

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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**Week Ending February 21, 2014**

## **REPORTS**

1. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Town of Arnprior – Resolution regarding increasing electricity rates
2. Growing Great Generations – The Planning Table for Children and Youth Services in Wellington & Guelph

## **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

1. None

## **ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

1. Municipal Information Form – Liquor Licence Application for University of Guelph, 50 Stone Road East



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February 11, 2014

Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior, at their meeting held on February 10, 2014, adopted Resolution No. 059-14, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior recognizes that increased electricity rates are challenging for the economic competitiveness of the Town of Arnprior and its residents;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew passed a resolution on November 27, 2013 encouraging the Government of Ontario to ensure that our electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the County of Renfrew in its attempt to encourage the Government of Ontario to not approve any further rate increases for electricity;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that electricity costs will increase by approximately 50% within the next five years;

AND WHEREAS an increase in electricity rates by the Ontario Energy Board will exacerbate an existing problem for industry and consumers with low or fixed incomes in Arnprior;

• WHERE THE RIVERS MEET •

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges in the strongest possible way that the Government of Ontario ensures that electricity rates both in the short and long-term, allow our businesses to remain competitive in a global environment and ensure that the vulnerable residents of our communities are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, the Ontario Energy Board, the Ontario Power Authority, Associations of Municipalities (AMO), MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Municipalities and Local Municipalities in Renfrew County for support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arnprior urges the Ontario Energy Board in the strongest possible way not to approve any further rate increases for electricity.”

Your assistance in ensuring our businesses stay competitive and our residents are not overburdened by ever-increasing electricity rates is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Maureen Spratt, Clerk

- c Minister of Energy and Infrastructure  
Ontario Energy Board  
Ontario Power Authority  
AMO  
John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
Ontario Municipalities (by email)  
Renfrew County Municipalities (by email)



## The Planning Table for Children and Youth Services in Wellington & Guelph

January 17, 2014

Dear Community Partners/Members,

It is with great pleasure that we would like to introduce to you the Growing Great Generations (GGG) Planning Table.

Growing Great Generations is a new comprehensive collaborative planning initiative aimed at improving and strengthening services and supports for all children, youth and their families in Wellington and Guelph. The initiative brings together key representatives from the children and youth (ages 0-18) services sector to engage in system-level planning by identifying priorities and taking action that optimizes the well-being of all children, youth, and their families in our community.

Our Vision is that all children, youth and their families in Wellington and Guelph have access to resources, services and supports that promote their optimum social, emotional, intellectual and physical development.

GGG was developed following nearly two-years of community conversations. The key message was that we needed to do things differently in order to improve and strengthen services and supports for children, youth and their families. Some important points that came out of these conversations are:

- the need for service system planning that focuses on all children (0-18);
- the development of one community vision and one community plan to guide action;
- a system for ongoing evaluation of programmes which includes tracking of population level outcomes;
- decision making based on sound research evidence and community data;
- better coordination and communication among community partners; and
- dedicated resources to ensure that the network achieves its goals.

Growing Great Generations was launched in April 2013 and is supported by two dedicated full-time staff positions that are funded by the County of Wellington. The Children's Services Planning Coordinator provides administrative support, and is the liaison and link between GGG and the rest of the community. The Children's Services Data Coordinator provides all the necessary data and programme evaluation supports for effective evidence-based decision making.

Our work is guided by the Children's and the Youth Charters of Rights. Using the principles of evidence based decision making, social inclusion, community consultation; and by building on the existing strengths and expertise of key community stakeholders, GGG will respond to identified community priorities on behalf of children and youth. We will do this by leveraging the individual and collective knowledge and resources of our members and community partners to improve services and supports for children, youth and their families.



GGG has identified priorities that will be the focus of our work this year. We are marking this New Year by first identifying working groups who will transform these priorities into action and we to welcome you to join our enthusiasm for Growing Great Generations! Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestion you may have.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year,

**The Growing Great Generations Planning Table**