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HCM Council Members,

## **RE: Waste Management Fees**

In reading the recent Waste Management Newsletter, I was surprised by the planned 2013 bag tag fee increase. Obviously this detail also escaped my attention when reviewing the final draft of the Waste Management Bylaw last fall.

As stated on numerous occasions during the public consultation process and again during the recent waste management public information session, the ratepayers were expressly told the program is NOT about money, but is focused on waste diversion and extending the life of our landfills. I find it troublesome that council has put in motion a planned fee increase before the program has even started and in advance of any substantive information related to the program's success in achieving the desired goals.

The bag tag fees have been introduced as an incentive to recycle. If we are already recycling to the best of our ability, how will increasing the bag tag fee result in additional waste diversion?

To put things into perspective, the planned fees are equivalent to doubling the municipal portion of our tax bill over a 24 month timeframe. Suffice to say, I suspect any ratepayer would not be happy when faced with a 100% increase in his/her municipal tax bill.

If this is about cost recovery, then let us admit that. If this is about waste diversion, then I respectfully request council put forward a motion to defer any planned fee increases until the success of the program can be measured and if the results fall short of the stated goals, an assessment be made on whether additional fee increases will achieve the desired outcome.

The irony of the whole situation is council has clearly expended a significant amount of funds over the last twelve months on various legal and professional fees with admittedly questionable results (as stated by council), and the total of these expenses far exceeds the incremental revenue stream from additional disposal fees.

Regards,

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**MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ALGONQUIN LAND CLAIM**

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**TO:** Local municipal CAOs and Clerks  
Algonquin Land Claim Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC)  
MAC Focus Group

**Cc:** Ron Doering, Chief Federal Negotiator  
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**FROM:** Brian Crane, Chief Negotiator  
Norm Lemke, Municipal Advisory Committee Co-Chair

**DATE:** April 20, 2012

**Subject:** Invitation to Attend a Confidential Briefing on the Algonquin Land Claim and  
Upcoming Municipal Consultations

Meeting Dates Available - May 2, 7, 8, 9, 2012

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The Algonquin Land Claim negotiations are making significant progress in the development of a draft Agreement-in-Principle (AIP).

Our expectation is that a draft AIP will be reached by the negotiators before the end of this year, and will then be publicly available. A ratification vote by the Algonquin membership will then occur, followed by ratification of the draft AIP by Ontario and Canada. The AIP will be followed by further negotiations leading to a Final Agreement with the Algonquins.

The AIP will mark a significant milestone toward a final settlement of this outstanding Aboriginal land claim.

Members of the Ontario negotiation team have had opportunity to brief several local municipal councils in the past, and much work has been done with Ontario's Municipal Advisory Committee that was established in 1996 and the Municipal Advisory Committee Focus Group that was formed in 2010.

At this point, the Chief Negotiators for the three parties are ready to engage in a series of confidential discussions with key stakeholders in the claim area.

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As the senior staff official for your municipality, Ontario's negotiation team is inviting you and members of your municipal council to attend a confidential briefing to provide you with an update on the status of the negotiations, and an overview of the proposed consultation process with affected municipalities.

We expect this meeting will be followed by detailed technical discussions with senior municipal staff that will focus on potential settlement lands. From Ontario's perspective, local governments will play a very important role in the shaping and delivering of a successful land claim settlement.

Ontario has organized the following meeting dates, times and venues:

- Bancroft:       Wednesday, May 2 @ 6:00 p.m.,  
                  Bancroft Best Western, 146 Hastings St. N., Bancroft
  
- Mattawa:       Monday, May 7 @ 6:30 p.m.,  
                  Mattawa Golden Age Club, 464 Poplar St., Mattawa
  
- Pembroke:      Tuesday, May 8 @ 6:00 p.m.  
                  Pembroke Best Western, 1 International Dr., Pembroke
  
- Perth:           Wednesday, May 9 @ 6:00 p.m.  
                  Perth Lions Hall, Halton & Arthur St., Perth

The same information will be shared at all of the meetings. There is no restriction on which meeting you choose to attend. However, in an effort to help us set up the necessary logistical arrangements, we ask that you confirm the location at which you intend to attend and the number of persons who will be participating. A light dinner will be available 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

**Please respond no later than Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Shelly Dumouchel, Program and Community Liaison by telephone (613) 732-8081 or e-mail [shelly.dumouchel@ontario.ca](mailto:shelly.dumouchel@ontario.ca)**