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January 29, 2014

Todd Case, Warden
County of Lambton
789 Broadway Street, Box 3000
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Dear Mr. Case:

At its Regular Meeting of January 27, 2014, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone approved the attached resolution providing support to the County of Lambton's resolution opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials.

By copy of this letter and attachments, I am also advising all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,

Elizabeth (Lisa) Slomke
Clerk

c.c. Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

MUNICIPALITY OF GREENSTONE

Motion

Meeting Held: **MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**
REGULAR COUNCIL

14-27

Moved by Councillor _____

Seconded by Councillor _____

THAT Council of the Municipality of Greenstone support the County of Lambton in their efforts to support the Ontario Building Official Association in opposing the requalification of Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code as per the letter and resolution attached hereto;

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried

Defeated

	RECORDED VOTE			REQUESTED
	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	BY
Assad	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Beaulieu	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Daiter	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Ciguere	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Jantunen	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Melanson	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Melbuish	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Moylan	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	
Walterson	Yes	No	No Vote (Negative)	

Signature

Reference Report No. _____

Certified that this copy is a true copy of the original document which has not been altered in any way.

Clerk, Corporation of the Municipality of Greenstone



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December 18, 2013

The Honorable Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
College Park
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

RE: Resolution opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials

Dear Honorable Linda Jeffrey:

In support of the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association, The Corporation of the County of Lambton is seeking support in opposing the requalification of Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code.

While we oppose the requalification requirement, we do feel that ongoing training of any changes to the Ontario Building Code is necessary and the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association would like to work with the Ministry on such a training initiative.

Please be advised that Council for The Corporation of the County of Lambton at its meeting on November 27, 2013, passed the following resolution:

Whereas, municipal building officials are the main practitioners of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and use the OBC on a daily basis in the carrying out of their duties;

And whereas Bill 124 that passed in 2005 required all municipal building officials to undertake a series of qualification exams;

And whereas a subsequent regulation 332/12 (knowledge and maintenance examinations) requires our already qualified officials to requalify by taking a similar series of qualification exams again;



And whereas this requalification process will provide municipalities with financial hardships in terms of registration costs, mileage costs, days away from the office to undertake their regular duties in performing timely inspections that is expected by the building industry;

And whereas, municipal building officials acknowledge the need to stay current with legislation and to undergo necessary training to do so;

And whereas, the builders and home owners will suffer slower response time for building permits and inspections until all of the building officials are qualified;

Now, therefore, The Corporation of the County of Lambton, in support of the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association resolves:

That any amendments to the OBC include provisions for training opportunities rather than requalification examinations as the means by which building officials remain current of changes to the OBC.

That municipal building officials, as the primary practitioners of the OBC, receive the same treatment as plumbers, electricians, professional engineers and architects with regards to exemption from requalification.

That the negative impact and delays that Ontario regulation 332/12 will have on the issuance of permits, inspections and response times to inquiries by municipal building officials should be taken in to consideration.

That municipalities and taxpayers be spared the cost of 'knowledge and maintenance examinations' under the proposed amendment to the OBC which will provide undue hardship to municipalities through lost productivity, early retirement and costs associated with the 13 categories of examinations required by fully qualified inspectors.

Should any persons have any questions please contact:

The Corporation of the County of Lambton
Building Services Department
Corrine Nauta, Manager
789 Broadway Street, Box 3000
Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0
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Yours truly,



Todd Case
Warden

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Date: February 7, 2014

Recent Developments in Joint and Several Liability – Municipal Action Needed

Two recent developments are worthy of the immediate written support of municipal councils and municipal solicitors.

The first is a private member's resolution introduced by Randy Pettapiece, MPP for Perth Wellington. It calls on the government to implement comprehensive reform to joint and several liability by June 2014. Debate on this motion is scheduled for February 27, 2014. While a resolution of the Ontario Legislature is not a specific legislative plan, it does capture the spirit of municipal concerns. Mr. Pettapiece has written directly to all councils seeking your support; AMO encourages your reply.

Of immediate significance, the Ministry of the Attorney General has recently written to members of the legal community seeking their input on two specific proposals under consideration. Feedback is due by February 14, 2014. The proposals include a modified version of proportionate liability that applies in cases where a plaintiff is contributorily negligent (the Saskatchewan model). Also under consideration is a limit on awards such that a municipality would never be liable for more than two times its proportion of damages (the Multiplier model). AMO supports the adoption of both of these measures.

This is a positive development for municipalities and a step in the right direction. The adoption of both reforms would be a significant incremental step to addressing a pressing municipal issue. The written support of municipal councils and solicitors is requested. Below is a draft letter for municipalities to submit to the provincial government by February 14, 2014. Please add your voice of support.

As you know, municipal governments have long advocated for liability reform because the legal regime of joint and several liability makes municipalities and property taxpayers an easy target for litigation.

It has been two years since AMO conducted the first ever municipal insurance survey, which found that municipal liability premiums had increased 22 per cent over 5 years and 4 years since AMO presented a comprehensive report detailing municipal challenges to the Attorney General. We have argued for some time that the heavy insurance burden and legal environment is unsustainable for Ontario's communities.

AMO Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, mwilson@amo.on.ca - 416.971.9856 ext. 323.

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The Honourable John Gerretsen
Attorney General
McMurtry-Scott Building
720 Bay Street – 11th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2S9

Dear Attorney General:

[I or we] support the government's consideration and adoption of measures which limit the punishing impact of joint and several liability on municipalities.

The provisions of the *Negligence Act* have not been updated for decades and the legislation was never intended to place the burden of insurer of last resort on municipalities. It is entirely unfair to ask municipalities to carry the lion's share of a damage award when at minimal fault or to assume responsibility for someone else's mistake. Other jurisdictions have recognized the current model of joint and several liability is not sustainable. It is time for Ontario to do the same.

If this situation continues, the scaling back on public services in order to limit liability exposure and insurance costs will only continue. Regrettably, it will be at the expense of the communities we all call home.

For this reason, [I or we] support the adoption of both models under consideration as a significant incremental step to addressing a pressing municipal issue.

Sincerely,

Name

cc: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

ACT FOR CLEAN WATER

Halton-Hamilton
Source Protection
Region

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AGENDA

Conservation Halton, Auditorium
2596 Britannia Road West, Burlington L7P 0G3
January 28, 2014 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Meeting # 1-14

I.G.# 3

ITEM	TOPIC	DISCUSSION LED BY
1.	Roll Call	Gavin Smuk
2.	Disclosures of Conflict of Interest	Gavin Smuk
3.	Delegations	Gavin Smuk
4.	Review of Agenda	Gavin Smuk
5.	Approval of Source Protection Committee Minutes of December 17, 2013	Gavin Smuk
6.	Business Arising from December 17, 2013 Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacek Strakowski's presentation sent with the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting Committee to review the Cedarvale well field policies for the next meeting Timeline of resubmission to be sent to the Source Protection Committee 	Gavin Smuk
7.	Carried forward from December 17, 2013 SPC meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ontario Stewardship Program Threat Field Verification 	Diane Bloomfield David Simpson
8.	Chairs' Conference Call update	Gavin Smuk
9.	MOE Liaison update	John Westlake
10.	Region of Peel RMO's Annual Report - 2013	Gavin Smuk
11.	Edits to Assessment Reports	Diane Bloomfield
12.	Edits to Proposed Source Protection Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Ling Mark, MOE, recommended Plan revisions 	Diane Bloomfield
13.	Edits to Explanatory Document	Diane Bloomfield
14.	Introduction to water quantity policies (only if there is time)	Diane Bloomfield
15.	Other Business	All
16.	Comments from Attending Public	Gavin Smuk
17.	Adjournment – Next Meeting	Gavin Smuk

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

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MINUTES

HALTON-HAMILTON SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING # 2-13

Hamilton Conservation Authority, Board Room
838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster L9G 4X1
December 17, 2013 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

SPC Attendees:			
Peter Ashenhurst	Barry Lee	David Simpson	Susan Fielding
Gavin Smuk	Nick DiGirolamo	Melanie Horton via Telephone	Andrea Doherty
Turlough Finan	Judi Partridge	Glenn Powell	
Regrets SPC/Other Regrets:			
Dave Braden	Kathy Menyes	Paul Attack	Chris Shrive
Other Attendees:			
Virginia Bancur Project Assistant HHSPR	Diane Bloomfield, Project Manager HHSPR	Ken Phillips, CAO Conservation Halton	
David King, Health Liaison	Scott Peck, Hamilton Conservation Authority	Jacek Strakowski, HHSPR	
John Westlake, MOE Liaison	Doug Cuthbert, past Chair HHSPC	Carmen Ches, City of Hamilton	
Stephen Barber, MOE			

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ITEM	TOPIC/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
	<p>THAT Gavin Smuk be appointed as Acting Chair to the Halton-Hamilton Source Protection Committee.</p> <p>Carried</p>	
15.	<p>Other Business – All</p> <p>Ontario Stewardship Program – Deferred to next meeting Threat Field Verification – Deferred to next meeting</p>	
16.	<p>Comments from Attending Public – Peter Ashenhurst</p> <p>None</p>	
17.	<p>Adjournment – Next Meeting</p> <p>The following meeting has been set: January 28, 2014 Conservation Halton</p> <p>HHSPC 13-08 Moved by: Glenn Powell Seconded by: Susan Fielding</p> <p>THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:14 p.m.</p>	

Minutes prepared by: Virginia Bancur

Claim the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit

The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit (HHRTC) is a permanent, refundable personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them.

Seniors 65 years and older and their live-in family members are eligible for the HHRTC of up to \$1,500 on home modifications that improve safety and accessibility – regardless of income. Eligible improvements include things like support bars, ramps or walk-in bathtubs.

The Ontario Ministry of Finance is sending you a supply of promotional materials regarding the HHRTC. These products are being sent to organizations, home renovation/home building companies and charitable agencies across Ontario as part of an ongoing awareness campaign. The campaign is intended to remind seniors and their caregivers of the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit and encourage them to claim the credit for eligible renovations when they file their taxes.

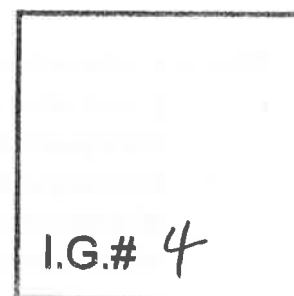
We ask for your assistance by making these products available to clients who use your organization's services.

Additional brochures are also available:

- Order online through Publications Ontario: www.publications.serviceontario.ca
- Download and print copies from the Ontario Ministry of Finance's HHRTC website: www.ontario.ca/healthyhomes

For More Information:
1 866 ONT-TAXS (1 866 668-8297)
TTY 1 800 263-7776
Thank you for your participation.

Communications Services Branch
Ontario Ministry of Finance



Demandez le crédit d'impôt pour l'aménagement du logement axé sur le bien-être

Le crédit d'impôt pour l'aménagement du logement axé sur le bien-être est un crédit d'impôt sur le revenu des particuliers, permanent et remboursable, à l'intention des personnes âgées et des personnes qui partagent un foyer avec un parent âgé.

Les personnes âgées de 65 ans et plus ainsi que les membres de leur famille qui partagent un foyer avec elles peuvent avoir droit à un crédit d'impôt pouvant atteindre 1 500 \$ sur des rénovations domiciliaires destinées à améliorer la sécurité et l'accessibilité – quel que soit leur revenu. Les rénovations admissibles englobent des éléments comme les barres d'appui, les mains courantes ou les baignoires avec porte.

Le ministère des Finances de l'Ontario vous envoie par la présente une série de documents promotionnels au sujet de ce nouveau crédit d'impôt. Ces documents sont envoyés à divers organismes, entreprises de rénovation/construction domiciliaire et organismes de bienfaisance de l'Ontario dans le cadre d'une campagne de sensibilisation continue. Cette campagne a pour but de rappeler l'existence du crédit d'impôt pour l'aménagement du logement axé sur le bien-être aux personnes âgées et à leurs aidants naturels, et de les encourager à en faire la demande à l'égard de rénovations admissibles lorsqu'ils produisent leur déclaration de revenus.

Nous vous demandons de bien vouloir mettre ces documents à la portée des personnes qui ont recours aux services dispensés par votre organisme.

Pour vous procurer des exemplaires additionnels de la brochure :

- passez une commande en ligne, par le biais de Publications Ontario : www.publications.serviceontario.ca
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ATS 1 800 263-7776

Merci de votre participation.

Direction des services de communications
Ministère des Finances de l'Ontario

From: Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca [mailto:Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca]

Sent: February-04-14 4:28 PM

To: scottw@wellington.ca; Don Creed; sshifflett@grandriver.ca

Cc: Joan.DelVillarCuicas@ontario.ca

Subject: Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water

This E-mail message has been sent to you as a result of the requirements of Ontario's new Water Taking and Transfer Regulation (O.Reg 387/04). The regulation requires that the Ministry of the Environment notify municipalities and conservation authorities of applications for Permits to Take Water to withdraw water from locations within their jurisdiction.

You may examine the wording of the new Regulation online at the following web site:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Source/Regs/English/2004/R04387_e.htm

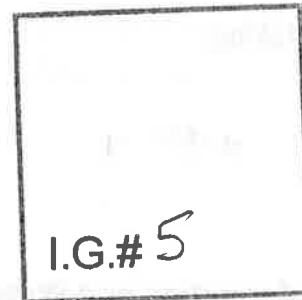
Notification of Application for Permit to Take Water

Ministry Reference Number:

0104-9EFLEL

Applicant:

Con-Cast Pipe Inc.
299 Brock Rd S
Guelph, Ontario
N1H 6H9



Location of Water Taking(s):

Con-Cast Pipe Inc. - Two (2) Wells
NA
Lot 27, Concession 7
Puslinch Township, County of Wellington

Ministry of the Environment Region:

West Central

Description:

This proposal is for a renewal to Permit to Take Water #6560-6DYPGH for industrial purposes. Water will be taken from two (2) wells related to manufacturing activities, in the Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington, Ontario. Details of Water Taking are as follows:

Permit Type - Renewal (Category 1)

Purpose of Water Taking: Industrial - Manufacturing

Source of Water: Well - Drilled

Maximum Rate (Litres Per Minute): 340.00

Maximum Number of Hours of Taking per Day: 12.25
 Maximum Volume (Litres) Per Day: 250,000.00
 Maximum Number of Days of Taking in a Year: 365
 Earliest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 01/01
 Latest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 12/31
 Period of Water Taking: 10 years

Purpose of Water Taking: Industrial - Manufacturing
 Source of Water: Well - Drilled
 Maximum Rate (Litres Per Minute): 215.00
 Maximum Number of Hours of Taking per Day: 15.50
 Maximum Volume (Litres) Per Day: 200,000.00
 Maximum Number of Days of Taking in a Year: 365
 Earliest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 01/01
 Latest Calendar date of taking (mm/dd): 12/31
 Period of Water Taking: 10 years

Permit type:
 Renewal of Permit Number 6560-6DYPGH

Length of Taking:
 10 years

Table A

Source Information and Water Taking Amount Applied For

Source Name / Description:	Source: Type:	Taking Specific Purpose:	Taking Major Category:	Max. Taken per Minute (litres):	Max. Num. of Hrs Taken per Day:	Max. Taken per Day (litres):	Max. Num. of Days Taken per Year:	Zone/ Easting/ Northing:
1 Well WSW 1	Well Drilled	Manufacturing	Industrial	340	12	250,000	365	17 570188 4811581
2 Well WSW 2	Well Drilled	Manufacturing	Industrial	215	16	200,000	365	17 569847 4811446
Total Taking:						450,000		

Comments should be directed to the following Contact Person:

Joan Del Villar Cuicas
 Ministry of the Environment
 12th Floor

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Hamilton ON L8P 4Y7

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