



December 6, 2007

Owen Sound

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Harper

**Re: One Cent NOW!
Municipal Infrastructure Funding**

The Council for the City of Owen Sound, at its meeting held on December 3, 2007 considered the above noted matter and the following resolution was adopted:

“WHEREAS a recent gathering on the steps of Parliament in support of the One Cent NOW! Campaign took place as an expression of support for transferring the equivalent of one cent of the GST to municipalities across the nation, and

WHEREAS in recent years the Federal and Provincial governments have downloaded costs to municipalities and reduced funding in areas of infrastructure to municipalities making the request for COMRIF funding competitive, and

WHEREAS the Federal government, effective January 1, 2008 has reduced the GST to 5%, and

WHEREAS it is felt by the One Cent NOW! Campaign that lost capital that would have been gained from the GST could be regained and distributed to municipalities for infrastructure projects and would deliver about 5 billion dollars per year to municipalities from coast to coast to coast,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Owen Sound hereby supports the One Cent NOW! Campaign, and further

THAT funding gained from the One Cent NOW! Campaign be disbursed to municipalities to support local infrastructure, and further

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Steven Harper; The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance; the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities; Larry Miller, M.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, seeking their support of the efforts of municipalities in gaining funding toward local infrastructure, and further

THAT this resolution be copied to Premier Dalton McGuinty; The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Provincial Minister of Finance; The Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Bill Murdoch, M.P.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound; and Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto, and further

THAT this resolution be copied to Stéphane Dion, Leader of the Federal Opposition Party and John Tory, Leader of the Provincial Opposition Party, and further

THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario through an AMO broadcast seeking support of municipalities to gain funding for local infrastructure projects.”

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the above.

Yours truly,



Marion I. Koepke, C.M.O.
City Clerk
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c: The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance
The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transportation,
Infrastructure and Communities

Larry Miller, M.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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Bill Murdoch, M.P.P., Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto
Stéphane Dion, Leader of the Federal Opposition Party
John Tory, Leader of the Provincial Opposition Party
Jim Harrold, City Manager
Wayne Ritchie, Director of Financial Services