



Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: July 8th, 2024
Correspondence Package Number A-24-JUL-09

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package Number. A-24-JUL-09 be received, and that the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Action Items:

1. **Resolution for Support – Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities**

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) as information; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

Whereas the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

Whereas in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

Whereas the EOWC has released a regional [Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#) showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

Whereas Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

Whereas the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

Whereas small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Arnprior joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

Further That the Federal and Provincial Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the [EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#) in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; the Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC); Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

From: EOWC <info@eowc.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:08 AM

Subject: Request for Resolution of Support - Calling for Investment in Municipal Infrastructure for Eastern Ontario's Small and Rural Communities

Good morning fellow Heads of Council and Deputy Heads of Council across the EOWC region,

As Chair of the EOWC, I am looking for your support in advocating for infrastructure investment across small and rural Eastern Ontario municipalities. I ask that you **please bring forward the resolution to your upcoming July/August Council meetings** (draft attached). This will help us to build momentum ahead of the AMO 2024 Conference around the EOWC's number one strategic priority of investing in infrastructure.

The EOWC recently released our regional [Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper](#). The paper outlines key data and takeaway evidence that supports investment for Eastern Ontario. We are looking to encourage the Federal and Ontario Governments to come to the table and fund rural and small communities' infrastructure, as municipalities do not have the tools and revenues to do it alone. This includes new growth investment as well as maintaining and repairing existing assets. I encourage you all to read the paper in detail and use it as part of your own local advocacy and infrastructure work.

How else can you amplify the message? Please like and share the EOWC's social media posts, and sign up for our newsletter:

[LinkedIn Post](#)

[Twitter \(X\) Post](#)

[June 2024 EOWC Newsletter](#)

Should you have questions, please contact Meredith Staveley-Watson, Manager of Government Relations and Policy at meredith.staveley-watson@eowc.org or 647-545-8324.

Thank you for your continued support and leadership as part of the EOWC.

Sincerely,

Peter Emon

2024 Chair, Warden of Renfrew County

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