CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
September 12, 2016

a) Correspondence from the Reeve, Township of Carlow/Mayo re: Request for support regarding Bill 171 Highway Traffic Amendment Act (waste collection vehicles and snow plows), 2016.

b) Correspondence from the Chief Statistician, Statistics Canada re: 2016 Census.

c) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of North Dundas re: Reinstatement of the Rural Economic Development Fund.

d) Correspondence from the Library CEO, Meaford Public Library re: background information regarding the upcoming meeting September 20, 2016 on the Review of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Agreement, 2012 – 2021.

e) Correspondence from the Executive Director, OGRA re: End of OGRA/ROMA combined conference partnership and 2017 OGRA Conference February 26-March 1, 2017.

f) Correspondence from the Minister of Energy re: Amendments to the Energy Consumer Protection Act (ECPA).

g) Approvals issued for the following Temporary Street Closure Permits:
   - Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6 – Zone Convention parade – September 18, 2016
Dear Minister Del Duca:

I am writing today to urgently request your support regarding Bill 171, Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Waste Collection Vehicles and Snow Plows), 2016.

The Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo considers this Bill to be an important initiative that will save lives and ensure that workers whose jobs take place in roadways are made safer.

The following quotation from the Milestones Magazine highlights the concerns in our municipality:

“For many of these workers, their workplace is a vehicle and the edge of the road where there is increased risk from careless and distracted drivers and rear end collisions. The increased risk, resultant injuries and fatalities that are associated with this kind of work are a problem across North America. This Bill would bring Ontario in line with other jurisdictions that have already protected similar workers.” OGRA MILESTONES Spring/Summer 2016

We strongly agree with the above quoted statement as our operators have been involved in motor vehicle accidents due to the inattention and distraction of the public.

Our operators should be treated the same as the O.P.P., EMS and Fire because we also provide essential service to the public.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Adams
Reeve of the Township of Carlow/Mayo

Copy – All Ontario Municipalities
Dear Mayor Boddy,

I would like to thank your municipality for the strong support provided to the 2016 Census.

With outstanding engagement from Canadians from coast to coast and unwavering support from municipal governments and community organizations, Statistics Canada achieved its best census ever.

Canadians' response rate of 97.8 per cent to the 2016 long form is the best ever recorded. With the active participation by 9 in 10 Canadian households who completed their short and long-form questionnaire without assistance from Statistics Canada, and the world-record Internet response rate of 68.3 per cent, 2016 is undeniably the most efficient among traditional censuses conducted in the world.

These impressive results coupled with an overall collection response rate of 98.4 per cent will yield high-quality information for virtually all communities across Canada.

Statistics Canada now shifts its focus to dissemination with a first data release on February 8, 2017, launching an accelerated release schedule that will provide Canadians with all census data within 18 months of collection.

Please pass along our thanks to your staff. Thank you again for your support.

Wayne R. Smith

Chief Statistician of Canada
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August 30, 2016

Honourable Jeff Leal
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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RE: Reinstatement of the Rural Economic Development Fund

Dear Mr. Leal,

Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution adopted by the Township of North Dundas’ Council at the August 9th, 2016 session. I am including a copy of the referenced documentation from the Municipality of South Dundas for your information.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne McCaslin
Clerk

Encls.

cc: Premier Kathleen Wynne (premier@ontario.ca)
Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (bduguid.mpp@liberal.ola.org)
Brenda Brunt, Director of Corporate Services / Clerk, Municipality of South Dundas (bbrunt@southdundas.com)
North Dundas Resolution:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH DUNDAS

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY ________________________________
SECONDED BY ________________________________

RESOLUTION NO ________________________________

DATE August 9, 2016

That Council support the resolution received from the Municipality of South Dundas that requests the Premier of the Province of Ontario to reconsider suspension of the Rural Economic Development program (RED) and its integration into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund and further; That letters of support be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

☐ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED ☐ DEFERRED

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MAYOR

Recorded Vote:

Mayor Duncan ________________________________
Deputy Mayor Boyce ________________________________
Councillor Armstrong ________________________________
Councillor Fraser ________________________________
Councillor Thompson ________________________________

I, Jo-Anne McClellan, Clerk of the Township of North Dundas, in the County of Dundas, hereby certify this to be a true copy, this 30th day of August, 2016.

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Jo-Anne McClellan
Good Morning:

Please find attached a resolution that was passed by Council of the Municipality of South Dundas at their regular Council meeting held on April 19, 2016 for your Council’s consideration and support.

The government of Ontario has suspended the current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development (RED) program with plans to integrate it into the restrictive Jobs and Prosperity Fund. This will prevent the ability of rural municipalities to access funding for capacity building community economic development projects. Please see the attached list of projects that were eligible for funding under the RED program.

Thank you for your consideration!

Brenda M. Brunt, CMO
Director of Corporate Services/Clark
Municipality of South Dundas
34 Ottawa Street, P.O. Box 740
Morrisburg, ON K0C 1X0

613.543.2673
southdundas.com
WHERE AS in the 2016 Ontario Budget, the government of Ontario has suspended current intake of applications to the Rural Economic Development program and has indicated that it plans to integrate the program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund.

WHERE AS the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is narrowly focused and is restricted to private sector organizations and industry partners, which prevents access to funding for rural municipalities and others who formerly benefitted from the Rural Economic Development Program. The emphasis on large projects that meet either of minimum $5 million or $10 million in eligible project costs thresholds, will significantly restrict benefits from this fund.

WHERE AS in contrast, the Rural Economic Development Program supported a number of capacity building projects including but not limited ‘Business Retention and Expansion’ and ‘Downtown Revitalization’ projects and Economic Development Strategic Planning projects for small rural municipalities who were looking to improve their local economy. Also of note is that because the Jobs and Prosperity Fund is not specifically designated for rural areas, that funds from this program will likely favour more urban areas of the province.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Municipality of South Dundas asks the government of Ontario to reconsider the suspension of and the Integration of the Rural Economic Development Program into the Jobs and Prosperity Fund with the view to ensuring that Rural Economic Development Program stays as an Intricate funding program of the Province that will support capacity building and foster economic growth in rural municipalities in Ontario.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipal and regional councils in Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Premier and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

☐ CARRIED  ☐ DEFEATED  ☐ DEFERRED

[Signature]

MAYOR

Recorded Vote:
Mayor Delegarde
Deputy Mayor Locke
Councillor St. Pierre
Councillor Ewing
Councillor Melan
From: Cathie Lee [mailto:Cathie@meafordlibrary.on.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:35 PM
To: msmith@gerogianbluffs.on.ca; Van Alphen, Kristen <kvanalphen@owensound.ca>; gnayler@chatsworth.ca
Cc: Peter Bantock <prbantock@gmail.com>
Subject: Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Agreement Review Meeting September 20, 2016

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter to your respective Council members from Meaford Public Library Board Chair, Peter Bantock with some background information regarding the upcoming meeting on the Review of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Agreement, 2012 – 2021. If you could please distribute to your respective Council members in preparation for the September 20th meeting it would appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cathie

Cathie Lee
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August 31, 2016

Via email

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Dear Councillors:

RE: Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Agreement - 5 Year Review
September 20, 2016

I am writing with respect to the upcoming meeting of the member municipalities of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library (OSNGUPL) to undertake a five year review of your agreement. As you may be aware, the Meaford Public Library (MPL) has a library services contract with the OSNGUPL and is planning to attend the review meeting. At that time the MPL would like to discuss amending the contract as part of the mid-term review.

Attached is an issue paper outlining the MPL’s concerns with the current contract and a proposal for revision. For those of you planning on attending the September 20, 2016 meeting, please review the attached material and be prepared to discuss this item at that time.

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Enclosed for background information on this item are copies of correspondence between OSNGUPL and MPL.

I look forward to a fruitful discussion at the September 20 meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Bantock, Chair

c: Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
   Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
Discrepancies in understanding the Library services agreement:
- The terms of the agreement state that it can be revisited at the mid-way point. Our interpretation is that there are no restrictions to “revisiting”.
- OSNGUPL Chair has suggested the agreement could be extended for a further 5 years – this constitutes a major change to the agreement.
- Contracting library services on a fee-for-service/contract basis is a board-to-board responsibility. Council’s role is only with respect to funding. The agreement among the three full partners in OSNGUPL is a partnership, but a fee-for-service relationship is quite different.

“Political reality” that exists within the agreement:
- There are two ways to terminate this agreement: 1) stop payment and, 2) give notice to terminate the contract
- The inequities within the agreement for Meaford include
  - students in an O.S. school with addresses outside former Sydenham do not have library privileges
  - no accurate account of number of residents/families who actually use OSNGUPL services
  - the funding formula for contracted services is determined on the basis of full partnership including capital and reserve contributions

The Proposal to be negotiated between the MPL and OSNGUPL Boards of Directors:
- a two-year term with a fee-for-service of $116,000 with an escalation clause in keeping with Council’s priority of Ontario COLA;
- the OSNGUPL non-resident fee of $500/family will not be considered
- the possibility of extending this new agreement for a further two-year term
- All residents of Meaford will be eligible to access these services from the OSNGUPL
- There will be minimal loss of revenue to OSNGUPL with this scenario for the 2017-2018 budget
- A list including addresses of actual users of these services from Meaford will be delivered upon request
- Billing for these services will be submitted semi-annually to the Municipality of Meaford
- Meaford representation on the OSNGUPL Board of Directors will not be required

The rationale:
- The assumption is that there will not be a significant increase in users from Meaford and therefore will not require additional staff or workload from OSNGUPL staff
Memorandum

To: Mayors & Members of Council of Union Library Member Municipalities;
Chair & Members of the Meaford Public Library Board;
Chair & Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board.

From: Tim Nicholls Harrison, Chief Librarian/CEO

Date: May 19, 2016


Comments:

We have successfully completed the first half of the 10-year term of the Union Library Agreement that came into ‘effect January 1, 2012 and shall be in effect for a period of ten (10) years from that date [to December 31, 2021], provided that five (5) years from that date, i.e.: in the year 2016 the parties hereto shall consult each with the other in order to review the terms hereof...” – Union Library Agreement: Paragraph 1.

In accordance with the Agreement that governs the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, we wish to provide the opportunity for such a “Review”.

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2016
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, Auditorium

Representatives from each Municipality and Library Board are invited to review the Agreement in terms of its effectiveness, achievements, its next five years, and its extension beyond 2021. Please note that the current Union Library Agreement is not under negotiation at this time. This Review will be chaired by Owen Sound City Councillor Richard Thomas, Chair of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board.
Kindly respond to Lindsey Harris, Administrative Services Coordinator, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library (519-376-6623 X 205; e-mail: lharris@owensound.library.on.ca) with names of representatives from your Council or Library Board that will attend.

Please direct comments or questions about this Review to:
- Tim Nicholls Harrison, Chief Librarian/CEO (519-376-6623 x 201; e-mail: tnichollsharrison@owensound.library.on.ca)
- Councillor Richard Thomas (519-376-2639; e-mail: rjthomas@owensound.ca)

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nicholls Harrison
Chief Librarian/CEO
Memorandum

To: Mayors & Members of Council of Union Library Member Municipalities; Chair & Members of the Meaford Public Library Board; Chair & Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board.

From: Tim Nicholls Harrison, Chief Librarian/CEO

Date: May 27, 2016


Comments:

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date for the meeting has been changed from June until September.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nicholls Harrison
Chief Librarian/CEO
June 1, 2016

Councillor Richard Thomas, Library Board Chair
Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
824 First Avenue West
Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K4

Dear Councillor Thomas,

We are in receipt of your May 19 and May 27, 2016 memoranda inviting the members of the Meaford Public Library (MPL) Board to a Review of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library (OSNGUPL) Agreement 2012-2021.

As you may be aware, the Municipality of Meaford is undergoing a Service Delivery Review and the Meaford Public Library is part of this process. We are working together to drive continuous improvement to all of the programs and services offered to our community which includes reducing barriers to library services. Due to the importance of this initiative in our community, we would like to request that the original meeting date of June 21, 2016 proceed as originally planned with the members of the MPL Board and the OSNGUPL Board.

While both memoranda note that Union Library members are not planning on renegotiating the terms of the Union Agreement, the Meaford Public Library is not part of the Union Library and the Union Agreement does not apply to the MPL. As such, the MPL board has arrived at a different interpretation of clause 1 in Schedule A, “...parties shall consult each with the other in order to review the terms hereof...” as to the inviolability of the terms of the contract. A review of the terms of the contract implies an opportunity to alter the terms of the Library Services Contract. The MPL Board is looking at this meeting as an opportunity to set the parameters by which the agreement can be reviewed, evaluated and amended, as necessary, in order to achieve the strategic priorities of our community.
The MPL Board is committed to providing the best possible library experience to our community and we look forward to setting the stage for further discussion on the Library Services Agreement. Please confirm by Friday, June 3, 2016 that the OSNGUPL Board is still available for the June 21, 2016 meeting date.

Sincerely,

Peter Bantock, Chair

Cc: Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
    Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
    Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
    Tim Nichols Harrison, CEO, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
June 30, 2016

Peter Bantock, Library Board Chair
Meaford Public Library
15 Trowbridge Street West
Meaford, ON  N4L 1V4

Dear Mr. Bantock,

Thank you for your letter dated June 1, 2016. As you know, we followed up with telephone conversations and agreed to meet “Library Board to Library Board”. We would like to extend our appreciation to the members of the Meaford Public Library Board for their attendance on June 23, 2016 to discuss the Review of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Agreement 2012 – 2021. Though, we had anticipated more information about specific ideas that you had, I am sure that you will have more details in the future.

As you know, our next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the OSNGUP Library Auditorium. We have invited the representatives from the Meaford Public Library Board and representatives from the Municipalities of Chatsworth, Georgian Bluffs, Owen Sound and Meaford. This meeting is part of our Union Library Agreement.

The scope and purpose of the meeting is the same as the one that was held ten years ago. It is an opportunity for members to review and comment on the success of the current library agreement. While it is certainly an opportunity to examine ways that we can make improvements, the intent is not to renegotiate the Union Library Agreement. Our Union Agreement, in its current form, has another five years of contracted service delivery.

Once again, we were pleased to make time available to meet with the Meaford Public Library Board on June 23. We are excited about the ways that we can continue to work together to provide services to our local communities. We look forward to your attendance and participation on
September 20th. It is great to be working with you, the Members of your Board and the Library Staff.

Wishing you the very best.

Sincerely,

Richard Thomas, Chair

Cc: Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
   Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
   Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
   Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
August 18, 2016

Councillor Richard Thomas, Library Board Chair
Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
824 First Avenue West
Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K4

Dear Councillor Thomas,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Thursday, June 23, 2016 to hear some of our concerns regarding the current Library Services Contract with the Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library (OSNGUPL). The Meaford Public Library (MPL) Board had an opportunity to review your follow-up letter dated June 30, 2016. As noted in our letter of June 1, 2016, the Meaford Public Library contracts services from OSNGUPL and therefore does not consider itself to be either a member or a partner of this corporation.

As you will recall at the June 23rd meeting, MPL Board members expressed some concerns with the terms and conditions of the current Library Services contract. While we acknowledge that both libraries endeavour to serve their residents to the best of their ability, we believe that the contract, as it stands now, is inequitable. For the past fifteen years, the library services contract has allowed some residents of our municipality to access the OSNGUPL, but not all. Of specific concern are those Meaford children with an address outside the former Sydenham who attend school in Owen Sound.

In addition, as part of the Service Delivery Review that the Municipality of Meaford is undertaking, it is acknowledged that municipal budgets must continue to adapt to fiscal challenges. After much discussion on this inequity as well as fiscal challenges, the MPL Board proposes to amend the contract for services as part of the review which was authorized at the mid-point of the agreement.

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As per the Public Libraries Act, library services are to be negotiated and agreed to between library boards. We would therefore suggest that we meet again in advance of your September 2016 meeting, to begin discussions of a reasonable fee for a service contract that would address access for those Meaford residents that do not now have access. I would suggest that perhaps you, the OSNGUPL CEO, and a couple of Board members meet with three of four members of the MPL Board. I would like to propose the afternoon of September 6, 2016 here at the MPL as a possible date and location.

MPL staff will contact your CEO to work on the details. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Peter Bantock, Chair

Cc: Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
    Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
    Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
    Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
August 22, 2016

Peter Bantock, Chair
Meaford Public Library
15 Trowbridge Street West
Meaford, ON N4L 1V4

Dear Mr. Bantock,

Thanks for your letter dated August 18, 2016. Unfortunately I must decline your offer of a September 6th meeting due to the shortness of time and our already busy schedules.

As I mentioned in my last letter, the five-year review of the Union Library Agreement was not intended to be an opportunity to renegotiate the ten-year agreement, or, in your case, a ten-year contract for services.

I would encourage you to attend the five-year review meeting, scheduled for September 20th, to discuss your concerns and present your suggestions to the Union partners for discussion. If you’re unable to attend, and have a suggested course of action or a proposal, I would be happy to present it to the partners on your behalf.

I agree completely with your interpretation of the library act regarding board to board negotiations; but I would suggest that when the act was written it did not contemplate a Union Library scenario such as ours. We may be free to negotiate as a board; but no changes to any part of the agreement can be made without first approaching each of the member councils for approval. This is the political reality that we live with; I would ask the Meaford Library Board to respect that.

Our board meets next on September 22nd, your letter and request will go forward to the members then, and I will seek their direction regarding your request at that time. I look forward to working with you as we continue to build a strong relationship between our libraries for our communities.

Thanks,

Richard Thomas
Chair, Owen Sound and North Grey Union Public Library Board
Cc: Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
    Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
    Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
    Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
August 31, 2016

Councillor Richard Thomas, Library Board Chair
Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
824 First Avenue West
Owen Sound, ON N4K 4K4

Dear Councillor Thomas,

I am in receipt of your August 22, 2016 letter noting the September 20, 2016 meeting of the Union Library partners. Please note that the Meaford Public Library (MPL) will be attending the meeting.

Please add MPL to the agenda.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Bantock, Chair

Cc: Members of the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library Board
    Members of the Meaford Public Library Board
    Cathie Lee, CEO, Meaford Public Library
    Tim Nicholls Harrison, CEO, Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library
August 30, 2016

City of Owen Sound
City Hall, 808 Second Avenue East
Owen Sound ON N4K 2H4

Attention: Mayor & Members of Council

Re: OGRA Conference, February 26 – March 1, 2017, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

OGRA has received numerous letters from municipalities endorsing a resolution from the Township of South-West Oxford regarding ROMA’s decision to end the OGRA/ROMA Combined Conference partnership. OGRA would like to take a moment to set the record straight.

The OGRA Board of Directors was surprised and disappointed by ROMA’s unilateral decision to revert back to running a separate conference, thus ending a very productive, 17 year partnership that served Ontario municipalities well. The Combined Conference was a major success that strengthened both organizations. OGRA remains open to re-establish the Combined Conference partnership with ROMA because that is the best way for both organizations to serve their municipal members.

That said, we also want to take a moment to assure you that the 2017 OGRA Conference will continue to offer a diverse cutting edge program for our delegates. We can confirm that:

- A number of world class keynote speakers have confirmed their attendance;
- The concurrent sessions will cover the wide spectrum of municipal issues and will continue to be both thought-provoking and applicable to OGRA’s municipal members;
- For the third consecutive year, OGRA will convene the Small Town Forum;
- OGRA’s Emerging Municipal Leaders Forum will also be held for the third straight year;
- OGRA intends to hold a Ministers’ Forum and are in discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the scheduling of delegations during the
• conference. The fact that the OGRA Conference will be held later in February when the legislature is sitting, will no doubt facilitate Provincial participation;
• The trade show will be substantially enhanced;
• Additional meals will be included in the basic registration fee; and
• Registration fees will be unchanged from 2016 rates.

Should you or any members of your council have any questions, I would encourage you to contact us.

On behalf of the OGRA Board of Directors, we hope to see you at the 2017 OGRA Conference in Toronto, February 26th – March 1st, 2017.

Regards,

[Signature]

J. W. Tiernan
Executive Director
September 1, 2016

His Worship Ian Boddy
Mayor
City of Owen Sound
808 Second Avenue East
Owen Sound ON N4K 2H4

Dear Mayor Boddy:

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on changes to legislation that will help protect electricity consumers from door-to-door energy contract sales.

Amendments to the Energy Consumer Protection Act (ECPA), and the supporting regulation, provide increased protective measures for consumers when entering into energy contracts with electricity retailers and gas marketers. This includes measures aimed at protecting consumers against aggressive sales tactics and providing consumers with the ability to make more informed choices about energy purchases. Some of the key changes include:

- Banning door-to-door sales of retail energy contracts and creating rules to govern permissible marketing activity at the home of a consumer;
- Requiring that all retail energy contracts, including those entered into over the Internet, are subject to a standardized verification process;
- Authorizing the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), through its codes/rules, to require that prices offered by retailers and marketers be determined in accordance with specific requirements;
- Prohibiting sales agents selling energy retail contracts from being remunerated based on commission;
- New cancellation provisions that will also allow consumers to cancel an energy contract 30 days after receiving their second bill, with no cost; and
- Prohibiting auto-renewal for all energy contracts.

Provisions amending the ECPA will be proclaimed into force on January 1, 2017. Additionally, the amendments to O. Reg. 389/10 (General) made under the ECPA were filed with the Registrar of Regulations on June 24, 2016, with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

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The government works with the OEB to protect consumers. The OEB will update its codes of conduct and other regulatory documents to align with the amendments to the ECPA and O. Reg. 389/10.

To view the amendments to O. Reg. 389/10, as filed with the Registrar of Regulations, please visit www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r16241.

These measures were enacted to support and protect Ontario’s ratepayers in light of an evolving energy sector. The banning of door-to-door energy contracts, together with limiting high-pressure sales tactics, will help ensure that electricity consumers are better protected.

Strengthening consumer protection in the energy sector is part of the government’s plan to build Ontario up, and we are committed to improving policies and processes that impact the everyday lives of Ontarians.

I trust that this information is helpful. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister
SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 2009-040
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
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1900 20th Street East,
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Phone: 519-376-4530 Fax: 519-372-1209

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE APPLICATION

APPLICANT (Contact person)  ORGANIZATION
Name: Cathy Gibson Name: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 6
Address: 120 Kirk Street Address: PO Box 186

RR# 2 Kemble

Municipality: Georgian Bluffs Municipality: City of Owen Sound
Province: ON Province: ON
Postal Code: N0H 1S0 Postal Code: N4K 5P3
Phone: 519-377-7803 Phone: 519-376-7784
Fax: 519-371-3533 Email: s-cgibson@rogers.com

NAME OF EVENT: Zone Convention parade

TYPE OF EVENT: (i.e. parade, etc.) parade

Did you conduct this event in a previous year, if so when? April 9, 2016

Date and time of commencement of temporary street closure required:
Date: September 18, 2016 Time: 11:30 am

Date and time of end of temporary street closure:
Date: September 18, 2016 Time: 12:15 pm

Streets to be Temporarily Closed: 1st Avenue West from 8th Street West to 9th Street West. Copy of map attached.
Location/Route of event on City street(s) – (if parade, please include map outlining route):
1st Avenue West from the Tourism Office at 1155 1st Avenue West to 10th Street West, police escorted across 10th Street West to 9th Street West and Police escorted across 9th Street West to the Cenotaph at 8th Street West

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
1. A Certificate of Liability Insurance in the amount of $2,000,000 naming The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound as co-insured must be attached to this application.
2. The applicant accepts full responsibility for and suits, actions or damages that may arise or be taken against The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound by reasons of, or in connection with this event and accepts the responsibility for clean up associated with this event.

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Signature of the Applicant  Date of Application

I have the authority to sign this form which commits the above mentioned organization to the above Terms and Conditions. I also acknowledge that if the Terms and Conditions of this permit are not fulfilled, the City will assume that the event will not take place.

CERTIFICATION – TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

Certification by the Director of Operations (or his/her designate) for The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound authorizing the temporary closing of streets for parades or other events

I, _______________  _______________
CHRIS WEBB  Date of Approval
certify that the temporary closure outlined in this application may be undertaken pursuant to the City of Owen Sound By-law 2009-040.

The following additional terms and conditions must also be met by the applicant: The Applicant will be making arrangements with Police Services for Police escort at 10th Street West & 9th Street West. The Applicant will be notifying St. Andrew’s Church of the 11:30 closure.

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Signature of Director or Designate  Date of Approval
Owen Sound Operations Department