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January 19, 2021
Ministry of Long-Term Care,
6th Floor, 400 University Ave.
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Long-Term Care

Dear Honourable Minister:

I wish to begin by thanking you for accepting our request for a delegation, to further discuss this important issue facing our municipality and our long-term care home, Au Chateau, Home for the Aged regarding the ending of the 102 Special Funding Agreement. There has been ongoing discussion with MOLTC staff and we are very appreciative of the ongoing support and dialogue with ministry officials

The conclusion of this funding agreement results in a revenue loss of \$658,000.00 for Au Chateau Home for the Aged. The annual funding of the Special Agreement was re-allocated to the Au Chateau Board by our local District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board. The Au Chateau was unsuccessful in obtaining transitional funding from DNSSAB due to the financial complexity of this special agreement.

The Municipality of West Nipissing, along with the Municipality of Temagami will be responsible for subsidizing this shortfall. We are therefore asking the Minister to work with the Municipalities to providing transitional funding to the Au Chateau in order to maintain current levels of quality care provided to our Seniors. Transitional funding will allow the Board, along with its funding partners, to move forward with its strategic plans for redevelopment and/or infrastructure improvement. Without transitional funding, the taxpayers of West Nipissing will have to bear approximately seventy five percent of the revenue shortfall, which represents a close to 3.00% tax increase on our residents who are already struggling financially with the current COVID-19 crisis.

Once again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter affecting our citizens. We are hopeful that you will give due consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

Joanne Savage
Mayor

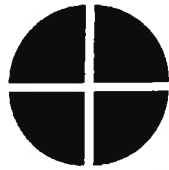


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TOPIC: LOSS OF FUNDING FOR AU CHATEAU



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Mayor Joanne Savage and Council Members
Municipality of West Nipissing
255 Holditch St., Suite 101
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Mayor Savage and Council Members:

Re: End of year agreement

Presently, there is some confusion with respect to the fact that Au Château is losing special funding and the Ministry of Health concerning other sources of revenues. Perhaps the confusion is why do the Municipalities have to be responsible for loss of funding when government is providing additional ones. I will attempt to clarify by addressing the Special Funding and the current programs introduced by the Provincial Government.

Thirty-five (35) years ago, Au Château entered into an agreement (102 Special Funding) with the Federal Government (CMHC), Provincial Government and West Nipissing Non-Profit Housing Corporation (WNNPHC). As it relates to Au Château, it meant that 102 residents were housed in a new facility built and paid for by WNNPHC. Not only was Au Château not responsible for the asset, it was also provided operational funds to support these 102 residents. As a result of this agreement ending December 31, 2020, with no possible substitute funding, the Home will lose \$658,000 per year. We emphasize after discussions and negotiations this type of funding does not fall within any funding envelope of the Federal nor Provincial funding. Basically since 1994 when the Ministry of Health started to fund all long-term care facilities through a per diem, the 102 Special funding was treated at 100% additional source of revenue, in essence reducing the amount that Municipalities would have to pay towards the operation of the Home.

On November 5th, the Provincial Government released its budget with the following affecting Long-Term Care Sector:

Funding:

- Emergency Prevention and Containment Funding to help Homes continue preventive and containment of COVID-19 including entrance screening, staffing, supports and purchasing of PPE's.
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) resources to allow Homes to hire more IPAC staff and train new and existing staff.
- 1.5% increase for annual operations.

Staffing

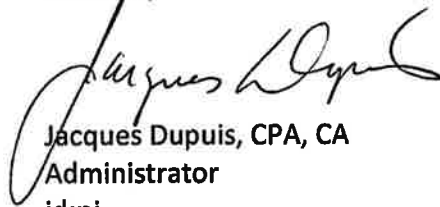
- The government reiterated its commitment to increasing the average daily direct care per resident to 4 hours per day over a four-year period. Currently Homes offer 2.7 hours per resident per day which is in line with provincial average.
- Commitment to provide funding over 3 years to support PSW's credentialing, recruitment and retention.

It must be noted that the Provincial additional funding is subject to or directly attached to specific expenditures that Homes must incur over and above current operating levels. These funds cannot be used to subsidize existing operations.

Mayor Joanne Savage and Council Members
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COVID-19 has certainly highlighted the chronic under funding in our industry and finally the Government is responding accordingly; this will help tremendously not only in the delivery of care but more importantly the quality of care. Unfortunately, it does not provide relief as it relates to the loss of Special Funding. This will be addressed as part of the 2021 budget exercise, but it goes without saying that Municipalities will be responsible for a significant part of this loss as the Home cannot afford to cut services to seniors. The Home will take every effort to minimize the impact of this loss to Municipalities.

Sincerely



Jacques Dupuis, CPA, CA
Administrator
jd:nj

Au Chateau losing government funding in January

West Nipissing, Temagami taxpayers facing \$600,000 bill



Jennifer Hamilton-McCharles

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Au Chateau Home for the Aged in Sturgeon Falls. Nugget File Photo *JPG, NB*

West Nipissing and Temagami residents could face a hike in their tax bills next year when a funding agreement among Au Chateau Home for the Aged and the federal and provincial governments comes to an end.

West Nipissing Coun. Dan Roveda, who serves on the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), says the 35-year agreement

reached in the mid 1980s expires Jan. 31, 2021.

"When we expanded Au Chateau, about 40 units, the governments provided subsidies for mortgage and operations," Roveda explains, adding some of the funding supported operating the facility's 102 long-term care beds.

"The net impact of the agreement ending is that taxpayers will have to be charged," he told the DNSSAB board last week. "This is our long-term care home. It's our people in there, the people who work there live within our community and council is going to have to make a decision on what to do. Morally, we're going to have to pay for it. We have a moral obligation to keep Au Chateau operating."

Temagami Mayor Dan O'Mara said his community hoped the agreement would be extended.

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"We are being required to fund a long-term care home where we don't even have residents," he said. "And because we have to pay our share, we could be facing a four per cent tax increase just because of this \$600,000 loss. That increase is just too extreme.

"It's something that we will have to work through to try to find a way out."

Board chairman Mark King confirmed the only recourse is to go back to the taxpayers. However, he said DNSSAB will lobby the Ministry of Health to help cushion the impact on West Nipissing and Temagami.

"It's going to cause huge issues on the tax base. We can't go back to our municipalities and ask them to pay for that," he said. "Long-term care is a health issue and has to be addressed by the Ministry of Health."

Jacques Dupuis, executive director for Au Chateau, confirmed the long-term care home is losing about \$600,000 in funding from the senior governments.

He said this will undoubtedly put pressures on West Nipissing and Temagami, but Au Chateau can't cut its costs any further to try to make up the difference in funding.

"I recognize that many municipalities are in a difficult position, but we will have to levy."

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January 19, 2021

Ministry of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Attention: The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

Dear Honourable Minister:

Subject: TURNING LANE AT INTERSECTION OF HWY. 17 AND LEBLANC ROAD

Thank you for receiving our delegation this afternoon to discuss matters of grave importance to our community.

The Ministry of Transportation has confirmed agreement to construct a turning lane at the intersection of Highway 17 and Leblanc Road in the Municipality of West Nipissing; however, a letter from the Minister in January of 2019 indicated that the timing of this project has yet to be determined. This turning lane is essential to the municipality for the safety of its residents as it is a high-volume truck route where left turns must be made off Highway 17 where the traffic is travelling at a high rate of speed. In addition, the Municipality is currently developing its Industrial Park, which will be accessed by large heavy commercial vehicles. This, along with residential and tourist traffic already using this intersection, will increase the risk of accidents due to the lack of a turning lane.

The Municipality is therefore requesting that the project be expedited in order to ensure the safety of all vehicles travelling on highway 17 through our community.

Once again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter affecting our residents and we are hopeful that you will give due consideration to this request. We also want to thank your staff for their continued support, assistance, professionalism and cooperation on the many files affecting our Municipality.

Sincerely,

Joanne Savage
Mayor



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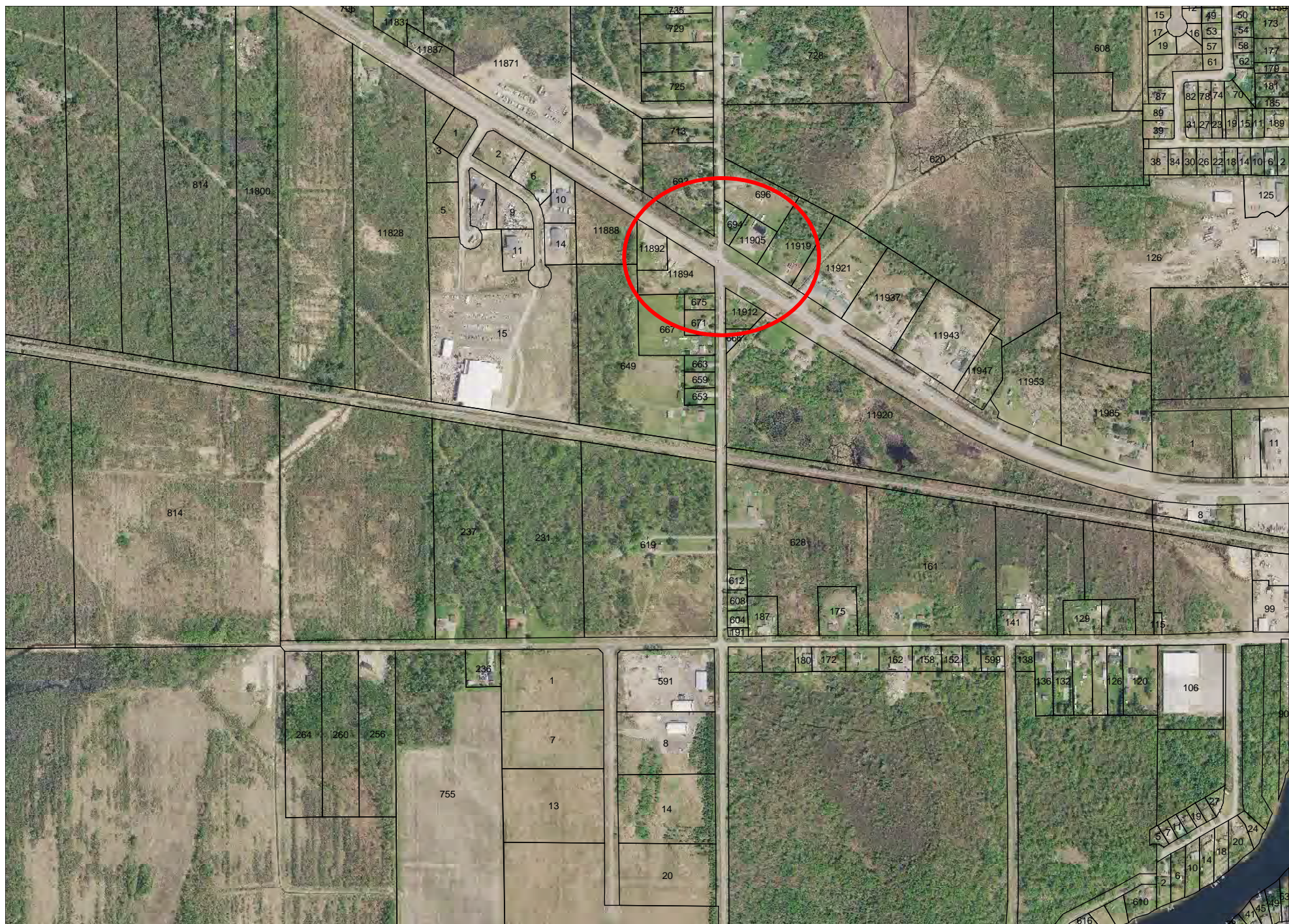
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Her Worship Joanne Savage
Mayor
Municipality of West Nipissing
101-225 Holditch Street
Sturgeon Falls ON P2B 1T1

Dear Mayor Savage:

Thank you for your letter about a left turn lane at Leblanc Road. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Timing for the installation of a new left turn lane has yet to be determined and is dependent on priorities and availability of funding. Ministry staff will notify you when we start design work and ensure you have an opportunity to provide comments. Our design will also consider options to minimize traffic disruptions during construction.

Ontario's Government for the People is committed to improving the transportation network across the province to reduce congestion and get people moving.

Please feel free to contact John Fraser at 705-497-5462 or John.Fraser3@ontario.ca if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks again for reaching out and for this opportunity to respond. Ontario's Government for the People is committed to giving Ontarians a direct say in how we can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of provincial programs and services.

Sincerely,

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Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Transportation

c. Marc Serré, MP, Nickel Belt



Friday, September 7th, 2018

Honourable John Yakabuski
Minister of Transportation
77 Wellesley St West,
Ferguson Block 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable sir;

RE: CONSTRUCTION OF LEFT TURN LANES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

On behalf of the Municipality of West Nipissing Council, please accept this letter as our sincerest gratitude for your support and reconsideration of our request for the construction of left turn lanes at the intersection of Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in Sturgeon Falls. With the development of an industrial subdivision in said location, the addition of turning lanes will help ensure the safety and security of travelers along the Highway 17 corridor.

We were pleased to hear that a review of the operation of the intersection identified that requirements for left turn lanes were now satisfied and had been added to the Regional Priority List for installation. Due to the nature of this request, and the safety concerns we received from affected business owners in said location, we are certainly looking forward to the progress of this project.

With that said, in order to provide adequate notice of any traffic disruptions and to allow us to plan accordingly, would you provide us with an estimated start date for the project?

Should you require any additional information or assistance on our part, we would be pleased to meet with you or your officials to follow-up on this matter.

Sincerely,


Joanne Savage
Mayor

Municipality of West Nipissing

cc. Marc Serré – Nickel Belt MP



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February 26, 2018

Honourable Katheryn McGarry
Minister of Transportation
77 Wellesley Street West
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Honourable Minister:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF HWY. 17 and HWY. 575 INTERSECTION

At its meeting held on February 6, 2018, Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing passed resolution **2018/033**, attached hereto, requesting that the Ministry of Transportation carry out an examination of the Hwy 575 and Hwy 17 intersection in Township of Caldwell; in order to ensure the safety and security of all travellers at this particular location.

We trust the enclosed is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

Deputy Clerk / Assistant to the
Chief Administrative Officer

\Encl.

cc: MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ouest**

Resolution No.

2018 / 0 3 3

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Moved by / Proposé par :

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation is responsible for ensuring the safety of travellers on all Ontario Highways;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing is served by many Provincial Highways including Highways 17, 64, 575, 539 and 805;

AND WHEREAS residents have expressed safety concerns with regard to the intersection of Highway 17 and Highway 575, particularly for travellers who must make a left-hand turn at the intersection where Highway 17 traffic is moving at high rates of speed;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing, at its meeting of November 7, 2017, discussed the matter and made recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing requests the Ministry of Transportation to carry out an examination of the intersection of Highway 575 and Highway 17 in the geographic Township of Caldwell, Municipality of West Nipissing, to ensure the continued safety and security of all travellers on Highway 575 and Highway 17;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to John Vanthoff, MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane and to the Honourable Katherine McGarry, Minister of Transportation.

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M2016-4928

Mr. Léo Malette
Mr. Normand Roberge
Councillor
Municipality of West Nipissing
101-225 Holditch Street
Sturgeon Falls ON P2B 1T1

Dear Councillor Malette and Councillor Roberge:

Thank you for meeting with my Parliamentary Assistant, Daiene Vernile, at the 2016 AMO AGM and Annual Conference. She was pleased to meet with you and has provided me with an update on discussions regarding Highway 17.

As you know, earlier this year the Ministry of Transportation celebrated its 100th anniversary. Over the past one hundred years, the ministry has worked closely with our municipal partners to connect communities and build safe and reliable transportation systems.

Thank you again for meeting with my Parliamentary Assistant at the 2016 AMO AGM and Annual Conference. Please feel free to contact Greg Seniuk in my office at 416-314-1784 if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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Steven Del Duca
Minister



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August 8, 2016

Ministry of Transportation
Queen's Park
77 Wellesley Street West
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Attention: The Honourable Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation

Dear Sir:

**Re: Leblanc Road & Levac Road
Municipality of West Nipissing**

The Municipality of West Nipissing has requested the Ministry of Transportation to investigate the intersection at the Hwy 17 and Leblanc Road on numerous occasions. The Ministry continues to maintain that a turning lane at this location is unwarranted; however as development continues to grow the traffic at that intersection continues to be a safety concern, particularly during the summer months when traffic is greatly increased due to seasonal businesses and attractions on the river south of this intersection.

Development is anticipated to increase in this area as the Municipality's Industrial Park project moves toward fruition. Accordingly, the Municipality urges the Minister to once again look at the installation of a turning lane at the intersection of Highway 17 and Leblanc Road in the Municipality of West Nipissing in order to ensure the continued safety of all travellers.

We wish to thank the MTO for the recent of the upgrades to the Hwy. 17 corridor serving our municipality from Sturgeon Falls to Verner. One item of concern however, is the entrance to Cache Bay (Levac Road) where the new asphalt installed was not extended to meet the newly paved section of Levac Road. It had been anticipated that this would be done as part of the highway upgrades and, accordingly, no monies were allocated in the 2016 budget for this re-surfacing. Further, the various detours during construction causes additional stress on many of our roads, including Levac which was used extensively to avoid lengthy delays on the highway. It is our wish that the Ministry complete this small section of road to complete and complement the upgrades to the Hwy. 17 and Levac road intersection.

I thank you in advance for your reconsideration of these matter.

Yours very truly

Joanne Savage,
Mayor



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May 4, 2016

Honourable Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
77 Wellesley Street West,
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable Sir;

**Re: RECONSIDERATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TURNING LANE
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING**

At a meeting of Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing held on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, wherein Council received the Minister of Transportation's response, dated March 21st, 2016, advising that a turning lane at the requested location was not warranted.

Council requested that another resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation seeking further reconsideration for construction of a turning lane at the intersection of Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in the Municipality of West Nipissing. Attached hereto, please find a certified copy of municipal resolution no. **2016/176** requesting the Minister to once again reconsider incorporating the construction of a turning lane at the previously noted intersection to safeguard vehicular traffic at that particular intersection, citing the future development of an industrial subdivision near said location.

We look forward to receiving your response in this regard.

Sincerely,

Melanie Ducharme
Municipal Clerk

cc: Marc Serré, MP
John Vanthof, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ovest**

Resolution No.

2016 / 1 7 6

APRIL 19, 2016

Moved by / *Proposé par :*

Roland Larabie

Seconded by / *Appuyé par :*

[Signature]

WHEREAS on December 15, 2015. Council adopted resolution no. 2015/509 requesting the Minister of Transportation to consider the installation of a south-bound turning lane on Highway 17 at Leblanc Road.

AND WHEREAS by letter dated March 21, 2016, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has advised that the MTO has concluded that such a turning lane is not warranted;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Nipissing, at its meeting of Council held on the 12th day of April, 2016 has reviewed the MTO's correspondence and has requested that the MTO be made aware that the road is used for access to many existing commercial businesses and municipal facilities.

AND WHEREAS the Municipality is proposing to develop an industrial subdivision on Leblanc Road, which will further increase traffic volumes at said intersection;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing requests the Ministry of Transportation to reconsider its position on the construction of a south-bound turning lane at the intersection of Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in Sturgeon Falls to ensure the safety and security of travellers along the Highway 17 corridor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, M.P. Marc Serré and M.P.P. John Vanthof.

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MAR 21 2016

M2016-70

Ms. Melanie Ducharme
Municipal Clerk
Municipality of West Nipissing
101-225 Holditch Street
Sturgeon Falls ON P2B 1T1

Dear Ms. Ducharme:

Thank you for your letter regarding turning lanes at the intersection of Highway 17 and Leblanc Road. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The ministry reviews highway operations on a regular basis. This intersection was reviewed in 2012 and again recently. Both reviews included an analysis of the most recent traffic data, collision history patterns and turning movement volumes. They concluded that a left turn lane is not warranted at this time. The most recent review did identify a need to provide notice of the intersection for drivers on Leblanc Road. As a result, 'Stop Ahead' signs will be placed on Leblanc Road in advance of the intersection. The signs will be installed as soon as weather permits.

The ministry will continue to review the safety and operations of this intersection.

Should you have any questions, please contact Clinton Williams, Project Engineer at (705) 497-5405, or Clinton.Williams@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Steven Del Duca
Minister



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December 23, 2015

Steven Del Duca
Honourable ~~Glen Murray~~
Minister of Transportation
77 Wellesley Street West,
Ferguson Block, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Honourable Sir;

Re: CONSTRUCTION OF TURNING LANE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

At a meeting of Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing held on Tuesday, December 15th, 2015, resolution no. **2015/509** was passed requesting the Minister of Transportation to consider incorporating the construction of a turning at Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in the Municipality of West Nipissing to safeguard vehicular traffic at that particular intersection.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015/509 READS AS FOLLOWS:

« **WHEREAS** the Ministry of Transportation's – Provincial Highways Management Division is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the all King's Highways; as well as stewards of Ontario's provincial highway network, managing the engineering, construction, operations and maintenance activities performed for the network's upkeep and expansion;

AND WHEREAS the MTO is currently conducting highway improvements on the Trans-Canada Highway in the Sturgeon Falls to Warren corridor; which are currently targeted for completion during the 2016 construction season;

AND WHEREAS there is an opportunity to request the Ministry of Transportation to further incorporate the construction of a south-bound turning lane at the intersection of Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in Sturgeon Falls to ensure the safety of vehicular traffic at that specific location;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing urges the Ministry of Transportation to incorporate the construction of a south-bound turning lane at the intersection of Leblanc Road and Highway 17 in Sturgeon Falls to ensure the safety and security of travellers along the Highway 17 corridor;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation. »

We look forward to receiving a favourable response in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Melanie Ducharme
Municipal Clerk



**The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
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Resolution No.

2015 / 5 0 9

DECEMBER 15, 2015

Moved by / Proposé par :

Roland Larabie

Seconded by / Appuyé par :

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January 19, 2021

Ministry of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Attention: The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

Dear Honourable Minister:

Subject: UPGRADES TO HIGHWAY 539A

Thank you for receiving our delegation this afternoon to discuss matter of upgrades to Highway 539 and 539A. These roads are the life-blood of the small communities served by them, both for tourism and logging.

Firstly, the Municipality would like to express its appreciation for the current work being done on Highway 539. In that regard, the Municipality is hopeful that the MTO will also take into account the portion of the Highway between Field and River Valley with a view of making upgrades to eliminate the need for half load limits, which create hardship to both tourism and economic activities using that route.

It is also hoped that the portion of the highway in the River Valley town proper be similarly addressed. These enhancements will aid in the longevity and sustainability of this road for our local citizens and businesses using them.

Once again, I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss this matter affecting our residents and we are hopeful that you will give due consideration to this request. We also want to thank your staff for their continued support, assistance, professionalism and cooperation on the many files affecting our Municipality which is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joanne Savage
Mayor

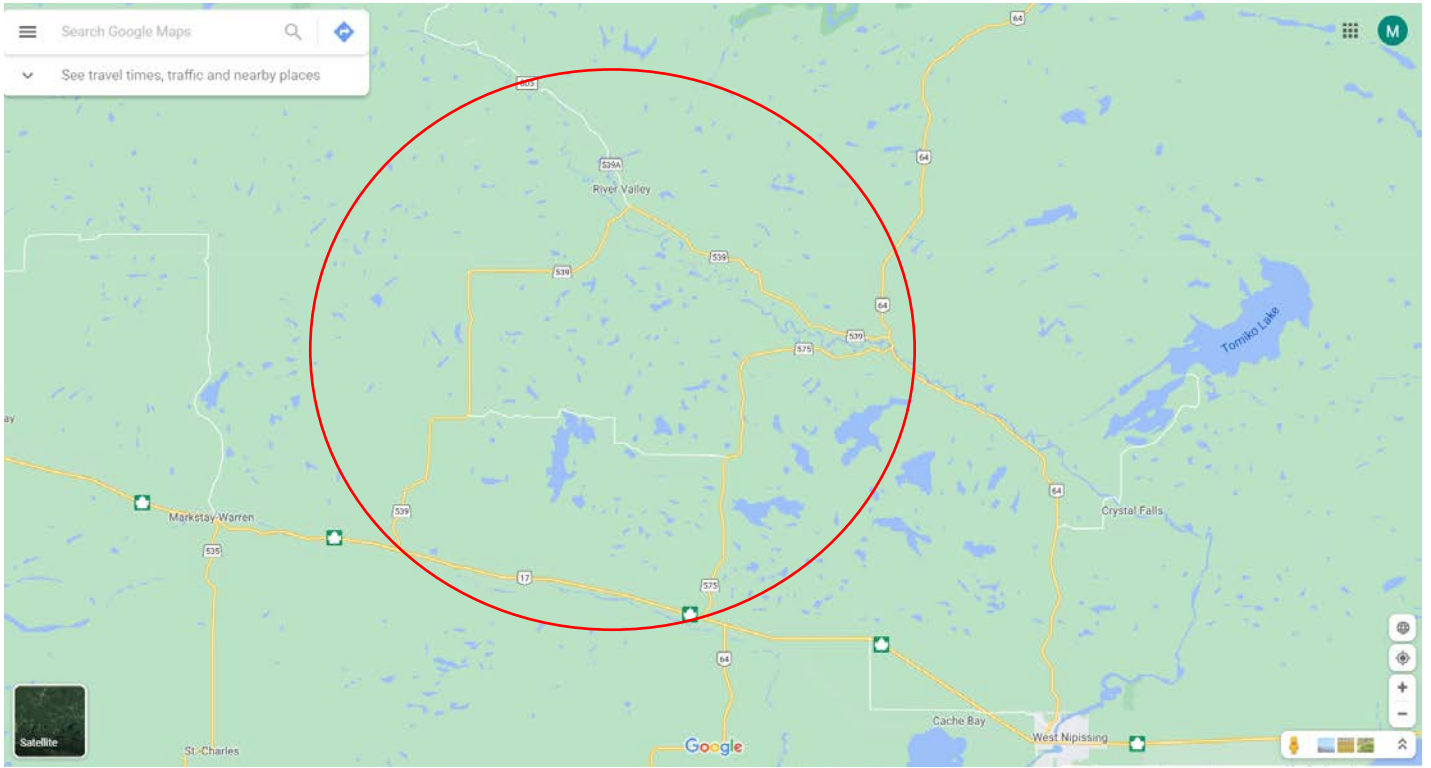


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January 20, 2021

Mr. Rolly Larabie
Councillor, Ward 6
Municipality of West Nipissing

Via Email to rlarabie@westnipissing.ca

-- Forthcoming upgrade for Highways 539/539A --

Dear Mr. ^{Rolly}Larabie:

As you know, Goulard Lumber operates a large sawmill in Sturgeon Falls. We draw a very significant portion of our wood supply from the Crown forests north of the community of Field. I am aware that reconstruction work on Highway 539 has commenced, and will be furthered in 2021. I am writing to forward our desire to have one of the sections of Highway 539, either between Field and River Valley, or Warren and River Valley, be upgraded to a year-round full loading standard for commercial vehicles please. The timing is appropriate, given that one of the two roads is being reconstructed now.

I have found that our operations are constrained in part by the load restriction placed on Highway 539 each March. It typically is lifted around the 21st of May. MTO has worked with us in the past to extend the full-load season to allow us to haul a portion of our production, and for that we are grateful. However, normally, there are two months when commercial vehicles are unable to access the areas north of Field, and that is a constraint to our business. Having one of the two roads improved to all-season loading would be a benefit to our employees, contractors and customers.

Thank you for working with us Rolly. If I can clarify our needs further, or provide more information, please call.

Regards,

John McNutt, M. Sc. For., R.P.F.
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January 18, 2021

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing
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Attention: Councilor Roland Larabie

Re: Proposed full loading upgrades to Hwy 539

Sir,

Please accept this correspondence as our support for the upgrading of road to facilitate the full-loading status of Hwy 539. We have 3 aggregate license/permits in Ward 6 (Crerar and Hugel) that are affected by the limitations placed by MTO

When the half-loading restrictions are in place, our business activities are effectively shut down. The full loading opportunity will have the effect of levelling out aggregate demand and allow us to efficiently provide our products and services.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Rintala", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Rintala

From: Harry Barr <hbarr@newagemetals.com>
Date: January 20, 2021 at 1:31:25 PM EST
To: Roland Larabie <rlarabie@municipality.westnipissing.on.ca>
Cc: Cody Hunt <codyh@newagemetals.com>
Subject: RE: Hwy 539 upgrades

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as a vote of support for Mr. Roland Larabie's proposal for road improvements to highway 539 out of River Valley, Ontario.

Our Company, New Age Metals is a junior mining company focused on the exploration and development of the River Valley Palladium Project, located 20 kilometres northwest of the town of River Valley.

We initially acquired the project in 1999 by way of staking and acquisition from three local prospectors. We and previous partners have conducted exploration and development work representing approximately \$40M since then and today we are advancing the project towards a Prefeasibility study level that will incorporate advanced engineering and financial analysis. In 2019 we completed the projects first engineering study, a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) that concluded a positive case for an open pit mine at our site that would have a 14 year mine life and employ approximately 325 people at peak manpower, while the steady-state workforce will be closer to 190 people over the life of the mine. The PEA approximated that we would be transporting about 16,500 tonnes of concentrate material from our site to local facilities in Sudbury every year.

To build a mine of this size we need year round access for heavy equipment and are looking at expenditures close to \$500M. Thus there would be an obvious need for an upgraded paved road rather than a chip and tar surface.

In the event someone would like to discuss the above information please do not hesitate to call 613 659 2773 or email hbarr@newagemetals.com.

Regards,

Harry Barr, Chairman & CEO, New Age Metals

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January 21, 2021

Roland Larabie
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Attention: Councillor Roland Larabie (Ward 6, representing River Valley, Ontario)

Re: Hwy 539 and Hwy 539A (From Warren, Ontario to River Valley)

Dear Roland,

As discussed, I understand there are significant issues and safety hazards related to Highway 539 from Warren, Ontario to River Valley, Ontario. I travel on this road frequently to review our operations in River Valley and Warren, Ontario. I have experienced the potholes and road heaving due to the frost. The road heaving has been so bad in prior years that I have had personal neck injuries from my head hitting the top of my pickup truck due to the significant heaving and bumps. **This needs to be addressed.**

Coloured Aggregates Inc. hauls between 80-100,000 Metric Tonnes of Anorthosite from two quarries in River Valley. The operations have grown significantly over the last five years as we supply numerous large companies throughout North America via truck and our fleet of rail cars. I am very concerned with the safety of the highway and the impact on our trucks and drivers. All the ore must be hauled from the two operations in River Valley via truck.

We have recently acquired three more permitted quarries in the area. We are the largest mining operation in the area. Our intention is to grow these operations and double production in the next few years. We are investing significantly in the sites and required equipment. The current condition of the highway requires trucks to be repaired and replaced at a significantly faster rate than other typical areas with suitable and well-



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maintained highways. It appears that Ferrovial has a truck filling potholes daily. This seems to be an expensive and temporary solution to a very serious problem. If the problem were addressed properly and immediately the cost to repair and maintain the highway would be reduced substantially. In addition, the significant impact from a safety perspective would be substantial.

Coloured Aggregates Inc. would be interested in supplying materials to upgrade Highway 539. As our operations are in the area, we would provide very competitive quotes for aggregates to rebuild the highway. By being close to the highway remediation there would be less trucks hauling shorter distances. The resulting social impact and safety on our highways would be minimized.

Highway 539 requires immediate upgrading from several perspectives. You have our support to improve Highway 539 in the Warren and River Valley areas.

Sincerely,

Jeff Oravec

Jeff Oravec, CPA, CA
Vice President
Coloured Aggregates Inc.