

March 19, 2015

Sent by Electronic Mail

Sharon Vokes, Acting CAO
County of Grey
595 9th Avenue East
OWEN SOUND ON N4K 3E3

Dear Sharon Vokes:

Re: Request for Assistance – Frozen Watermains and Services

City Council, at its meeting held on March 16, 2015 considered the above noted matter and Resolution No. R-150316-021 adopted the following motion:

"WHEREAS a safe and secure supply of water is essential for all urban communities;

AND WHEREAS small municipalities such as the City of Owen Sound struggle to keep their water and sewer system sustainable based on their local revenues;

AND WHEREAS winters are becoming more harsh causing significant challenges for municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Owen Sound like many other municipalities across the province have experienced unprecedented numbers of watermain breaks and frozen water services as a result of the current winter season;

AND WHEREAS the damages to the City's water system have imposed additional and unforeseen costs on the City to be borne by the users of an already cash strapped water distribution system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 4. The City petition the Province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to recover the funds expended in response to the current crisis.**
- 5. The City request the Province of Ontario initiate and fund a programme that will assist municipalities to correct deficiencies in their water systems that make them susceptible to changing nature of winter in the province.**
- 6. This resolution be forwarded to the following for their information, support and follow up:**
 - g. Premier Kathleen Wynne;**
 - h. Minister Glen Murray, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change;**
 - i. Bill Walker, M.P.P. for Bruce Grey Owen Sound;**
 - j. New Democratic Party (NDP) of Ontario;**
 - k. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and**
 - l. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."**

The City of Owen Sound appreciates your attention to this important matter and looks forward to your favourable response to our request.

Yours truly,



Briana Bloomfield, B.A. (Hons.)

Deputy Clerk

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- c: Premier Wynne
G. Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
B. Walker, M.P.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound Riding
A. Horwath, NDP
P. Vanini, AMO
B. Woodside, FCM
Mayor and Council
R. Coursey, City Manager
K. Becking, Director of Operations
W. Ritchie, Director of Financial Services