

ADDENDUM

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

2008 09 08

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.

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

6. REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS; BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

6. (6) PLANNING

- (b) **Application No. A-18-08-Z.OP - Wal-Mart Canada Corporation - 446 Great Northern Road - Request to Amend Official Plan in Order to Expand the Department Store**

A letter from the solicitor for Metro Inc., operator of A & P Grocery Store at 248 Northern Avenue East requesting a deferral of this application is attached for the information of Council.



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ALERT

MEMBER COMMUNICATION

ALERT N^o: 08/037

To the attention of the Clerk and Council
September 4, 2008

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Important Infrastructure Funding Announcements at 2008 AMO Conference

Issue: Two key announcements were made at the 2008 AMO Conference in Ottawa: the announcement by the Government of Ontario of an additional \$1.1 Billion in infrastructure funding for municipalities; and the signing by Canada and Ontario of Communities Component agreement of the Building Canada Plan.

Investing In Ontario Announcement:

On Monday, August 25th, Premier McGuinty announced that all municipalities will receive the largest portion of the 2007-08 provincial budget surplus of \$1.7 billion. Under the *Investing in Ontario Act*, the first \$600 million of the 2007-08 provincial operating surplus is used to pay down provincial debt and the remainder, \$1.1 billion, is being distributed to all municipalities in Ontario on a per capita basis. The funding can be used for any municipal capital expenditure. The funding is expected to flow in the coming weeks. Allocation information is linked to this alert: <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/budget/paccts/2008/iaa.html>

AMO has been working closely with the Government of Ontario to better understand Ontario's municipal infrastructure deficit as part of the on-going Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review. Additional provincial investment in municipal infrastructure is an important outcome of this work. The Review's work continues and is expected to conclude with a consensus report this fall.

Building Canada Communities Component Announcement:

On August 26th, Canada and Ontario signed the Communities Component Agreement of the Building Canada Fund, which will flow more than \$724 million in infrastructure funding for 7 years to rural and small urban municipalities across Ontario. The first intake will be open for applications on September 12, 2008 with \$200 million in combined federal and provincial funding available. Receiving municipalities will also contribute one third of the project costs.

Eligible project categories include drinking and wastewater systems, public transit, green energy, disaster mitigation, solid waste management, culture, sport, connectivity, local roads and core national highways, short-sea shipping and shortline rail, local and regional airports, tourism or brownfield redevelopment.

Action: AMO welcomed these announcements as helpful to the overall infrastructure deficit. AMO, however, continues to advocate for stable, long-term, predictable infrastructure funding for Ontario's municipalities.



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Donna Irving

From: communicate@amo.on.ca
Sent: September 5, 2008 4:18 PM
To: Donna Irving
Subject: Energy Services and MIDAS Information Town Hall Sessions

Attachments: Sept 5, 2008 LAS_Town_Hall_2008_2009_Info_Sheet_2008Sep5.pdf



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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK ADMINISTRATOR AND TREASURER

Attached is (1) AMO / LAS Information Session Notice, as below:

- AMO / LAS Town Hall Sessions 2008 - 2009

At the AMO/LAS Town Hall Sessions learn more about the LAS Electricity and Natural Gas Programs and also about LAS' new Energy Services Division designed to help municipalities become more energy savvy while reducing energy consumption and saving money. LAS staff will also profile the new Energy Management Tool (EMT).

The focus during the morning of these sessions will be the Sustainability Planning Toolkit for Municipalities in Ontario, released by AMO in the summer 2008. The Toolkit is designed to assist municipalities realize tangible progress towards greater sustainability as contemplated by the Federal Gas Tax Agreement.

In the MIDAS Information Sessions learn how MIDAS can empower your staff and Council through better information and insight, allow your municipality to compare your own performance measures to your municipal peer group, and also easily benchmark yourself against other municipalities in a variety of key service areas. You will also learn about the GIS capabilities being developed for the MIDAS application.

REMINDER - Space is limited so please register early.

If you have problems opening the attachment(s) please call AMO at (416) 971-9856.

PLEASE NOTE

Town Hall Sessions

2008-2009

These sessions will inform municipal staff and elected officials about key program and service offerings from AMO/LAS, and how these tools can benefit every municipality!

Let AMO/LAS staff educate you about a new toolkit designed to enhance community sustainability planning as well as our popular Municipal Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS). These sessions are also your chance to learn more about our valuable energy procurement programs and our new energy management tool (EMT).

Town Hall Schedule

9:00-12:00	Community Sustainability Planning – Federal Gas Tax
1:00-2:00	Energy Procurement Programs – Natural Gas and Electricity
2:00-3:00	New Energy Management Tool (EMT)
3:00-4:00	Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS)

The focus of the morning session will be the ***Sustainability Planning Toolkit for Municipalities in Ontario***, released by AMO in summer 2008. This toolkit provides a set of practical tools to help a municipality identify where they sit along the "sustainability continuum" and helps them choose the specific tools that are most appropriate to their unique circumstances, to realize tangible progress towards greater sustainability as contemplated by the Federal Gas Tax Agreement. The purpose of this session will be to show municipalities how to use the toolkit and help recognize how to adopt sustainability measures and save money.

In the afternoon session, LAS staff will profile three energy-related programs that can help save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing energy consumption. This session will provide a comprehensive overview of the **LAS Electricity and Natural Gas Procurement Programs** that are currently utilized by more than 160 municipalities.

In this session staff will also demonstrate the new **LAS Energy Management Tool** – a web-based software application that allows municipalities to monitor, benchmark, and compare facility energy performance, measure and verify savings from energy conservation projects, reduce operational costs and improve processes, and meet corporate environmental stewardship goals including greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions.

The last session of the day will focus on the **Municipal Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS)** web-based tool that converts raw Financial Information Return data of Ontario municipalities into meaningful reports and graphic presentations, making useful municipal benchmarking exercises convenient and fast. Let staff demonstrate how this application can empower your staff and Council through better information and insight, allow you to compare municipal performance measures to your peer group, and also benchmark yourself against other municipalities in a variety of key service areas. Learn also about the developing GIS capabilities of the MIDAS application.

2008 AMO/LAS Town Hall Sessions

There is no charge for these events but we require pre-registration for all attendees.

AM session – 9:00am – 12:00 noon --- PM session – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Date	City	Location/Address	Sessions - you can attend both	
			<u>AM</u> Federal Gas Tax	<u>PM</u> LAS & MIDAS
Monday October 6, 2008	City of Dryden	City of Dryden City Hall 30 Van Horne Ave Dryden, Ontario P8N 2A7	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Thursday October 16, 2008	City of Sault Ste. Marie	Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie City Council Chambers 99 Foster Drive, Civic Centre Level 3 Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5N1	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Thursday October 16, 2008	Municipality of Temiskaming Shores	City of Temiskaming Shores 325 Farr Drive, P.O. Box 2050 Haileybury, Ontario, P0J 1K0	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Thursday November 20, 2008	Town of Parry Sound	4 Church Street Parry Sound Upstairs meeting room in Firehall (Parking on street)	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Wednesday November 26, 2008	City of Kingston	Memorial Hall Room	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Monday December 1, 2008	City of Hamilton	Hamilton Room (1st Floor) Hamilton Central Public Library York Blvd	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Friday, December 12, 2008	County of Renfrew	Council Chambers County of Renfrew Administration 9 International Drive Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Monday, January 26, 2009	Municipality of Chatham-Kent	CKlearning Central 2nd floor, Park Avenue Business Centre 25 Creek Road Chatham, ON N7M 5J3	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

Name	Title
Municipality	
Phone:	Email:

Please FAX completed registration form to AMO/LAS @ (416) 971-6191



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To: Don McConnell; Jerry Dolcetti
Cc: John Rowswell; Joe Fratesi (b.berlingieri@cityssm.on.ca)
Subject: FW: Application No. A-18-08-Z.OP (Wal-mart Canada Corp.)

From: Judy Biocchi **On Behalf Of** City Clerk
Sent: September 8, 2008 8:32 AM
To: Donna Irving
Subject: FW: Application No. A-18-08-Z.OP (Wal-mart Canada Corp.)

From: Farber, Joel [mailto:jfarber@foglers.com]
Sent: September 05, 2008 5:19 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: O'Neil, Dennis
Subject: Application No. A-18-08-Z.OP (Wal-mart Canada Corp.)

To the Clerk - please provide this submission to Council for receipt at its September 8, 2008 meeting.

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

We are the solicitors for Metro Inc., operator of the A&P Grocery Store at 248 Northern Avenue East. Our client has vonly ery recently received notice of the public meeting to consider the above-referenced application, being the proposed Wal-mart expansion. We are of the view that our client should have been notified of this application upon receipt, given the substantial negative impact that approval of the application is projected to have on our client's facility.

We have had an opportunity to consider the staff report, including the materials annexed thereto. Unfortunately, we only have the executive summary of the TER study, and we do not have the appendices to the Dee peer review. In order to give full and proper consideration to the proposed OPA and rezoning, it is necessary for us to review the full reports, as well as the Official Plan, to determine whether or not the proposed planning instruments are justified and are in the public interest. Our client has not been provided with a reasonable opportunity to do so.

From the information contained in the staff report and the Dee analysis, our client has substantial concerns that the proposed expansion to the Wal-mart for the purposes of food sales will create a substantial impact on the A&P significant enough that a planning impact will ultimately result.

We therefore ask that Council defer consideration of the application for a reasonable time to permit our client to fully examine the consultants' reports and the City's commercial policies, and if necessary, to prepare additional reports or studies to ensure that Council has all necessary information by which to base its decision.

Please note my new email address effective July 1, 2008 is jfarber@foglers.com and our website is www.foglers.com. Please update your records.

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