the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples. Chief Dorey provided an overview of key challenges facing Indigenous people living off-reserve, including the inadequate access to affordable housing. Chief Dorey then described the role of IPAC in representing Indigenous people living off-reserve in cities and communities of all sizes.

Committee Chair Brian Pincott then turned the Committee's attention to establishing priorities for the upcoming year. Members concurred with the FCM Shared Priority as it pertains to the SED Committee. The Committee then considered and approved the proposed 2016-17 Committee-specific priorities, which are a) affordable housing and homelessness; and b) urban indigenous policy.

Members then considered three resolutions and made recommendations to the Board.

Following, the Committee provided recommendations on FCM's submission regarding the federal government's National Housing Strategy, which they indicated should include an immediate focus on a housing carve-out within the Phase 2 Social Infrastructure fund and a commitment to protect the quality and affordability of social housing impacted by the expiry of operating agreements. The Committee equally provided recommendations on FCM's submission with respect to the future of the federal Urban Aboriginal Strategy.

The Committee was then briefed on FCM's First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI), particularly regarding the new funding over five years which was recently secured for this program.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the following 2016-17 policy and advocacy priorities: a) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; b) affordable housing and homelessness; and c) urban indigenous policy;
2. Approve a submission to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs regarding the future of the Urban Aboriginal Strategy (UAS) that includes the following recommendations:
 - a. Increase operational funding, and establish new funding, for local Aboriginal organizations and service providers;
 - b. Include capital funding for the renovation and construction of community and cultural spaces;
 - c. Reinstate funding for urban Indigenous coalitions in order to help strengthen local leadership and linkages between municipal governments and improve delivery of municipal services;
 - d. Direct funding to existing and new local Indigenous organisations in order to build local capacity and empower local decision-making;
 - e. Enable program flexibility so that funding meets local needs and priorities;
 - f. Provide long-term, predictable funding so that service delivery organizations can plan and deliver appropriate services based on local needs.
 - g. Ensure culturally appropriate programs and services that meet the needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis;
 - h. Take into consideration the programs and services being delivered by municipalities and seek to align with and support those services where appropriate; and
 - i. Ensure that funding meets the needs of Indigenous people residing in small-urban municipalities, rural areas and the North;
3. Approve a submission to the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development pursuant to the National Housing Strategy that includes the following recommendations:
 - a. Commit the federal government to playing a leadership role in ensuring the housing needs of all Canadians, especially those most vulnerable, are met;

- b. Provide a substantial carve-out for affordable housing and homelessness from the Phase 2 Social Infrastructure Fund in budget 2017;
- c. Protect existing social housing affected by the expiry of operating agreements and the low-income households who live there, by providing a commitment for capital repair and retrofit fund and a fund for new long-term rent subsidies in budget 2017;
- d. Build new social and affordable housing, which includes a decision-making role for local governments;
- e. Prevent and end homelessness;
- f. Preserve, retrofit and grow the rental housing sector;
- g. Recognize and support the distinct housing needs of Indigenous people;
- h. Recognize and support housing needs in the North;
- i. Engage municipalities in addressing challenging housing markets; and
- j. Develop the National Housing Strategy so that it is comprehensive, provides long-term, predictable funding and formally includes local governments.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Sav Dhaliwal opened the meeting by welcoming Committee members and introducing Vice-Chairs Sandra Desmeules and Doug Dobrowolski, and by welcoming new and returning members.

Following approval of the agenda and the report of the March 2016 meeting, members were updated on the advocacy efforts of FCM leadership and staff since the last meeting. Staff outlined progress on key policy areas of interest to the Committee, including international trade and investment attraction, infrastructure financing and Canada Post. Committee members formally requested that FCM staff work with Global Affairs Canada to provide information and analysis on CETA's implications for social procurement policies. The Committee was also updated on Finance Canada's consultation on proposed amendments to clarify the application of the GST/HST to supplies of municipal transit services and the government's comprehensive review of Canada Post.

Following extensive discussion, the Committee approved the recommended 2016-2017 policy and advocacy priorities of 1) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; and 2) Municipal Considerations for a Federal Infrastructure Bank and Federal Role in Public-Private Partnerships. Committee members agreed that an infrastructure bank should ensure easier access to financing and that the focus of such a body remains limited and non-conditional, while the federal government should continue to support local decision-making and discretion on using P3 procurement models.

Next, Committee members were updated on Phase 1 and Phase 2 program design and cost-sharing and fiscal sustainability. The Committee approved a recommendation to the Board to endorse a cost-sharing approach for Phase 2 infrastructure funding that includes 50 percent federal contributions and at least 33 percent provincial contributions towards eligible costs for projects in the provinces, and 75 percent federal contribution towards eligible costs for projects in the territories.

Senior Manager, Policy and Research, Daniel Rubinstein then provided an update on FCM's Legal Defense Fund. Finally, the Committee heard an update by Policy Advisor Marc LeBlanc on the Jack Layton Fellowship program.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Approve the two proposed priority areas: Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy and Municipal Considerations for a Federal Infrastructure Bank and Federal Role in Public-Private Partnerships; and
2. Endorse a cost-sharing approach for Phase 2 infrastructure funding that maintains 50 percent federal contributions and a formal requirement for at least 33 percent

provincial contributions towards eligible costs for projects in the provinces, and 75 percent federal contribution towards eligible costs for projects in the territories.

3. Direct staff to work with Global Affairs Canada officials to collect information and provide an analysis on CETA's implications for municipal social procurement policies and community benefit agreements and report back to the Board of Directors at the November 2016 Board meeting.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Pauline Quinlan opened the meeting by introducing the Vice-Chairs, Paul Pirri and Edgar Rouleau, and welcoming new and returning members. Chair Quinlan provided members with a brief overview of the mandate of the Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development (EISD), and reminded members that the purpose of the September meeting is to establish the policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year.

Following approval of the agenda and the report of the March 2016 meeting, members were updated on the policy and advocacy work that has been undertaken by FCM since the last Board meeting. In an update from Dallas Alderson, members heard about FCM's participation in consultations being held by Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) governments as part of the development of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. FCM participation in other roundtables and presentations on water and wastewater investments, environmental assessment processes and other issues were also highlighted.

The Committee then turned its attention to establishing priorities for the upcoming year. Members discussed FCM Shared Priorities as they pertain to the EISD Committee, and recommended that the Green Infrastructure component of the federal government's Phase 2 infrastructure plan be the EISD portion of the FCM shared priority of the Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy. The Committee further recommended the Committee-specific policy priorities for the coming year including 1) climate change in terms of the investment required to support local government action in reducing GHG emissions and in adapting to climate change and 2) FCM's participation in a review of federal environmental assessment processes and environmental legislation. The Committee discussed the federal review of the Navigation Protection Act and the Fisheries Act and directed staff to engage with the Parliamentary Committees which will be reviewing the Acts this fall.

The Committee then considered five resolutions and made recommendations to the Board with respect to their categorization.

Staff then outlined the proposed components of FCM's submission to federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change on the Pan Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change with the objective that the Framework reflects municipal considerations and supports the important municipal role in addressing climate change. Staff indicated their understanding that the Framework will be the federal government's guiding document towards implementing its climate change priority. The Committee discussed ways the submission could be strengthened by including examples of municipal leadership, and indicated that, in future, relevant regulations which impact the ability to mitigate and manage the effects of climate change may need to be considered. The Committee agreed that the proposed components of the FCM submission focus on: a) mitigation policy recommendations; b) adaptation and resilience policy recommendations; and c) municipal considerations on carbon pricing.

Next was an update on FCM's engagement in the federal government's review of the National Energy Board (NEB), and a decision on next steps. As part of this, President

Somerville and Chair Quinlan, as co-Chairs of FCM's Task Force on National Municipal Energy Infrastructure, outlined the work that has taken place over the summer by the Task Force. Matt Gemmel then presented highlights of the Task Force's report, highlighting areas where the federal role in regulating existing pipelines and reviewing proposed pipelines could be strengthened to better reflect municipal concerns and perspectives. The Committee discussed the report and directed staff to build on the work of the final report of the National Municipal Energy Infrastructure Task Force by developing recommendations on how the National Energy Board public hearing process can be reformed to give local governments a greater voice, and how municipal interests can be adequately considered in the construction, operation and decommissioning of federally-regulated pipelines. Staff will return to the Committee in November with detailed recommendations for the consideration of the Committee.

Following, the Committee was asked to consider a set of principles meant to guide FCM's input into the federal government-led consultations on the design of a national residential flood insurance market for Canada. Committee members discussed key challenges around affordability and municipal liability that such an insurance program could bring. They underscored the value of FCM participating in the discussions on this possible program, but that participation may need to be re-considered in the future, depending on what the potential program includes. The Committee approved the enclosed principles, but added principles around affordability and municipal liability.. The full list of detailed principles will come back to the Committee in November.

Lastly, Councillor Ben Henderson, Chair of the Green Municipal Fund Council, provided an update on last year's work of the Green Municipal Fund and Tim Kehoe, FCM Deputy CEO, provided an update on the new programs, including the Capacity Building for Climate Change Challenges (CBC3) Program.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the following 2016-17 policy and advocacy priorities: (a) phase 2 infrastructure advocacy strategy (b) climate change mitigation and adaptation and (c) and federal environmental assessment;
2. Approve a submission to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change which reflects the proposed components which focus on a) mitigation policy recommendations b) adaptation and resilience policy recommendations and c) municipal considerations on carbon pricing;
3. Direct staff to build on the work of the final report of the National Municipal Energy Infrastructure Task Force and develop recommendations on how the National Energy Board public hearing process can be reformed to give local governments a greater voice, and how municipal interests can be adequately considered in the construction, operating and decommissioning of federally-regulated pipelines;

4. Direct staff to return to the Committee in November with detailed recommendations that will inform FCM's submission to the federal government's review of the National Energy Board;
5. Adopt the "Principles to Protect Municipal Interests in the Design of a National Residential Flood Insurance Regime for Canada", with the addition of principles around affordability and municipal liability; and
6. Direct staff to seek an opportunity to have FCM present to the Parliamentary Committees which are reviewing the Navigation Protection Act and the Fisheries Act.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RURAL FORUM

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The meeting began with roundtable introductions and the election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs for the coming year. Ray Orb was acclaimed as Chair, and Scott Pearce and Al Kemmere were elected as Vice-Chairs.

Members were then updated on the advocacy efforts of FCM leadership and staff since the last meeting. Policy Advisor Marc LeBlanc outlined progress on key policy areas of interest to the Forum, including federal efforts to improve broadband in rural communities and the government's review of Canada Post. In particular, members stressed the need for additional federal support for both backbone and last-mile solutions to improve broadband service in rural communities.

Following extensive discussion, the Forum approved the recommended 2016-2017 policy and advocacy priorities of 1) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; and 2) Rural Economic Development. Forum members stressed the importance of continuing to call for the removal of stacking restrictions and ensure an allocation-based funding mechanism reflects the higher costs of delivering services in rural communities.

Members were also updated on FCM's negotiations on program design for the government's second phase of infrastructure investments, and discussed FCM's proposal to the federal government to build on the existing Small Communities Fund to support core infrastructure needs in rural areas that may not be fully addressed elsewhere in the Phase 2 plan. The Forum made a number of design recommendations to the Board ensure that Phase 2 infrastructure programs meet the needs of rural communities.

The Forum received an update on rural-specific programming at the 2016 Annual Conference. For the 2017 Annual Conference, FCM has committed to continue rural-specific programming and to develop a rural-specific plenary session. In particular, conference programming will recognize the critical role that rural communities have played in shaping Canada over the last 150 years and explore innovative approaches to rural economic development. New members of the Rural Forum are also invited to participate in the ad-hoc working group

The Forum considered one resolution on rural post office closures and recommended that the Board adopt this resolution. Members also discussed the Rural Forum's role in FCM governance and the differences between a Forum, standing Committee and regional caucus.

FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Approve the two proposed priority areas: Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy and Rural Economic Development.
2. Approve the proposed approach to Phase 2 infrastructure program design to meet the needs of rural communities, including the following:

- i. A new \$1-billion rural infrastructure fund to provide additional targeted funding for rural priorities not fully addressed through the transit, social and green components of the government's Phase 2 investment plan or the existing Small Communities Fund, with flexibility for eligibility thresholds to be negotiated between provinces/territories and their respective municipal associations;
- ii. Allocation-based funding mechanisms for Phase 2 infrastructure programs in order to provide predictability to local governments of all sizes; and
- iii. A rural lens applied to the eligibility criteria for Phase 2 infrastructure programs.

The Forum recommends this report be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Randy Goulden opened the meeting by welcoming the Committee to Oakville and introducing Vice-Chairs Linda Rydholm and Marie-Eve Brunet, and by welcoming new members and returning members. Chair Goulden provided members with a brief overview of the mandate of the CSCP Committee and reminded members that the purpose of the September meeting is to establish the policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year.

Following approval of the agenda and the report of the March 2016 meeting, members were updated on the advocacy efforts of FCM leadership and staff since the last Committee meeting. FCM continues to monitor the progress of Bill C-7, which has passed third reading in the Senate. The bill will return to the House of Commons to consider proposed amendments in the fall. FCM will re-engage with government on this topic in September. On August 25, 2016, the Executive Committee approved draft principles to support the engagement of the municipal sector in the development of a legalization framework for the production, distribution and consumption of marijuana in Canada.

Further, FCM staff have continued to engage with Public Safety Canada officials on a number of occasions to discuss shared priorities including the National Disaster Mitigation Program, the Disaster Risk Roundtable and the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue teams. FCM continues to engage with Public Safety Canada and has recently participated in three meetings of the PSC's consultations on the design and roll-out of the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) through the establishment of a new consultative forum under the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Interoperability Working Group.

The Committee then turned its attention to establishing priorities for the upcoming year. The Committee considered the proposal for 2016-17 Committee-specific priorities to adopt (a) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; (b) Marijuana Legalization and Regulation; and (c) RCMP Labour Relations and Bill C-7.

The Committee considered five resolutions, which addressed rail safety, volunteer tax credits, tax exemptions for emergency response kits, standards for reflective wear for non-professional road users, and drug impaired driving. The rail safety, volunteer tax credits and standards for reflective wear and drug impaired driving were passed as recommended. The resolution on a tax exemption for emergency response kits was reclassified to a Category B.

Alana Lavoie provided an update on the Marijuana Legalization Framework. On June 30, 2016, the federal government announced the creation of a Task Force on the Legalization and Regulation of Marijuana in Canada, acting on a commitment to work on a framework toward the legalization of marijuana. Members heard more detail on the four principles advanced by FCM to the Task Force. FCM will continue engaging with the federal government in designing the framework over the coming months.

Following that update, Alana Lavoie presented to the Committee on RCMP Labour Relations and Bill C-7. In municipalities that employ the services of the RCMP directly, it is anticipated that changes to operational costs resulting from changes brought forward in Bill C-7 will

impact police staffing levels and costs. The Committee heard that on May 6, FCM sent letters to Ministers Goodale and Brison to signal the municipal sector's concerns with Bill C-7. As Bill C-7 progresses, FCM will continue to engage with the RCMP and Public Safety Canada to ensure the impacts of the bill are understood and options to mitigate these impacts are considered. FCM will also continue to support the PTAs in their engagement on this matter.

Lastly, the Committee heard an update on the Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) and the Interoperability Working Group (IWG). In the coming months, FCM will engage with the federal government through the Interoperability Working Group on important design details for this new network.

In response to discussion surrounding rail safety under other business, a motion was tabled regarding the mandate of the Rail Safety Working Group. The motion calls for the Rail Safety Working Group to expand its work to include examining the costs associated with funding operations related to rail safety, such as training and safety equipment.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Approve the three proposed priority areas: Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy, Marijuana Legalization and Regulation and RCMP Labour Relations and Bill C-7.
2. Give the Rail Safety Working Group a mandate to study the issues and possible action relating to funding for rail safety operations (e.g., equipment and training) and to follow up by sharing the results at the November Board of Directors meeting.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION POLICY**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Committee Chair Bob Long opened the meeting by introducing Vice-Chair Anne Marie Gillis and Vice-Chair David Price, and by welcoming new members and returning members.

Following approval of the agenda and the report of the March 2016 meeting, members were provided information on the advocacy efforts of FCM leadership and staff since the last meeting. Members were updated on FCM's work with the federal government on designing Phase 2 of the infrastructure plan to meet the needs of municipalities. Committee members provided feedback on the shortcomings of existing funding programs for municipal infrastructure and public transit projects. The Committee also discussed the urgent need for additional funding to help municipalities meet required upgrades under Transport Canada's *Grade Crossings Regulations*. Furthermore, members expressed disappointment with the Supreme Court's decision in *Rogers v. Ville de Chateauguay* and its implications for municipal decision-making.

Following extensive discussion, the Committee approved the recommended 2016-2017 policy and advocacy priorities of 1) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; and 2) the Asset Management Capacity Building and Infrastructure Data Collection. Committee members also recommended to the Board to direct staff to analyze the existing Gas Tax Fund structure and its implications for municipalities and report back at the November 2016 Board meeting.

Members were then updated on the progress of the Phase 1 programs announced in Budget 2016 and details of the Phase 2 program design including funding mechanisms and reporting. Committee members expressed concerns with the design and roll-out of Phase 1, including the new reporting requirements and different funding mechanisms, and provided detailed feedback for enhancements for Phase 2. Members emphasized the need to develop a funding formula that best supports public transit projects in communities of all sizes.

The Committee recommended to the Board to endorse a predictable, allocation-based funding model for Phase 2 public transit investments based on a formula that combines transit usage and population, with an additional mechanism to support transformative investments and grow ridership in cases where an allocation formula does not fully meet local needs.

Furthermore, the Committee recommended that the Board direct staff to undertake a technical analysis and needs assessment to inform recommendations on formula options for an allocation-based funding model for Phase 2 public transit investments. The Committee also requested an update on the roll-out of existing and proposed infrastructure programs for the November 2016 board meeting.

The Committee also discussed the Railway Association of Canada's proposals calling for new federal funding for grade crossing improvements and grade separations, a greater federal role in implementing the FCM-RAC Proximity Guidelines, and additional support for the Operation Lifesaver Program. The Committee was then updated on the design and roll-out FCM's Asset Management Fund to support asset management capacity-building at the

local level. Committee members expressed an interest in an increased alignment between FCM's Asset Management Fund and existing programming delivered by provincial/territorial municipal associations.

Committee members considered five resolutions. The Committee recommended that the Board adopt resolutions on the installation of truck sideguards, municipal consultation on the regulation of drones, rail safety and ferry services. The Committee recommended that the Board not adopt a resolution increasing the provincial cost-share to 40 percent for the New Building Canada Fund's National Infrastructure Component. Committee members called on FCM staff to send urgent correspondence to the Minister of Transport if the amended resolution on the installation of truck sideguards is adopted by the Board of Directors.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Approve the two proposed priority areas: Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy and the Asset Management Capacity Building and Infrastructure Data Collection;
2. Endorse a predictable, allocation-based funding model for Phase 2 public transit investments based on a formula that combines transit usage and population, with an additional mechanism to support transformative investments and grow ridership in cases where an allocation formula does not fully meet local needs; and
3. Direct staff to undertake a technical analysis and needs assessment to inform recommendations on formula options for an allocation-based funding model for Phase 2 public transit investments.
4. Direct staff to analyze the existing Gas Tax Fund structure and its implications for municipalities and report back at the November 2016 Board meeting.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN AND REMOTE FORUM

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Chair Diana Rogerson opened the meeting by welcoming new and returning members, as well as by welcoming the Vice-Chairs, Charles Furlong and Jeannie Ehaloak, who called into the meeting from Alavik, NWT and Cambridge Bay, NU, respectively. Chair Rogerson provided members with a brief overview of the mandate of the Forum and reminded members that the purpose of the September meeting is to establish the policy and advocacy priorities for the coming year.

Following approval of the agenda and the report of the March 2016 meeting, members were updated on the policy and advocacy work that has been undertaken by FCM since the last board meeting. In an update from Matt Gemmel, members heard that FCM Past-President Raymond Louie presented to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) as part of their review of basic broadband services. In our final submission to the review, FCM recommended universal access to affordable and reliable broadband services at evolving speeds, and a specific strategy for Canada's North. FCM also made a submission to the Senate Committee on National Finance supporting the increase to the Northern Residents Tax Deduction, which was included in Budget 2016.

The Forum received a summary of the feedback provided by delegates at the Northern and Remote Forum session at FCM's 2016 Annual Conference in Winnipeg. Delegates highlighted northern and remote considerations on the design of FCM's asset management program, and federal Phase 2 infrastructure investments in green infrastructure and social infrastructure.

The Forum then turned its attention to establishing priorities for the upcoming year. Members heard how Phase 2 of the federal government's infrastructure plan will impact northern and remote communities and identified a need to integrate a northern and remote perspective into in FCM's Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy. Recognizing that the federal government is developing a National Housing Strategy, but that there are distinct needs and challenges that must be considered in designing and delivering affordable housing and homelessness programming in northern and remote communities, the members recommended Northern and Remote Affordable Housing and Homelessness as the 2016-17 Forum-specific priority.

Lastly, the Forum heard a presentation from the Senior Manager for Housing Policy with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) who presented plans for developing the National Housing Strategy, particularly as it pertains to northern and remote communities. The Forum heard that, as part of the National Housing Strategy, the federal government is planning to develop a specific plan for Northern and Indigenous housing that will address the particular needs of the north, including the importance of federal support for social housing. FCM members were invited to participate in upcoming consultation sessions in the North.

FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for adoption:

1. Adopt the following 2016-17 policy and advocacy priorities: (a) Phase 2 Infrastructure Advocacy Strategy; (b) Northern and Remote Affordable Housing and Homelessness.

The Forum recommends this report be received.

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INCREASING
WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Standing Committee Chair Chris Fonseca, Regional Councillor, Region of Peel, ON, introduced the Councillor Darren Hill and Councillor Irene Dawson as the Vice-Chairs. She then welcomed Committee members, observers and staff to the meeting. The agenda and minutes were approved based on the minutes being amended to ensure clarity on intersectional approach referenced in the final paragraph of the minutes.

Vice-Chairs Hill and Dawson presented the 2016-17 Committee-specific priorities as well as the shared priority as it relates to the Committee's mandate. One of the recommended priorities of the Committee is the delivery and promotion of *Diverse Voices for Change*, a three-year, \$500,000 initiative. FCM's *Diverse Voices for Change* initiative seeks to increase the number of women across diverse communities who are actively informed by, and engaged in, local government decision-making. Committee members shared their experiences on increasing women's participation as it relates to the Regional Champions network. FCM staff will look at different ways to strengthen the communication in support of the Regional Champions program in an effort to share experiences, strengthen the network, and increase the number of Regional Champions. The Committee also received a presentation from Councillor Chris Coleman on FCM's international programming, including his experience at the Ukraine Municipal Forum in June 2016. In October, FCM will host a webinar on women entrepreneurship as part of international series; Committee members were encouraged to participate in the webinar that will be delivered in English. The Committee approved the following as its priorities for 2016-17:

1. Delivery of the Diverse Voices for Change initiative
2. Regional Champions
3. Scholarships and Awards
4. Promoting Policies, Practices and Strategies in support of the Committee's 30% Representation Goal
5. International Women's Day
6. International partnerships on gender-related programs

In support of the priority on scholarships and awards, the Committee was presented with the recommendation to have the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Councillor Darren Hill, be appointed as co-Chair with Councillor Lorrie Williams for the Sub-Committee. The addition of Councillor Hill will ensure consistency of communication and strategic links of the scholarships and awards with staff and Board members. Councillor Fonseca thanked Councillor Williams for her leadership with the Sub-Committee.

The Committee discussed the implications of increasing the Committee's goal of 30 percent representation of women elected to local government to 50 percent by 2026. Committee members were interested at looking at the Committee through an intersectional analysis approach to the Committee as well as data collection. Staff was asked to gather information and report back to the Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations for referral to staff:

1. That staff analyze the implications of increasing the 30% target in the policy statement to 50% by 2026 and report back in November.

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.

**REPORT THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Chair Roger Anderson introduced the new Vice-Chairs Councillor Garth Frizzell and Councillor Bev Esslinger and welcomed Committee members and presented FCM staff. The members approved the agenda and the minutes from the March 2016 Board of Directors' meeting in Sherbrooke.

The Committee was presented with an update on the work plan of FCM's International Relations Framework. In 2016, for example, FCM will continue to: strengthen its relationship with the federal government through the Joint Working Group, which will meet in early October; advance its development cooperation programming; support the engagement of Canadian municipalities and experts, including members of the Committee, in its programs.

Following the presentation, staff went over FCM's submission to the International Assistance Review, which was led by Global Affairs Canada between May and July 2016. The primary objective of the review was to determine how best to focus Canada's international assistance on helping the poorest and most vulnerable populations, and supporting fragile states. FCM's submission recommended that Canada's international assistance should reflect the following: 1) that Canada pay particular attention to urbanisation and the high proportion of the poor who are living in urban areas; 2) that governance focus on decentralisation and capacity building support for local governments as a way to address these thematic priorities; and 3) include a goal of strengthening innovative strategic partnerships with key Canadian sectors, including with Canadian municipalities. FCM will develop a plan to disseminate the recommendations to government officials and other international partners and stakeholders.

The Committee welcomed the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development to the meeting. Minister Duclos provided an overview of the Government of Canada's plans for the upcoming Habitat III conference in Quito, Ecuador. FCM President Clark Somerville will lead a delegation of Canadian elected officials to Habitat III along with representatives from Metro Vancouver, Montreal and the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal. The delegation will participate in various sessions and forums to demonstrate and express the importance of local governments as development actors. Habitat III will be an opportunity to promote its international and domestic programming and policies through various meetings and presentations.

The Chair announced the appointment of the new SCIR Governance Representatives, who provide strategic oversight to each of FCM's five international programs. The 2016-17 Governance Representatives will be Chair Roger Anderson for the Program on Local Economic Development and Democratic Governance (PLEDDG) in Ukraine; Cllr Michael Thompson for the Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED) program; Cllr Brian Pincott for the Haiti-Municipal Cooperation Program (MCP); Cllr Garth Frizzell for the Sustainable and Inclusive Communities of Latin America (CISAL), Cllr Sylvie Goneau for the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation-LED in Africa; Cllr Bev Esslinger for the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation-LED in Asia; and Cllr Marvin Plett for the Partnerships for Municipal Innovation-LED in Latin America. Committee members received reports on each of the programs.

In 2017, FCM will mark 30 years of international programming. The Committee members undertook a brainstorming exercise to identify different ideas to promote the international work of FCM in Canada and abroad throughout the year. Members emphasized the importance of the annual conference as a key moment to celebrate the results of the FCM's work. FCM staff was asked to prepare a plan based on the suggestions to present at the November meeting. Updates will be provided to the Committee throughout 2017 on the progress of the plan.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Standing Committee recommends this report be received.



Notice of Motion	Councillor Tom Mrakas
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Date: October 4, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Councillor Mrakas

Re: **Vacant and Derelict Buildings By-law**

Whereas long-term vacant buildings may present liabilities to immediate neighbours and the community in general; and

Whereas the Town, by intermittent and often repetitive enforcement activities, has become the default property maintenance manager; and

Whereas there may be considerable potential health, safety, and other issues arising from vacant buildings; and

Whereas a vacant and derelict buildings by-law is meant to regulate the cleanup of empty and poorly-maintained buildings;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That staff be directed to prepare a vacant and derelict buildings by-law for the Town of Aurora and to present said by-law to Council for consideration; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That staff present said by-law to Council for consideration in the second quarter of 2017.