

ADDENDUM #1

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2007 08 13

4:30 P.M.

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

5. **COMMUNICATIONS AND ROUTINE REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**
- (a) Further correspondence from AMO is attached for the information of Council.
 - (e) Correspondence from the Municipality of Marmora and Lake (concerning resolution to reform the property tax system) is attached for the information of Council.
 - (q) **City Men's Hockey League Request for Debt Forgiveness**
Further correspondence concerning this item is attached for the information of Council.

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Donna Irving

From: communicate@amo.on.ca
Sent: August 9, 2007 5:20 PM
To: Donna Irving
Subject: LAS Municipal Investigator Program - Details to be announced at the 2007 AMO Conference.

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

LAS is moving ahead with Closed Meetings Investigator Program Details to be announced at the 2007 AMO Conference.

LAS will be announcing the details of a new Municipal Investigator Program at a special session at the AMO Annual Conference. This LAS program will assist municipalities in preparing for the closed meeting provisions of the Municipal Act that will come into effect on January 1, 2008.

In the week following the AMO conference, information and required enrollment materials will be distributed to all municipalities so that you can determine if this LAS program is of interest to your municipality. Please review the materials related to this program promptly to ensure that Council has enough time to determine what approach they wish to take to ensure that your municipality is properly prepared for the January 1, 2008 enactment of these provisions of the Act.

Should you have any questions about the program please contact the undersigned.

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RESOLUTION TO REFORM the PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM

"Whereas on June 29'th 2006 the Province cancelled property tax assessments for 2006 and 2007 to allow MPAC to implement the recent Ombudsman's recommendations.

WHEREAS the Ombudsman's report of March 28th, 2006 entitled, "Getting it Right", will improve assessments and eliminate many problems , it will not make our property tax system any less volatile and unpredictable.

WHEREAS rapidly increasing property assessments and resultant property tax increases are a hardship to many Ontario taxpayers.

WHEREAS the system of province-wide Current Value Assessment (CVA) was designed to bring fairness to Ontario taxpayers. In the current environment of rapidly increasing residential assessments, changes to the tax system are warranted to ensure this fairness for all taxpayers.

Whereas a system based solely on CVA is not satisfactory.

Whereas phasing assessment increases over 4 years as proposed in the March 22'nd Budget will not prevent the volatility of high tax increases it is not a satisfactory solution to needed reform.

BE IT RESOLVED that The Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests the Provincial Government to reform the property tax system during the assessment freeze to eliminate volatility and provide a more stable and fair system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Ontario Municipalities be sent a copy of this resolution and be requested to support this resolution by sending a copy to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Finance Minister Greg Sorbora and the local MPP."

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August 9, 2007

Mayor John Rowswell
And Members of City Council

Re: City Men's Hockey League Debt

City Men's Hockey League had an emergency meeting on
Wednesday, August 8, 2007, to discuss the debt.

They have agreed they will pay the outstanding debt. A date for
repayment will have to be discussed, but first payment will be
made this year when the league starts up for the season.

Thank you

The City Men's Hockey League