

False statements from Public Accounts Committee, Hansard Blues, November 2, 2011

“There was, as you know, 33 projects. One fell off the table because the local municipality decided that because they would be incurring costs as well that they did not want to be responsible to their taxpayer base for that” – Hon. Tony Clement

“The municipalities prioritize the projects. They delivered those prioritized projects to the constituency office, who then, in turn, without additional review or alteration, transmitted them, ultimately, to the Department of Transport and Infrastructure Canada, where the responsible minister would make the decision.” – Hon. Tony Clement

“ The officials there, and I think Mr. Angus referred to Mr. Dodds, who used to be an employee of Industry Canada, attended some of the meetings but did not, as Minister Clement has said, get involved in any project analysis, did not provide any support to the G-8 Fund, to a large degree because it was not our fund. It was not my program, and not my money.” Richard Dicerri, Deputy Minister of Industry

“The civil servants who were involved in local meetings had no decision-making authority on projects” - Hon. Tony Clement

“We were not involved in selecting the projects.” – Hon. Tony Clement

Maher, Cindy

From: Clement, Tony - Riding 1 [ClemeT1@parl.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 1:17 PM
To: Maher, Cindy
Subject: RE: Gravenhurst G8 Project List

Thank you Cindy.

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From: Maher, Cindy [CMaher@gravenhurst.ca]
Sent: April 20, 2009 1:13 PM
To: Clement, Tony - Riding 1
Cc: John Klinck (jclinck@vianet.ca)
Subject: Gravenhurst G8 Project List

Hi Sondra...I have been asked by Mayor John Klinck to e-mail you the following updates with regard to the Town of Gravenhurst G8 Project List as was previously submitted.

1. Centennial Centre - Minister Clement has advised that this project should be removed from the G8 Project List and be included in the Town of Gravenhurst's application for the Building Canada Fund - on the advice of Minister Clement, please remove this project from the G8 Project List.
2. Upgrade to Currently Vacant Carnegie Library - the figure previously provided on the list was \$250,000.00 - after conducting additional research and working with an architect to determine the requirements of this project, we have been advised that the cost of this project would be \$600,000.00 - we would therefore, like to amend the Project List to include this new figure of \$600,000.00 instead of \$250,000.00
3. Upgrade of Train Station and Establishment of Visitors' Centre - the figure previously provided on the list was \$250,000.00, but again after conducting additional research and working with an architect, it has been determined that the cost of this project will be \$300,000.00 - we would therefore, like to amend the Project List for this project to be \$300,000.00 rather than \$250,000.00.

We are hoping with the removal of the Centennial Centre project from the G8 Project List at a cost of \$10.5 million that the amendments made to the other projects as noted above will be alright since the overall costs of the projects now is much less than originally submitted.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself via e-mail or at 687-3412 ext 245 or to contact Mayor John Klinck.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Minister Clement.

Cindy Anne Maher
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Gravenhurst



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 17 Feb 2009

RESOLUTION NUMBER: SC- 4 -17/02/09

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Muskoka Lakes Council supports option(s) one to five identified in the staff report dated February 17, 2009, for submission to the ~~Right~~ Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, for G8 Infrastructure Improvement consideration.

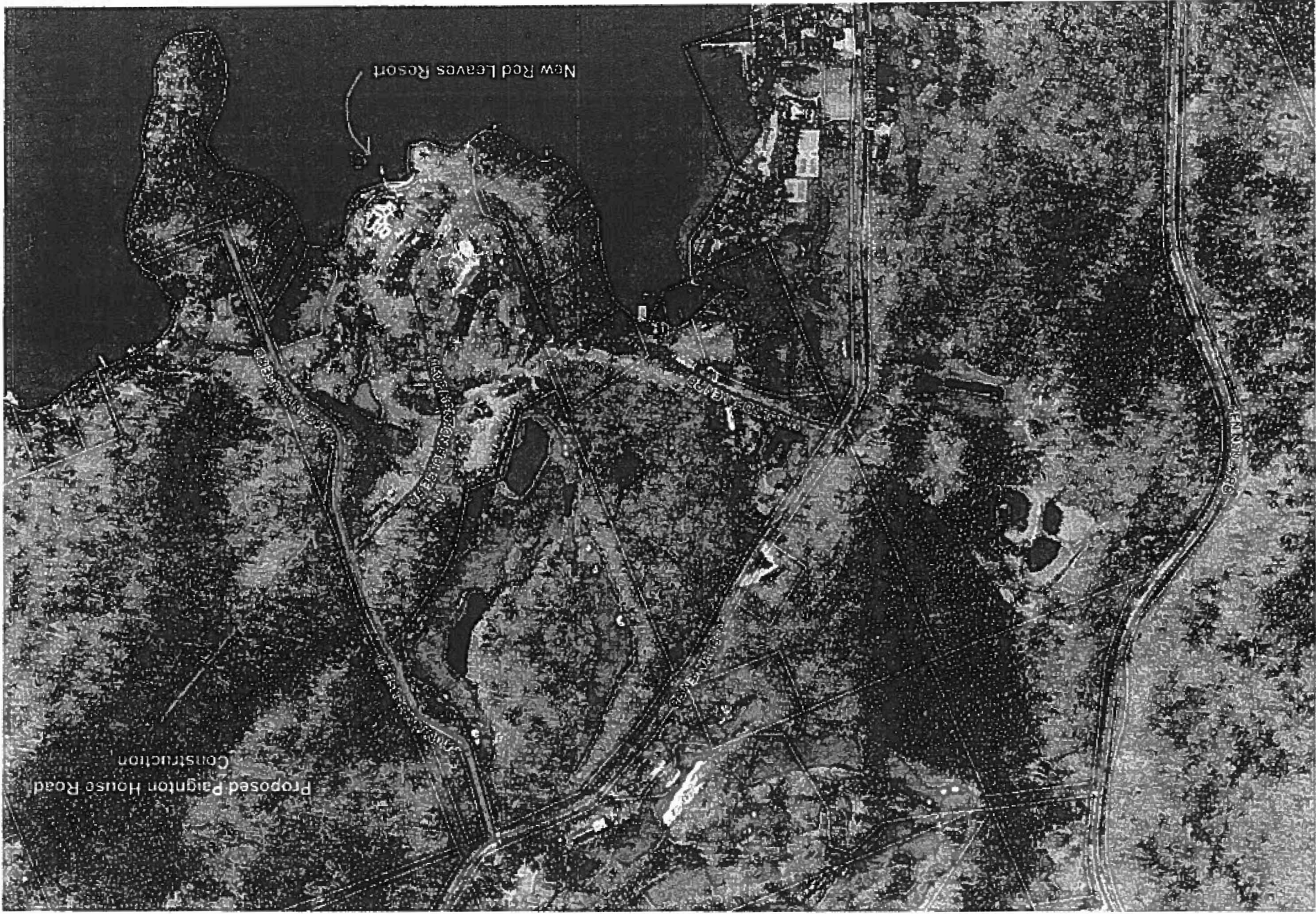
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COUNCILLOR ARNEY	_____	_____
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COUNCILLOR ELLIS	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR GRADY	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR HARE	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR MARTIN	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR THOMPSON	_____	_____
COUNCILLOR WALLACE	_____	_____
MAYOR PRYKE	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	_____

MOTION DEFEATED
MOTION CARRIED

Susan Pryke
MAYOR



New Red Leaves Resort

Proposed Paigton House Road
Construction

TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES – G8 LEGACY PROJECT LIST

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT COST	TOWN	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	G8 LINK	ACTION TAKEN
Paignton House Road Reconstruction	\$410,000.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	Road reconstruction, ditching, dark sky friendly streetlights. Reconstruction will provide significant access improvements to the new Red Leaves Resort.	The 211 room Red Leaves Resort is expected to be a major G8 accommodation location. Improved and safer road access will be provided for VIPs, media and security staff.	
Bala Four Season Bridge	\$625,000.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	Pedestrian/Snowmobile Bridge over North Channel of Muskoka River in Bala. Bridge creates scenic walkway for residents and tourists. In the winter, the structure will act as a snowmobile bridge, assisting the winter economy.	New bridge creates a new looped, scenic waterfront walkway, along Bala Bay; a significant attraction to the historic village and the District of Muskoka as we host the G8 Summit.	
Improvements to Township Signage Program	\$250,000.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	New Village/Hamlet community signage. Trails, parks and facility signage. Entry and information signs to the unique villages and hamlets will help visitors find their way to our attractions.	Muskoka Lakes covers a large geographic area divided by many lakes. Entry and information signage will assist G8 visitors in finding their way to our unique villages/hamlets, attractions and facilities.	
Bala Falls Road Streetscape Improvements	\$400,00.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	Asphalt overlay, storm sewer, sidewalks and streetlights. Streetscape improvements will help extend the tourist season in the Village of Bala beyond the normal summer season, supporting local business.	Streetscape upgrades in a currently "rundown area" will enhance the attractiveness of Bala, becoming an asset to the village and the District of Muskoka, as the world visits our G8 community.	

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Tourist Information Brochure Translations	\$10,000.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	Language translation of various municipal attraction brochures into 5 different languages. For example; conversion of existing Hiking Trail, Historic Walk and Scenic Lookout Brochures.	Brochures will improve communication with our visiting G8 guests and media from around the world.	
New Village of Minett Fire Station	\$1,500,00.00	Township of Muskoka Lakes	Replacement of existing, substandard Minett Village Fire Station. The existing fire station has been identified as deficient in two fire studies and requires replacement. The new fire station will provide improved fire protection for Minett and the new Red Leaves Resort, allowing for future development expansion.	The 5-Star Red Leaves Resort is a logical accommodation for "Observer Countries" to the G8 Summit. The new fire station will provide improved fire protection to G8 guests.	

The Treasurer also noted an omission from the capital budget in the amount of \$25,000 for bunker gear replacement. This will be added to the capital budget.

The Treasurer was directed to make a few minor line item description changes and corrections for the final draft.

Delegations to Council regarding the 2009 draft budget will be received at the February 25, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting with the adoption of the budget proposed for the March 17, 2009 Council meeting.

c. Consideration of a resolution to Replace the Rules of Procedure.

Resolution Number: SC-3-17/02/09

Councillor Hare – Councillor Ellis: Be it resolved that Resolution #SC-2-17/02/09 be replaced and that the Rules of Procedure pursuant to Procedural By-law 2006-11 are no longer suspended.

Carried.

d. Consideration of a resolution Re: G8 infrastructure requests.

The CAO reviewed five options for G8 infrastructure requests to forward to the Minister of Industry for consideration. A copy of the attached report was provided to Council at the meeting.

Council reviewed each of the five options including 1) the upgrading project for Paignton House Road, 2) construction of the four season bridge in Bala, 3) improvements and expansion of the Township Corporate Branding and Signage Program 4) phase two of the Bala Streetscape Project, and 5) financial contribution towards the translation of various municipal attraction literature.

It was the consensus of Council to submit a request for all projects listed.

Resolution Number: SC-4-17/02/09

Councillor Wallace – Councillor Denyar: Be it resolved that Muskoka Lakes Council supports option(s) one to five identified in the staff report dated February 17, 2009, for submission to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, for G8 Infrastructure Improvement consideration.

Carried.

6. Closed Session

a. None

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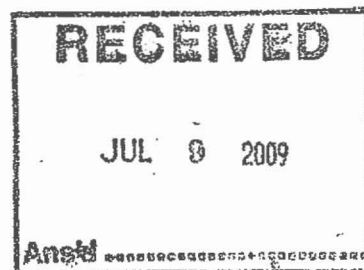
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Dear Walter Schmid:

On behalf of Minister Clement, thank you for submitting a 2010 G8 Summit project proposal for the New village of Minett Fire Station, Muskoka Lakes Township.

The response to the Minister's call for G-8 project proposals has been remarkable. As of May 30, 2009, we have received over 232 proposals, totalling more than \$254 million, far exceeding our expectations. Unfortunately, budget limitations, funding requirements and competing priorities restrict our ability to fund all of these local G8 related initiatives.

The Minister's staff and department officials have reviewed all proposals received in accordance with the above considerations. We have determined that the focus and priority of federal support for community based, G8 Summit-related projects will include promotional activities for the area, infrastructure and legacy projects. Projects supported under the \$50 million, G8 Infrastructure and Legacy Fund have been or will be announced shortly.



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Unfortunately, given the focus and priority of funding, I regret that we will be unable to support all of the excellent proposals submitted to date including the New village of Minett Fire Station, Muskoka Lakes Township. I am most grateful for the Township of Muskoka Lakes' efforts and your support for the 2010 G8 Summit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

David Pierce

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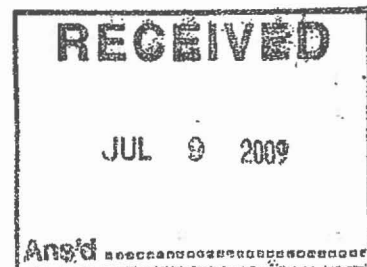
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Unfortunately, I regret that we will be unable to support your proposal under the G8 Infrastructure and Legacy Fund. However, I encourage you to visit FedNor's website to determine whether your project meets its program criteria and/or speak with either of the FedNor officers listed below regarding consideration of your proposal.

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Thank you for your and the Township of Muskoka Lakes' efforts and best of luck with your project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Pierce", written in a cursive style.

David Pierce
Office of the Minister of Industry

Walt Schmid

From: Michael Lawley [mlawley@muskokatourism.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 6:02 PM
To: Walt Schmid; John Sisson; Jim Green; Don Chevalier; Cindy Maher; Brenda Black; Kelly Pender
Subject: FW: G8 Accommodation List
Attachments: muskoka-tourism-2009-02-20.pdf; G8 Summit 2010 March 30 CAOs.xls
Categories: Red Category

Hello Everyone,

Jim has asked me to provide an update on G8 Accommodation.

Attached is an edited list as of March 30, 2009 identifying Muskoka accommodation being held for the G8 that includes commercial properties, B&Bs, cottages and private residences. The original spreadsheet contains personal information (civic addresses, phone #s, e-mail addresses, and a lengthy comment field).

We have made an effort to make this an open and transparent process. Muskoka Tourism purchased ad space in the Feb. 20 issue of the Weekender, inviting anyone to contact us to list their property. For ad details, see the attachment. We have received G8 accommodation referrals from Tony Clement's office, economic development officers, chambers of commerce, people already on the list who are recommending their friends and neighbours. If there are any additions to the list, please let me know.

Sheila Watson has been in Muskoka completing site visits. Her priority at the moment is to lock up commercial accommodation businesses. Her contact information is:

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If you have any questions, please call.

Regards,

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Walt Schmid

From: David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:48 PM
To: wschmid@muskokalakes.ca
Cc: spryke@muskokalakes.ca
Subject: RE: Paigntonhouse Road.

Walt/ Mayor

If either of you have a moment can I speak with you? My cell is 613-668-0159.

thanks

Dave Pierce
Office of Tony Clement PC., MP
Minister of Industry
613-668-0159

From: Walt Schmid [<mailto:wschmid@muskokalakes.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 4:16 PM
To: Honourable Tony Clement; Tony Clement; Pierce, David: IC-MIN
Cc: Susan Pryke
Subject: Paigntonhouse Road.
Importance: High

That's great news Tony.

Susan is correct, the sooner the announcement is made the better.

The engineering design needs to be completed , tender documents prepared and advertized (mid Sept.), and the contract awarded(early / mid Oct). Then the contractor needs to get the actual work done (late November, early December). Asphalt pavement may have to wait until spring 2010 , if the asphalt plants close early due to winter weather.

We certainly can't risk a delay until spring 2010 and still guarantee a pre G8 completion.

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Walt

From: S Pryke [<mailto:SPryke@muskokalakes.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 3:04 PM
To: tonyclement@rogers.blackberry.net
Cc: Walt Schmid
Subject: RE: Have you go the right road in tomorrow's announcement?

How about now ☺☺ or as soon as you can.

Susan

From: Tony Clement [<mailto:tonyclement@rogers.blackberry.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 2:53 PM
To: Susan Pryke
Subject: Re: Have you go the right road in tomorrow's announcement?

I'm thinking of doing that by Media Release, so when would you like it?

From: "S Pryke"
Date: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 14:51:18 -0400
To: <tonyclement@rogers.blackberry.net>
Subject: RE: Have you go the right road in tomorrow's announcement?
Thanks. Could you give me a timeline on the Paignton House Road announcement?

Susan

From: Tony Clement [<mailto:tonyclement@rogers.blackberry.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 2:40 PM
To: Susan Pryke
Cc: Sondra Read; David Pierce
Subject: Re: Have you go the right road in tomorrow's announcement?

Hi! Two different anncts. You're getting both. Tomorrow is about Dawson Road. Paignton will be announced separately.

From: "S Pryke"
Date: Wed, 26 Aug 2009 14:32:36 -0400
To: Tony Clement<Clemet1@parl.gc.ca>; Tony Clement \ (via Blackberry)<tonyclement@rogers.blackberry.net>
Subject: Have you go the right road in tomorrow's announcement?

Hi Tony

We received word from David Pearce last Friday that there would be an announcement this week regarding funding for the Paignton House Road into Red Leaves. However, we have not. And the announcement tomorrow is for Dawson Road. What is up?

Susan

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Appendix "A"

February 11, 2009

Mr. A.J. White
Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works
District Municipality of Muskoka
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Dear Tony:

As you are aware, the Town of Huntsville will be doing a major expansion of our Community Centre to enable us to host the G8 World Summit in 2010.

Our Municipality strongly encourages and supports the District Municipality of Muskoka to proceed with the required work to modify the Mountview Wastewater Treatment Plant, in order to improve the negative impact of the Plant on the air quality in our Town centre. This is one of the highest priorities of our community to have this remedial work done as we play host to our distinguished visitors at that time.

The Town of Huntsville supports an application to the Local Area Leadership Group for the G8 by the District for the funds needed to do this work.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Claude Doughty, Mayor
Town of Huntsville

CD/dc

c.c. Jim Green, Chief Administrative Officer



2010 G8 Summit Local Area Leadership Group AGENDA

To be held on Saturday, May 30th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
In the Huntsville Municipal Council Chambers

1. **CONVENE**
2. **OPENING REMARKS – MINISTER TONY CLEMENT**
3. **COMMENTS – MR. GERALD COSSETTE**
4. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

2010 G8 Summit Local Area Leadership Group

Meeting held on **Friday, February 27, 2009** at **8:30 a.m.**
In the Tom Thomson Room, Deerhurst Resort

Attendance:

- Chair: Minister Tony Clement, M.P.
- Members: Chair Gord Adams, District of Muskoka
Deputy Mayor Steve Clement, Bracebridge, Alternate
Mayor Claude Doughty, Huntsville
Joseph Klein, General Manager, Deerhurst Resort
Mayor John Klinck, Gravenhurst
Mayor Janet Peake, Lake of Bays
Mayor Susan Pryke, Muskoka Lakes
Ron Ross, Anishinabek Nation Representative
Paul Scolfield, West Parry Sound, Alternate
Reeve Cathy Still, Burks Falls
Mayor Jim Walden, Georgian Bay
- Absent: Mayor Richard Adams, Parry Sound
Mayor Don Coates, Bracebridge
- Guests: Ron Begin, Officer-North Bay - FedNor
Tom Dodds, Director, International Business – FedNor
Cheryl Forth, Officer-Parry Sound - FedNor
Jane Karhi, Tourism Officer – FedNor
Douglas Legg, Tourism Consultant – Malone Given Parsons Ltd.
David Pierce, Director, Agencies, Boards & Commissions – Industry Canada
Johan Rudnick, Director of Operations – Regional Operations – Industry Canada
- Staff: Tanya Calleja, Administrative Assistant-Clerks
John Finley, Economic Development / Grants Officer
Kelly Pender, Chief Administrative Officer
Sondra Read, Constituency Manager, Minister Clement's Office - Huntsville

1. CONVENE

Minister Clement convened the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

2. WELCOME – Minister Clement

Minister Clement introduced Tom Dodds.

Tom Dodds introduced the FedNor Team.

Minister Clement noted that the Local Area Leadership Group Members would not be discussing each submission, but the criteria to be applied in order to make this a success on a local basis.

- The establishment of funding criteria complemented by a clear proposal review process.
- The FedNor Report will be completed no later than March 30, 2009.

Mr. Dodds further noted that he is interested in obtaining ideas on the criteria that the Members may have.

Question

Mayor Klinck asked if ideas were being driven from the bottom up and that he had concerns as to what the top down initiatives are; where the Federal Government is positioning themselves; what the role is of the municipalities; and if there would be a time to discuss a sense of where everything is to be located.

Answer

Minister Clement noted that they do not yet have all the answers and they are waiting on the finalization of the security framework in which everything will then flow from.

Question

Mayor Pryke asked if the process will be completed by March 30th.

Answer

Mr. Dodds noted that FedNor is going to evaluate all projects applying basic tourism principles and provide a recommendation in a Report for March 30th.

Question

John Winters, Superintendent, Algonquin Provincial Park, asked if there would be a close off date for receipt of the submissions.

Answer

Mr. Dodds noted that a deadline has yet to be determined.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Tourism Sub-Committee which would include representatives from all levels of government.

Minister Clement noted that the current LALG Committee is our municipal representative and that FedNor will be involving other levels as well.

Question

Mayor Walden asked if the process was separate from the Building Canada Fund and if projects could be submitted to both funds.

Answer

Minister Clement noted that the Building Canada Fund is for capital projects and that the LALG submitted projects are not really considered "capital" projects; however, if it is specifically related to the G8 Summit for the Infrastructure Fund, then yes, they are two different Funds.

Minister Clement noted that he believed some of the current LALG submissions would be for potential Infrastructure Funds; however, if the submission was reviewed and it did not, FedNor will suggest other funding avenues.

Mr. Dodds noted that the process would include the objective to see what projects fit and what other sources of funding are available.

Mayor Klinck - Gravenhurst:

Mayor Klinck noted the following:

- That he would like the Members to have the opportunity to speak with Gerald Cossette, Summit Manager, regarding assets that Municipality's have and further, the he hopes that assumptions have not been made (i.e. that they do not want to be near a protest centre);
- That he appreciated the tourism and legacy perspectives but that he believed the Members should consider how the G8 Summit contributes to the quality of life of the ratepayers, as well as long term for those in the tourism business and not just for the individuals passing through;
- That criteria should also involve creative international possibilities (i.e. Chinese - Gravenhurst - Bethune House).

Mayor Doughty - Huntsville:

Mayor Doughty noted that he concurred with Chair Adams comments.

Mayor Doughty further noted a sample of a small cost, high impact project would be similar to some of the Group of Seven Mural Paintings that have been painted by local artists and assisted by visiting citizens to Huntsville over the last few years, and that a Mural could be placed at Deerhurst to be completed by the G8 Summit Leaders. The event would be photographed by every country's media representatives and circulated around the world.

Minister Clement thanked the Members for their input.

Minister Clement further noted that he is attempting to obtain decisions from the Summit Management Office and the RCMP on the security audit in order to obtain the approval for the infrastructure projects.

Question

Mayor Peake asked if municipalities should seek out other sources of funding or wait for the completion of the FedNor Report.

Answer

Ron Begin noted that FedNor liked to be the last resource for funding.

Tom Dodds noted that FedNor will inform the Members as to any other avenues of funding.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Nil -

6. ADJOURNMENT

Minister Clement noted that the next meeting date will be pending early April.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



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March 21, 2011

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I am writing from the Government of Canada regarding your application under the G8 Legacy Fund to seek your authorization to release information related to that application.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates has asked officials to provide information on applications submitted under the G8 Legacy Fund. I am writing to request your consent for the release of your organization's name, a brief description of the proposed project and the estimated project costs in order that it may be forwarded to the Standing Committee. The specific details to be released are listed here:

Project Name	Proponent	Project Description	Project Cost (Estimate)
Town of Gravenhurst: Upgrade of Train Station and Establishment of Visitors' Centre	Town of Gravenhurst	Upgrade of the Train Station to make it fully accessible and install washrooms for public use. Establish a visitors centre to promote and market the District of Muskoka and the Town of Gravenhurst	\$300,000.00
Town of Gravenhurst: Upgrade to Currently Vacant Carnegie Library	Town of Gravenhurst	Upgrade of the Carnegie Library to make it fully accessible and install washrooms for public use	\$600,000.00
Muskoka Road Upgrade of Street Lighting and Furniture from James Street to Winewood Avenue	Town of Gravenhurst	Retrofit of the existing street lighting along Muskoka Road to install energy efficient and dark sky friendly products and also supply and install new streetscape furniture, waste and recycling receptacles and bicycle racks	\$1,200,000.00
Centennial Centre (REMOVED AT REQUEST OF TOWN OF GRAVENHURST - applying to BCF)	Town of Gravenhurst	The Centennial Centre plays a major role in the Town and District's Emergency Plan	\$10,500,000.00



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Parks Canada Visitor Centre	Town of Gravenhurst	Develop the design and engineered drawings for the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, includes purchase of Brown Bottling Building	\$250,000.00
Town of Gravenhurst: Bethune Memorial	Town of Gravenhurst	Bethune Memorial, located near the Carnegie Building	
Town of Gravenhurst: Chinese Delegation	Town of Gravenhurst	Lobby for Chinese delegation to be located in Gravenhurst	
Town of Gravenhurst: Trail/Sidewalks Construction	Town of Gravenhurst	Construct in-laid walking trails throughout the downtown and from the downtown to the wharf	
Town of Gravenhurst: Wayfinding Signage	Town of Gravenhurst	Coming into the downtown and throughout the wharf, enhanced street signs along Muskoka Road, Entrance Sign, etc.	
Town of Gravenhurst: Chinese Language Signage	Town of Gravenhurst	Chinese language signage throughout the town	

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Janet White at 705-941-2071 or toll free 1-877-33-6673.

Thank you for your time.

CONSENT

Do you agree to have the above listed information released to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates?

Yes:

No:

Official Proponent Signature:

P. Donaldson

Date:

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The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Saxton.

We'll now move to Mr. Angus. You have five minutes, sir.

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Mr. Andrew Saxton: Thank you very much.

Minister Clement, and maybe officials as well, we've heard from Minister Baird that every cent of the G-8 legacy fund is accounted for. Is that correct?

Ms. Yaprak Baltacioglu: Sir, maybe I will take the comment.

The department ensured that all of the bills that were submitted were reviewed, and we accounted for everything that we paid for. As well, we ensured that actual results were achieved in terms of building public infrastructure as a result of this fund.

Mr. Andrew Saxton: Mr. Forster.

Mr. John Forster: Yes, in the end the fund was approved for \$50 million; about \$45.7 million was approved for projects, and the final expenditures were \$44.8 million. All bills and claims have been paid out and verified with reports.

• (1550)

Mr. Andrew Saxton: Madam d'Auray.

Ms. Michelle d'Auray: I can verify that this is correct, as per my colleagues.

Mr. Andrew Saxton: Mr. Dicerni.

Mr. Richard Dicerni: I have nothing to add to the eloquent statements already made.

Mr. Andrew Saxton: Minister Clement, would you like the last word? Has every cent of the G-8 legacy fund been accounted for?

Hon. Tony Clement: What I rely on, obviously, is the Auditor General's comments, which were to that effect, yes.

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Now, with respect to the e-mails that were released under municipal freedom of information, the NDP have repeatedly said that those e-mails only came to light because of their own research.

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Hon. Tony Clement: He's been complaining all along that I haven't been speaking—

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Hon. Tony Clement: —and now he's interrupting me.

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Hon. Tony Clement: —for me to answer, if you keep talking over my answer, sir. So—

Mr. Charlie Angus: Well, do you have it?

The Chair: You have the floor. Answer the question, Minister.

Go ahead.

Hon. Tony Clement: Thank you, Chair.

Again, the trail is very clear. The municipalities prioritized the projects. They delivered those prioritized projects to the constituency office, who then in turn, without additional review or alteration, transmitted them ultimately to the Department of Transport and Infrastructure Canada, where the responsible minister would make the decision.

All of that documentation on those 33 was, as I understand it, shared with the Auditor General. I would like to make that point clear.

The Chair: Thank you.

I'm sorry; time has expired.

Mr. Kramp, you have the floor.

Mr. Daryl Kramp (Prince Edward—Hastings, CPC): Thank you, Chair.

I certainly welcome our guests here today.

First, to Madam Baltacioglu, Minister Baird has been very clear in his statement today and all through this last period of time. He's made the point that he approved the projects on the infrastructure on the recommendation of Minister Clement. He approved on the recommendation of Minister Clement.

From your perspective, is that how the professional civil service understood this process?

Ms. Yaprak Baltacioglu: Those words do matter in the selection process. Minister Clement, as he outlined in his opening remarks, working with the local communities and the leadership, identified priority projects for funding consideration. These identified priority projects were given to Infrastructure Canada. Infrastructure Canada did an assessment of these projects against the terms and conditions of the program, and we did provide advice to Minister Baird for his approval of the 32 projects and also for him to sign the contribution agreements. Minister Baird signed the contribution agreements and any other documentation that's required, as the minister legally responsible for the fund.

Walt Schmid

From: John Sisson [JSisson@bracebridge.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 1:12 PM
To: wschmid@muskokalakes.ca
Subject: RE: G8 projects - urgent information required

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makes no sense at all

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jrs

From: Walt Schmid [<mailto:wschmid@muskokalakes.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 10:44 AM
To: John Sisson
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Is this the one?

Seems late don't you think?

Walt

From: David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca [<mailto:David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 2:03 PM
To: David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca
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Good afternoon,

To facilitate an expediate contribution agreement process for your G8 projects, I need the following information(please answer this information as specifically as possible to avoid back and forth calls between officials and yourselves):

- Project descriptions need to be enhanced in order to complete the contribution agreements. Descriptions should:
 - Full project description;
 - include the construction methods, anticipated results, all components/phases of the project, location information, timelines; and,
 - include any other relevant information.
 - A breakdown of project component costs is needed in order to determine eligibility and to negotiate costs with the proponent. Other sources of funding, where applicable, should also be included.

- Timelines for project, including tender date, proposed/actual start and end dates are needed.

Please submit to me, by Friday August 14th, a separate document for each of your G8 projects that outlines the above information. Please also provide any other attachments you feel are relevant.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Cheers

Dave Pierce
Office of Tony Clement PC., MP
Minister of Industry
613-668-0159



Julie Stevens

From: Julie Stevens [jstevens@muskokalakes.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 2:36 PM
To: 'David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca'
Cc: Walt Schmid (wschmid@muskokalakes.ca)
Subject: RE: URGENT
Attachments: Clement Request-Bala Streetscape.pdf; image001.gif

Hi Dave:

As discussed, I have entered as much detail as possible given the timeframe. Attached in this email is a summary page followed by copies of all of the invoices for the Bala Streetscape project.

I will follow with an additional email for the Paignton House Road project.

The last project is Corporate Signage. I expect I cannot finish this today given the number of invoices. I will have this to you tomorrow afternoon.

Regards,

Julie Stevens
Treasurer, Township of Muskoka Lakes
705-765-3156 x210

From: David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca [mailto:David.Pierce@ic.gc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 6:20 AM
To: wschmid@muskokalakes.ca; jstevens@muskokalakes.ca; ltroup@muskokalakes.ca; bldg@muskokalakes.ca
Subject: [***SPAM*** Score/Req: 09.3/5.0] URGENT

With regard to your G8 Legacy Infrastructure Project, I need an itemization of the exact costs that were incurred during the completion of your projects. Not that we suspect anything is wrong - sadly not one of the stories this week have been factual. Our effort is to ensure that by the end of the week, we have a complete itemized list of all components for each project tied to the G8 so we can immediately refute the charges.

The costing needs to be broken down in as much detail as humanly possible by today. An excell spreadsheet is fine or an existing document that crudley outlines the exact contractors costs. Just as detailed as possible, as quickly as possible.

Can you help? I'll try to call this morning. Please confirm you've received this email.

Dave Pierce
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Walt Schmid

From: Kim Bennie [kbennie@muskokalakes.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 4:05 PM
To: 'Tanya Calleja'; 'John Finley'; 'Tony Clement'
Cc: Walt Schmid
Subject: 2010 - G8 Community Project Summary
Attachments: 1 - Paignton House Road Reconstruction.pdf; 2 - Bala Four Season Bridge.pdf; 3 - Signage Program.pdf; 4 - Bala Falls Road Streetscape.pdf; 5 - Tourist Information Bouchure Translations.pdf; 6 - Minett Fire Station.pdf; Ltr Hon Tony Clement.pdf; Teen Summit.pdf

Dear Honourable Minister:

Attach please find Muskoka Lakes G8 Community Project Submissions for your consideration and approval.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

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CAO
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From: John Sisson [JSisson@bracebridge.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2009 4:37 PM
To: Walt Schmid, CAO
Subject: FW: FW:TONY CLEMENT

Hi Walt,

Here is the e-mail. I'll keep you in mind if anything else comes out.

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Sent: March 30, 2009 2:44 PM
To: mayor@huntsville.ca; Jklinck@gravenhurst.ca; dCoates@bracebridge.ca; radams@townofparrysound.com; mayor@janetpeake.com; cstill@xplornet.com; elgin28@sympatico.ca; jwalden@gbtownship.ca; jeffjohnston@sympatico.ca
Cc: john.finley@gowlings.com; lsheerk@gravenhurst.ca; ckelley@bracebridge.gc.ca; Recreation@LakeOfBays.on.ca
Subject:

Hello everyone. I have been asked to put out a call for G8 submissions specific to the enhancement of the downtown area's in each town and municipality. We are looking for storefront renovations, roadwork, landscaping and general beautification, lighting, signage, anything that will enhance and is specific to the downtown area. It would be great if we could have these submissions within three weeks. Please send them through me (clemet1@parl.gc.ca<<mailto:clemet1@parl.gc.ca>>) and I will send them to FedNor.

Also: The summit team is putting together a website which will include questions and answers. If you could please forward the type of questions you are hearing from your constituents regarding anything and everything involving the G8, we will try to get those questions answered on the website. If you could get these questions into me, as soon as possible, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you everyone for your assistance and I look forward to seeing your submissions.

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