

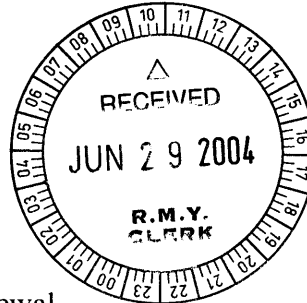
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**REGION OF YORK
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FILE No. - P04

**RE: Canada, Ontario to Increase Investment in Municipal and Rural
Infrastructure**

→ Chair
CFO
S. Cartwright

The enclosed News Release regarding the announcement of the signing of a Letter of Intent that will lead to increased funding for public infrastructure in small urban centres and rural municipalities was considered by the Committee of the whole at its meeting of June 7, 2004.

Council of the Township of King adopted the following Resolution at its meeting on June 21, 2004:

WHEREAS on May 6th, 2004 officials of the Governments of Canada, the Province of Ontario and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) signed two letters of intent leading to funding for public infrastructure under the Canada-Ontario-Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund;

AND WHEREAS the first letter of intent deals with the commitment of financial resources and principles related to finalizing an agreement that would see that federal government committing \$298 million over five years with the Province and Municipal orders providing matching funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Ontario have pledged to work closely with AMO to create and implement eligibility criteria and an application process that is simple and equitable;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the Township of King has several capital works projects that will commence subsequent to the May 6th, 2004 grant announcement but prior to the finalization of eligibility criteria and application process;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that The Corporation of the Township of King endorse the following:

1. **THAT** the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be requested to ensure that eligibility criteria include commenced projects.

Also enclosed is an extract of the relevant Council minutes for your reference and information.

Yours truly,



Chris Somerville
Clerk

- cc. Pat Vanini, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Infrastructure Canada – Communications and Promotions
Mary Johnson, Office of the Minister of State (Infrastructure)
Hon. Greg Sorbara, MPP, Vaughan/King/Aurora
Julia Munro, MPP, York-North
Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York
Rob Flindall, Director of Operations, Township of King
Councillor Jane Underhill, Township of King
Hon. David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal (Ont)

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

The following item from the Committee of the Whole Report of June 7th, 2004 was adopted by Council at its meeting of June 21st, 2004.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL – OWEN SOUND RE: ONTARIO TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN MUNICIPAL AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee considered correspondence from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Owen Sound regarding the Governments of Canada and Ontario's announcement of the signing of a Letter of Intent that will lead to increased funding for public infrastructure in small urban centres and rural municipalities.

Committee recommends that the correspondence from the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Owen Sound be received and that the following resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – Owen Sound, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Infrastructure Canada, Office of the Minister of State (Infrastructure):

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CHRIS SOMERVILLE
CLERK



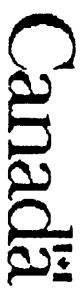
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News Release

CANADA, ONTARIO TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN MUNICIPAL AND RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

OWEN SOUND (Ontario), May 6, 2004 – The Governments of Canada and Ontario today announced the signing of a Letter of Intent that will lead to increased funding for public infrastructure in small urban centres and rural municipalities. Ontario is the first province to partner with the federal government in this program to fund municipal rural infrastructure. The investments will be made through the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF).

The investments will help small towns and rural communities comply with drinking water standards, improve sewage treatment and waste management, fix local roads and repair bridges, as well as help address other health and safety priorities.

Today, the signing of a second Letter of Intent pledges the Governments of Canada and Ontario to work closely with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to implement the program and ensure it meets local priorities and needs. Together, they intend to finalize a protocol with the association that would outline its role and responsibility in the future delivery of the program.

The federal government is committing \$298 million over five years to infrastructure projects in small towns and rural municipalities in Ontario. Investments from the Government of Ontario and the municipalities participating in the program are each expected to match that amount. The federal, provincial and municipal governments should then provide approximately \$900 million.

"The fund supports infrastructure projects that Ontario communities identify as key priorities. The signing of these Letters of Intent marks an important 'first' in a series of agreements that the Government of Canada is advancing with each province and territory," said the Honourable

Joe Volpe, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development.

"A strong Ontario depends on strong communities, including our smaller cities and rural communities. This program demonstrates our commitment to deliver real, positive change that will improve quality of life for all Ontarians," said the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal. "This is a major step forward in building strong communities with a quality of life that is second to none."

"I am especially pleased that our governments have agreed to work in collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to help address municipalities' needs," said the Honourable

Joe Comuzzi, Minister of State(Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario) and Minister responsible for the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program.

"These Letters of Intent demonstrate the Government of Ontario's commitment to help communities grow stronger, and become more sustainable, clean and livable," added the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "This marks a new era of cooperation where all three levels of government are working together for the benefit of all Ontarians."

"We share a common goal in renewing our communities and today is the beginning of a new era in making this a reality," said Ann Mulvale, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario. "Bringing the municipal perspective to the design and implementation of this program is fundamental to its success and we look forward to completing the work."

The Letters of Intent formalize an agreement between the federal and provincial governments and AMO to:

- develop a framework to guide project selection to maximize public benefits, especially with respect to environmental issues;
- design a faster and simpler application process for municipalities;
- create a joint secretariat to review and evaluate project applications;

- establish a target for *green infrastructure* to protect the environment and improve public health and safety.

Through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF), the Government of Canada will invest \$1 billion in priority infrastructure projects across Canada. The MRIF builds on the success and lessons learned from previous programs, especially the \$2.05 billion Infrastructure Canada Program and complements programs such as the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, which addresses larger infrastructure needs, primarily in urban areas.

The Letters of Intent, and ultimately the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, will advance Ontario's commitment to building strong communities and a safe, healthy and prosperous province.

Letter of Intent 

Letter of Intent with AMO 

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