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March 28, 2011

Town of The Blue Mountains
26 Bridge Street E., P.O. Box 310
Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

Attention: Mayor Ellen Anderson and Council

Re: Andrew Boyd

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

On behalf of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), I would like to congratulate your employee, Andrew Boyd for his recent Associate Member certification. As well, thank you for supporting your employee and we encourage you to publicly acknowledge this achievement.

AORS has been serving public works professionals since 1961. In 1996 AORS was granted – by Provincial Legislation – the exclusive right to use the designation ‘Certified Road Supervisor’ (CRS). The four levels of Certification – Associate, CRS, Intermediate and Senior – have mandatory experience and education criteria established by the AORS Education Committee and Certification Board. Certified individuals may publicize their credential by using initials after their names and we would certainly encourage your employee to do so.

Certification is important for your Municipality because it increases corporate ‘professionalism’, accountability and morale. Certified Road Supervisors use their broad base of knowledge to make confident decisions and therefore serve Council and public more effectively.

AORS is committed to the training and development of experienced, reliable and efficient personnel for the construction and maintenance of public roads in rural and urban municipalities across Ontario.

Thank you again for supporting AORS and for helping us meet our objectives.

Yours truly,

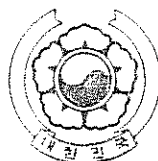
Bryan Clarke CRS-S
Executive Director

cc. Andrew Boyd



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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
OTTAWA

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to the Municipal Government of Blue Mountains and has the honour to inform the latter of the upcoming 2011 International Awards for Liveable Communities (the LivCom Awards) which will be hosted by the District Government of Songpa, Seoul. Endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the LivCom Awards are held annually with objectives to develop and share International Best Practices on enhancing local communities.

This year, the LivCom Awards will take place at the Lotte Hotel World in Songpa, Seoul from October 27th to 31st. There will be 3 categories:

- Whole City Awards
- Project Awards
- Bursary Award

Award Winners will be announced out of 60 city finalists. Registration forms need to be submitted by May 31st and a Written Submission by June 30th. Please e-mail at info@livcomawards.com and/or visit <http://www.livcomawards.com/> for more information on the Awards.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Municipal Government of Blue Mountains the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ottawa, March 29, 2011





April 8, 2011

Mayor Ellen Anderson
Town of The Blue Mountains
P. O. Box 310, 26 Bridge St.
Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Dear Mayor Anderson,

While more and more people are aware of the economic contributions of the arts, we tend to underestimate the less quantifiable benefits that the arts bring to our lives. The survey, *The Arts And The Quality Of Life: The Attitudes Of Ontarians*, conducted by Environics Research Group and commissioned by the Ontario Arts Council (OAC), shows that a large majority of Ontarians believe that the arts are important to the quality of life in their community and to their own personal lives. For example:

- 95 percent of Ontarians agree that the arts enrich the quality of our lives;
- 89 percent believe that if their community lost its arts activities, people living there would lose something of value;
- 81 percent of Ontarians think that the arts are important to their *own* quality of life;
- 95 percent of Ontarians believe that the success of Canadian artists like singers, writers, actors and painters, gives people a sense of pride in Canadian achievement;
- 81 percent of Ontarians agree that the government should spend public dollars to support the arts.

Ontarians living in each region of the province, and across all sizes of communities share these positive attitudes toward the arts.

We have attached a short backgrounder based on the full survey that you can find on OAC's website at www.arts.on.ca. Please contact our Director of Research, Policy and Evaluation, Kathryn Townshend, at ktownshend@arts.on.ca or at 416-969-7456 / 1-800-387-0058 ext. 7456, if you have any questions.

I hope that this information will encourage you and your colleagues to invest in the arts in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Brotman".

John Brotman
Executive Director

Arts are Important to Quality of Life Say Most Ontarians

The Arts and the Quality of Life: The Attitudes of Ontarians is a survey commissioned by the Ontario Arts Council and conducted by Environics Research Group.

The findings show that a large majority of Ontarians, believe that the arts are important to the quality of life in their community and to their own personal lives. The research also demonstrated how strongly these positive attitudes are held by Ontarians.

Key findings:

- 95 percent of Ontarians said that the arts enrich the quality of our lives;
- 89 percent believe that if their community lost its arts activities, people living there would lose something of value;
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- 95 percent of Ontarians believe that the success of Canadian artists like singers, writers, actors and painters, gives people a sense of pride in Canadian achievement;
- 81 percent of Ontarians agree that the government should spend public dollars to support the arts.

This is the first provincial survey of its kind since 1994, when a similar survey was commissioned by OAC. A comparison of responses across questions asked in both surveys found that the proportion of Ontarians with positive views on the arts and the quality of life has generally increased since 1994. For example, the proportion of Ontarians who would miss the arts very much if they were not available in their community has increased by 6 percent since 1994.

The arts as a public good

The survey findings show that Ontarians believe that the benefits of the arts extend to the community as a whole. A large majority of Ontarians (64 percent) believe that the

presence of arts in a community are more beneficial to the community as whole, rather than just those who attend arts activities.

Further, the findings indicate that, even if the arts are not personally important to an individual, there is agreement that the arts are important to their community. For example, of Ontarians who say that the arts are only somewhat or not at all important to their own quality of life, a majority agrees that arts activities help enrich the quality of our lives.

The arts as an indicator of civic-mindedness

Ontarians were also asked about the importance of other aspects of community life – including parks and green spaces, sports and recreational facilities, and public transit – to the quality of life in their community. In terms of overall importance to community quality of life, arts facilities are seen as on par with public transit (rated as important by 91 percent of Ontarians) but are seen as somewhat less important overall than parks and green spaces, and sports and recreational facilities (rated as important by 99 percent and 97 percent of Ontarians respectively).

It's interesting to note, however, that the Ontarians who value and participate in the arts are more likely than other Ontarians to value highly these other aspects of community life. This finding appears to support other research on the social impact of the arts which has found a correlation between arts participation and other indicators of social engagement/civic-mindedness (for example, volunteering, voting, “neighbourliness”, sense of belonging, sports participation, etc.).



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Positive attitudes toward the arts across all regions and demographic groups

The survey also shows that a majority of Ontarians across all regions and demographic groups hold positive attitudes about the arts and the quality of personal and community lives. For example, large majorities of Ontarians living in each region of the province, and across all levels of education, agree that the arts are important to the quality of their own lives.

The responses were analyzed based on demographic and geographic variables including education, gender, age, family income, employment status, children in household, language (mother tongue), region and community size.

About the survey

The report was based on the results of an omnibus survey conducted by Environics Research Group on behalf of the Ontario Arts Council. The survey was conducted by

telephone between February 22 and 28, and March 4 and 10, 2010. It examines the opinions of a probability sample of 1,000 adult residents of Ontario (aged 18 or older). The sample, which was stratified by gender, region and community size, is estimated to be accurate within approximately 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Where to find the report

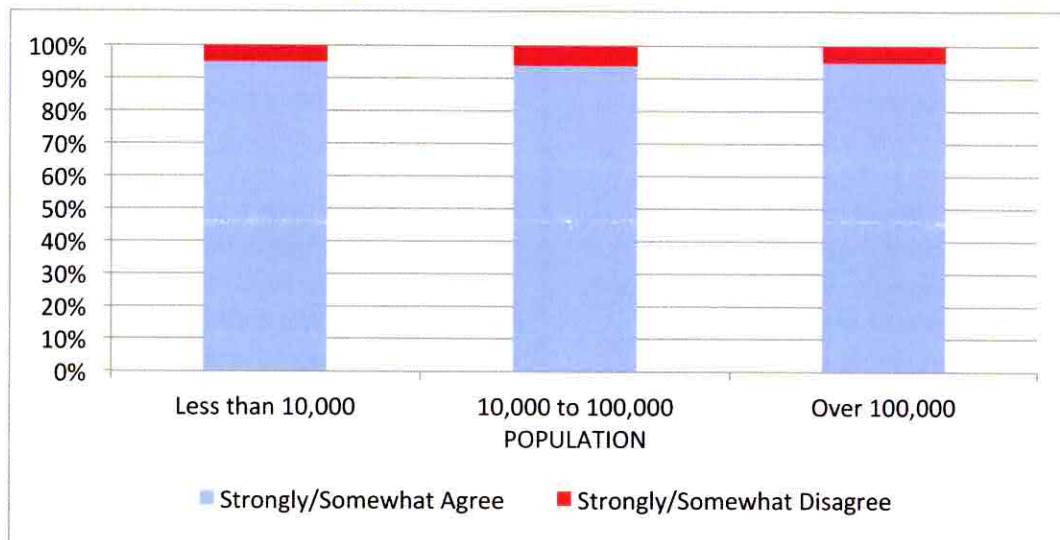
Go to www.arts.on.ca and click on Research to read the Executive Summary and the full Environics report.

If you have questions, please contact:

Kathryn Townshend,
Director of Research, Policy and Evaluation
Ontario Arts Council
ktownshend@arts.on.ca or at 416-969-7456 /
1-800-387-0058 ext. 7456 (toll-free in Ontario).

The Ontario Arts Council is the province of Ontario's primary funding body for professional arts activity. Since 1963, the OAC has played a vital role in promoting and assisting the development of the arts and artists for the enjoyment and benefit of Ontarians.

Arts activities help enrich the quality of our lives By Size of Community (2010)



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Krista Royal

From: Ellie Lantz [elantz@brockton.ca]
Sent: April 11, 2011 12:17 PM
To: County of Grey; Grey Highlands; Hanover; Meaford; Owen Sound; Southgate; Krista Royal; Township of Chatsworth; Township of Georgian Bluffs; West Grey; Arran-Elderslie; County of Bruce; Huron-Kinloss; Kincardine; Northern Bruce Peninsula; Saugeen Shores; South Bruce; South Bruce Peninsula
Cc: Deb Roth; Richard Radford
Subject: Municipality of Brockton - Motion to Support Arran-Elderslie re Industrial Wind Turbines
Attachments: 11-09-75 Motion to Support Support Arran-Elderslie-re Industrial Wind Turbines.pdf

Good Afternoon Everyone,

I am writing on behalf of the Deb Roth, Clerk with the Municipality of Brockton.

Please find attached **Motion 11-09-75** regarding the support of Arran-Elderslie's freeze on the issuance of any kind of permits that would lead to the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines.

This message is in addition to the email sent Apr 6 11, regarding the Municipality of Brockton's Wind Turbine Working Group, which may be used for information purposes only.

Please feel free to contact Deb Roth at droth@brockton.ca if you require additional detail.

Thank you.

Regards,

Ellie Lantz

Executive Assistant

Municipality of Brockton

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

NO. 11-09-75

MOVED BY: Roland Anstett

SESSION March 28, 2011

SECONDED BY: Anne Louise Gibbons
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WHEREAS, it is the primary function of all levels of government to function at all times with the Health, Safety and Well Being of their constituents as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for these reasons along with others, that all levels of government function with due diligence, the precautionary principal, and common sense when dealing with all issues; and

WHEREAS The Medical Officer of Health for Grey Bruce has clearly stated after looking into the situation that the current setback of Industrial Wind Turbines from people's homes certainly appears to have a very negative effect on some of the people's health and that a third party independent study must be done, and

WHEREAS The Provincial Government of Ontario after having been told of the associated problems with the current sites chosen for Industrial Wind Turbines many, many times and having shown no concern whatsoever for the Health, Safety and Well Being of the people we represent;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Brockton Council endorses the resolution of Arran-Elderslie to impose a freeze on the issuance of any kind of permits that would lead to the construction of Industrial Wind Turbines until such time that our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Hazel Lynn has completed a study; or had an approved third party study completed to her parameters that answers these questions to her satisfaction; and at that point we shall move forward based on solid information from the study or studies involved.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario all municipalities in Grey and Bruce.

| MEMBER OF COUNCIL | YEA | NAY |
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| ANSTETT, Roland | | |
| GIBBONS, Anne-Louise | | |
| HUTCHEON, Kym | | |
| INGLIS, David | | |
| PEABODY, Christopher | | |
| REIDL, Charles | | |
| WHITE, Jeff | | |
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David Inglis

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GREY BRUCE
CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

c/o United Way of Bruce-Grey
380 9th St. East
Owen Sound, Ontario,
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Alliance Partners

Adult Learning Centres:
Grey Bruce Georgian

Bluewater District
School Board

Bruce County

Bruce County Children's
Aid Society

Bruce Grey Catholic
District School Board

Bruce Peninsula
Association for
Community Living

Canadian Red Cross –
Owen Sound Bruce Grey

Children's Aid Society of
Owen Sound and Grey
County

Community Living
Owen Sound and
District

Grey Bruce Health Unit

Grey County

Keystone Child, Youth
and Family Services

M'Wikwedong Native
Cultural Resource
Centre

Owen Sound and Area
Family YMCA

Regional Support
Associates

Southeast Grey
Community Outreach

Thames Valley
Children's Centre

The Women's Centre

United Way of Bruce-
Grey

Ellen Anderson, Mayor
The Blue Mountains
Box 310, 26 Bridge St
Thornbury, ON
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April 8, 2011

Dear Mayor Anderson:

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of the Grey Bruce Children's
Alliance 2010 Annual Report

Sincerely,

Lori Wilder

Lori Wilder, Co-Chair, Bluewater District School Board 519-363-2014, x 2123
lori_wilder@bwdsb.on.ca and

M. Jennifer Sells

Jennifer Sells, Co-Chair, Keystone Child Youth and Family Services 519 371-4773 x 121
bfowensound@bmts.com

Where Do Grey Bruce Children and Youth Live?

Children and Youth Population by Municipality 2006 Canada Census Data

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| City of Owen Sound | 4,732 |
| Georgian Bluffs | 2,231 |
| Meaford | 2,027 |
| Blue Mountains | 1,163 |
| Chatsworth | 1,617 |
| West Grey | 2,721 |
| Hanover | 1,355 |
| Grey Highlands | 2,286 |
| Southgate | 2,184 |
| Grey County | 20,316 |
| Northern Bruce Peninsula | 624 |
| South Bruce Peninsula | 1,602 |
| Saugeen Shores | 2,027 |
| Kincardine | 2,354 |
| Huron Kinloss | 1,744 |
| Arran-Elderslie | 1,702 |
| Brockton | 2,283 |
| South Bruce | 1,803 |
| Bruce County | 14,139 |

Note: Saugeen First Nation and Cape Croker First Nation are not represented in the above table as Census data specific to these communities is incomplete.

Join Us!

Partnership in the Alliance is open to any interested organization. Partners pay an annual membership fee. The fee is calculated using the formula of 0.025% of the organization's budget directed to child, youth and family services in Grey Bruce, within the required minimum fee of \$500 and a maximum fee of \$5,000.

Contact Us

For more information about the Children's Alliance contact Glenda Clarke at glenda.c@amtelecom.net or 519-596-8806.



With the support of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario



Alliance Partners

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 Bruce County
 Bruce County Children's Aid Society
 Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board
 Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living
 Canadian Red Cross – Owen Sound Bruce Grey
 Children's Aid Society of Owen Sound and Grey County
 Community Living Owen Sound and District
 Grey Bruce Health Unit
 Grey County
 Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services
 M'WIKwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre
 Owen Sound and Area Family YMCA
 Regional Support Associates
 Southeast Grey Community Outreach
 Thames Valley Children's Centre
 United Way of Bruce-Grey
 The Women's Centre (Grey & Bruce) Inc.



Annual Report September 2010



Message from the Co-Chairs

As we share with you our accomplishments in 2010, we are proud to say that the Alliance has remained true to the tradition established in Grey and Bruce Counties many years ago. That tradition is one where children's service organizations apply innovation, creativity and partnership in our work to support children, youth and their families.

We are very pleased that the Women's Centre and Community Living Owen Sound and District chose to join us in 2010. We are now a partnership of nineteen organizations working together so that collectively we can offer a seamless, collaborative system of supports for children, youth and their families in our two county rural area.

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support we received in 2010. The Saugeen Economic Development Corporation, the Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation, and the United Way of Bruce Grey provided funding for our poverty related work. The Ontario Trillium Foundation provided funding to complete our two year Measuring and Planning Project.

We also thank all of the members of the Alliance and others, for your dedication and contribution to working together to improve the lives of children, youth and families in our communities.



Alliance Accomplishments in 2010 described further in this Report:

- Early Learning: Conversation with Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Grieve (pictured above)
- Poverty: Ongoing Bridges Out of Poverty © training
- Report Card: Summary of available research and statistical information related to the determinants of health
- Priority Setting: Priorities for action by the Alliance

Jennifer Sells

Director of Service for Community and Prevention Programs
 Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services and Co-Chair of the Alliance

Lori Wilder

Superintendent of Student Services, Bluewater District School Board and Co-Chair of the Alliance

Grey Bruce Children's Alliance Annual Report • 2010

Vision

We are a rural community that values and supports children, youth and their families living in a healthy community.

Mission

Providers of children's services in Grey Bruce, working together as autonomous organizations to achieve a seamless, collaborative system of supports for children, youth and their families.

Goals

To expand and improve upon the collaboration that has already been established between the local agencies and provincial ministries responsible for the planning and provision of services for children; the various professionals that provide the services; and the consumers whom they serve.

To continue to work towards better coordination and integration of services for children, youth and families in Grey Bruce.

To inform and help policy makers to see the opportunities to develop policy that encourages integration.

To identify and analyze community needs and support collective action that will improve the wellbeing of children and youth in Grey Bruce.

To advocate for and encourage efforts towards improving the physical health, nutrition, safety, emotional wellbeing, education and optimal development of all children and youth in Grey Bruce.

To advocate for resources in recognition of the special challenges of delivering services in a rural area.

To identify, develop and support projects and strategies to achieve the above goals.

Early Learning

In October 2009, the Premier of Ontario announced plans to implement province-wide full day learning for four and five-year-olds. The Ministry of Education is responsible for the implementation of the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program. That Ministry's Early Learning Division is headed by Assistant Deputy Minister Jim Grieve.

The Alliance was delighted that Mr. Grieve took the time to meet with them in Owen Sound on November 4, 2010. The Alliance members were able to emphasize the importance of ensuring that there is equity of access to a full range of early learning services for children from infancy through to age 5. Members shared their observations associated with implementation of the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program in rural Grey and Bruce Counties. Mr. Grieve was very receptive to the feedback, provided up-to-date information regarding the Program, and made suggestions for possible further action by the Alliance.

Poverty

The impact of poverty and the need for more effective strategies to support families living in poverty continues to be a strong shared concern among the partners in the Grey Bruce Children's Alliance. Growing up in poverty often leaves lifetime scars. Children in low income households experience a higher risk of health problems throughout their lifespan. These patterns can also be passed on to the next generations. It can be frustrating for families living in poverty to get the help they need and challenging for the people in organizations that work with these families to effectively support them.

A research based approach to supporting people living in poverty called 'Bridges Out of Poverty'® was introduced to local organizations by the Alliance in 2008 and sparked tremendous interest. In 2010, the Alliance was able to bring three experts in the 'Bridges Out of Poverty'® approach to Owen Sound for four days. These experts provided training to 50 people who then became certified trainers. These certified trainers are now training other staff and volunteers to apply these strategies in their work with people living in poverty.

Thanks to funding support from the United Way of Bruce Grey as well as the Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation

and Saugeen Economic Development Corporation through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev) and the Economic Stimulus Plan, we were able to offer this training at a substantially reduced rate.

The Children's Alliance has facilitated communication and networking among the participants in the training to support the development of a "community of practice."

A networking meeting was held in November 2010 where experiences, resources and lessons learned when applying the Bridges Out of Poverty® methods were shared among the trainers. The trainers reported that as of December, 340 people had been trained and that number was estimated to grow to 600 by June 2011.



Participants in the Bridges out of Poverty Certification Training Workshop February 16 – 19, 2010, Owen Sound, Ontario

Report Card

A number of factors contribute to children and youth being able to thrive and reach their full potential. These factors are referred to as the determinants of health and include social and economic factors, the physical environment, individual behaviours and living conditions. Available research and statistical information related to many of these factors or determinants of health was reviewed and summarized in a report card called A Profile on Child, Youth and Family Health. The Profile highlights the impact of these determinants and areas of strength and vulnerability in the target population in Grey and Bruce Counties.



The United Way was able to use the data in the report regarding the number of children and youth living in poverty to assess the need and potential demand for their Backpack Program.

Priorities for Planning

A Planning Report was developed based on consultations with service provider representatives, parents and youth within the two Counties. Priority areas for the Children's Alliance identified in the Report include enhancing:

- supports for children, youth and families experiencing poverty;
- the accessibility of services by expanding the availability of service hubs;
- prevention services for school aged children (6 – 13 years) and their families;
- the equity of and local access to specialized services for children and youth; and
- supports for youth at risk of not prospering as young adults.

These priorities will help guide the work of the Children's Alliance over the next few years.





March 31, 2011

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Legislative & Planning Services
Office of the Regional Clerk
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville ON L6M 3L1

To the Head and Members of Council:

RE: Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) Revenue and a New Funding Mechanism for Transportation Infrastructure

This will confirm that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, at its meeting held Wednesday, March 30, 2011, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS based on 2010 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario's projected new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually; and

WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario's municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billion; and

WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario's municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Good Roads Association and to CAA South Central Ontario; and

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FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Kielt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Kielt
Acting Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of
Council & Committee Services

- c. **John Ennis, Government Relations Specialist, CAA South Central Ontario**
Scott R. Butler, Manager, Policy and Research, Ontario Good Roads Association

Thornbury, ON
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March 24, 2011

The Mayor & Council
Town of the Blue Mountains

Maybe your hearts are in the right place, but I am not so sure about your minds!

I am certain I am not the only person resident in the Town who suffers from the same frustration that I do, in that I am someone who respects our environment and endeavours to 'reduce, re-use and re-cycle' as much as possible. As such I was shocked at the package that was hand-delivered to my home in the last month consisting of 2 bags, a coloured booklet telling me how I could reduce, re-use and re-cycle, along with a postage-paid card asking me to indicate the activities I would be undertaking to reduce GHG emissions to help create a healthy environment.

Helping to improve the environment is about 'waste' – and to me this was a terrible waste, both of time, resources and money. And in the case of all monies spent by TBM it is, partially, "my money!"

This brings me to my second frustration, this time as a single resident and someone who doesn't just talk the talk, but walks the walk with regard to reducing my use of resources, and in this case water. From the circulated information on the current year's budget (more paper = more money!) I see you are planning to increase the water rates by 3%. Over the last 15 months I have only once used in excess of the 10 cubic meters covered by the fixed rate, and that was during the summer when I sparingly used soaker hoses in my garden; the remaining water I used was from the dehumidifier in my basement!

However I now see that not only am I going to be charged for water I don't use, but I will be charged an additional 3% for that privilege – and this time it is all "my money!" And what incentive is there for me to continue to conserve this precious resource?

I understand the necessity you feel to charge people who are not full-time residents a base amount. However for those of us who are full-time residents, many of whom are retired and living fixed incomes, this is grossly unfair, and something needs to be done to fix this problem without more money and resources being wasted!

W. R. Cooper
VIVIANE R ALPER

CC: EPW

P.S. I'm sure you will understand my use of the "not-necessary" for the "dog licence pay" - to prevent further waste.

BAY GROWERS INC.

828114 GREY ROAD 40
P. O. BOX 58, CLARKSBURG, ON N0H 1J0
PHONE 519-599-7568 FAX: 519-599-7977

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ELLEN ANDERSON
Mayor,
Town of the Blue Mountains
Ontario

Dear Ellen,

Bay Growers Inc. is applying to the Province (OMAFRA) to seek funding through their Rural Economic Development Program. We are respectfully requesting a letter of support from your office to move the project forward. The assistance from the RED program includes the upgrading of our sorting system by introducing new state of the art defect sorting. This will enable Bay Growers to provide customers with more consistent quality apples thereby facilitating continued access to premium markets and allowing it to maintain prices against foreign suppliers in a fiercely competitive market. The automation of the our defect sorting will enable us to increase output by more than 25% resulting in an additional 100,000 cases of apples packed annually, with additional revenues of approximately \$2 million. The additional volume will result in the employment of approximately 8 additional employees in the plant, not to mention, assisting in the sustainability of local apple growers. The cost of the MAF Global Scan equipment is approximately \$580,000 including installation. Please consider a letter of support of this project; we expect to submit our application by mid May 2011.

Thanks in advance for your support of this project.

Sincerely

JIM DOLMER

General Manager
Bay Growers Inc.