9. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

(f) Environmental Advisory Committee Report 2-2014 dated April 1, 2014.

Motion

12. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Information Items: I-13-I-15

I-13 An email dated March 7, 2014, from the AMCTO The Municipal Experts regarding the proposed new municipal accountability measures.

Receive for information

I-14 An email dated March 31, 2014, from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding the New Building Canada Fund which is open for business.

Receive and refer to Corporate Services Department, Transportation and Works Department, Planning and Development Department and Community Services Department for appropriate action


Receive and refer to Transportation and Works Department for appropriate action
(b) Direction Item: D-3

D-3 That the Town of Aurora requests endorsement from Council that the Government of Ontario consider implementation of recall legislation for municipally elected officials.

Direction Required

14. MOTIONS

(a) To approve recommendations from the following Committee Reports:


15. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

B-22 A by-law to authorize the execution of as an Amending Agreement to the License Agreement between OMERS Realty Management Corp. and 156 Square One Limited and The Corporation of the City of Mississauga File OZ 12/005 W4 and SP 12/112W4 (Ward 4).

PDC-0038-2013/June 19, 2013

B-23 A by-law to authorize the execution of a Cost-Sharing Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx regarding Public Art at the Erindale GO Station (Ward 6).

GC-0248-2013/April 17, 2013
TO: MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Environmental Advisory Committee presents its second report for 2014 and recommends:

EAC-0006-2014
That the presentation on Earth Days by Vivian Peets, Public Relations Co-ordinator, Communications Division, and Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, EcoSource be received for information.

EAC-0007-2014
That the report dated March 18, 2014, from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled, “Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Update” be received for information.

EAC-0008-2014
That the invitation to the 2014 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium hosted by the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee be received.

EAC-0009-2014
That the chart from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division with respect to pending and upcoming agenda items be received for information.

EAC-0010-2014
That the Environmental Advisory Committee supports a submission to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to update the schedule of Noxious Weeds under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5 to remove milkweed and add dog-strangling vine.

EAC-0011-2014
That the verbal update from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee Recognition Event be received for information.
Wynne Government Adds Provincial Oversight to Municipal Government

Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne has announced that her government plans to create new municipal accountability measures that create an additional layer of Provincial oversight for Ontario’s municipalities.

AMCTO is concerned that this move will require municipal administrators to develop new and/or possibly redundant processes to review complaints around service delivery and/or choose whether to have service complaints investigated by Ontario’s Ombudsman. In addition, these service complaints, even if handled by municipalities, could be subjected to “review” by the Ombudsman after the fact.

While AMCTO supports the notion of appropriate oversight, we are greatly concerned that these proposed new legislative requirements will increase the red tape burden for the municipal sector which is already heavily burdened with provincial regulatory and reporting requirements. We are further concerned that these new municipal accountability measures are not reflective of the Municipal Act recognition of municipal governments as a responsible and accountable order of government.

AMCTO concurs with AMO’s comments below:

"The Ontario Government would layer Provincial oversight and new administrative processes on municipal government. It represents duplication and inefficiency, and importantly, it suggests that Wynne’s Government does not trust in the capacity of municipal government to expose and address questions about performance and integrity.

No one knows what it would cost municipal government to fulfill these new responsibilities. But new costs are inevitable, the administrative burden is likely to be substantial, and municipalities and their citizens should expect more red tape.

Assigning oversight authority to the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman, a provincial appointee who is based at Queen’s Park and who reports to Ontario’s Legislature, has the effect of transferring local municipal accountability to the Province."
As debate on this proposed legislation proceeds, AMCTO hopes that the outcomes arising from this debate appropriately reflect the openness, transparency and municipal professionalism that has been a hallmark of Ontario's diverse municipal sector.
TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

March 28, 2014

New Building Canada Fund Announced

Agreement with Provincial Government Required to Allocate Funding in Ontario

Today, the Honourable Denis Lebel, federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs, announced the New Building Canada Fund is "open for Business".

The New Building Canada Fund, a ten-year, $14 billion national fund first announced in the 2013 Budget, will support infrastructure over the next 10 years through:

- A $4 billion National Infrastructure Component (NIC) for national projects;
- Ontario will receive $2.7 billion of the Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component (PTIC) for regional and national projects
- $270 million of the PTIC will be in the Small Communities Fund (SCF) for projects located in Ontario communities with populations 100,000 and under.

We know that these federal funding envelopes generally require a 1/3 contribution from the three orders of government and that the New Building Canada Fund is back-end loaded so that the annual funding envelop gets larger several years out.

AMO understands that municipalities are eligible to apply for funding under all three funds depending on the project and its relation to the eligibility parameters. A guide to applying for NIC funding is available on the New Building Canada Plan web site.

At the same time, the federal government has announced today that it would be entering into discussions with the provinces and territories regarding the administration of the Small Communities Fund and would decide on projects for the PTIC funding jointly with the provinces and territories.

While the federal government has indicated that eligible proponents should contact their provincial ministries of infrastructure regarding PTIC and SCF projects, AMO expects that the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure will announce additional details once discussions with the federal government have concluded. AMO is anxious to ensure the allocation for this year's BCF funding flows to projects as quickly
as possible. We believe this is a shared objective of the provincial and federal governments and therefore they will move quickly to deal with the administrative details.

AMO will update members on any new details as they become available.

AMO Contact: Craig Reid, Senior Advisor, E-mail creid@amo.on.ca, 416.971.9856 ext. 334

PLEASE NOTE AMO Breaking News will be broadcast to the member municipality’s council, administrator and clerk. Recipients of the AMO broadcasts are free to redistribute the AMO broadcasts to other municipal staff as required. We have decided to not add other staff to these broadcast lists in order to ensure accuracy and efficiency in the management of our various broadcast lists.

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March 31, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

I am writing to update you on the implementation of the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012 (the act).

Following consultation with stakeholders, the government has approved a regulation to support Ontario One Call (ON1Call)'s administration of the act. The regulation is in force as of March 31, 2014 and will enable ON1Call to carry out its responsibilities under the act. Specifically, it adopts ON1Call's Schedule 2 of By-law 2 which establishes the terms and conditions of membership. This means that the compliance framework binds members and ON1Call. The regulation also sets out a maximum fine amount of $10,000 for offences prosecuted under the act.

We appreciate the feedback received during the consultation on the proposals. As a result of this feedback, revisions were made to the originally proposed terms and conditions of membership. I would like to bring to your attention three items in particular:

- The current fee schedule continues to be in effect. Any future changes to the fee schedule would require the approval of two-thirds of members in attendance at a vote. This provides individual members with greater input into fee-setting made by the board.

- Members are required to report back to ON1Call using the online 360 Feedback feature to advise that locates are complete. Members will now have three business days instead of the originally proposed two business days to report back, with up to five days in extenuating circumstances.

- All members are expected to comply with the compliance framework and the act's requirements. Non-municipal infrastructure owners were required to be members of ON1Call by June 19, 2013. Municipalities must be members of ON1Call by June 19, 2014. With the regulation now in place, ON1Call may assess financial penalties against members for non-compliance. Recognizing the different dates of membership, ON1Call will not assess financial penalties against municipalities for one year beginning June 19, 2014. ON1Call will continue to work with all members to facilitate compliance during this period.
A copy of the regulation will be available on the e-laws website shortly at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca. To view a copy, use the alphabetical directory to find the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012, and click on the link to the regulation. A copy of the terms and conditions of membership is available now on ON1Call’s website. ON1Call will also communicate with members directly to provide more information.

If you are a member of ON1Call, it is important that your organization is aware of and is in compliance with the terms and conditions of membership. Should you have questions about terms and conditions or membership in general, please contact ON1Call’s Member Services at (519) 265-8006 extension 8804.

If you are an excavator, it is important to note that excavators continue to be responsible for ensuring they have obtained the necessary locates before digging.

ON1Call will continue to address operational concerns by working with members, excavators and other safety and infrastructure partners through communication and education. For example, ON1Call will be developing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on specific topics which will be available on their website at www.on1call.com shortly.

Thank you again for taking part in the consultations, and for your participation in Ontario’s province-wide one-call-to-dig system.

Sincerely,

Giles Gherson
Deputy Minister

c: Lloyd Chiotti, Executive Director, ON1Call
March 10, 2014

Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Introduction of Municipal Recall Election Legislation

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on February 11, 2014 and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS there are few means to remove an elected official from office other than through the election process; and

WHEREAS the time between municipal election periods has grown to four years; and

WHEREAS significant damage can be caused in a four-year period should an elected official act to the detriment of the municipality; and

WHEREAS it is not the most effective use of time for municipal representatives to police one another through Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners; and

WHEREAS the penalties that can be imposed through Codes of Conduct are relatively minor; and

WHEREAS there is a problem with Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioners being used for political purposes; and

WHEREAS Codes of Conduct have proven ineffective in curtailing detrimental behaviour; and

WHEREAS establishing Codes of Conduct and employing Integrity Commissioners can be an expensive endeavour; and
WHEREAS the detrimental behaviour of some elected officials reflects poorly upon all elected officials, especially if they are not held accountable for this behaviour; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent upon all elected representatives to maintain a high standard of integrity; and

WHEREAS Progressive Conservative MPP Randy Hillier has introduced a Private Member's Bill to introduce recall elections for provincially-elected officials but omits municipally-elected officials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora formally requests that the Government of Ontario consider the implementation of recall legislation for municipally-elected officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every municipality in the province of Ontario for endorsement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Member of Provincial Parliament in the province of Ontario.

The above is for your information and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours truly,

Warren Mar  
Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Town Clerk (Acting)

WM/itm

Copy: Every Municipality in Ontario  
   Every MPP in Ontario  
   Mr. Geoffrey Dawe, Mayor, Town of Aurora  
   Mr. Paul Pirri, Councillor, Town of Aurora