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Friday, March 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association ATTN: Board of Directors

SENT VIA EMAIL: info@goodroads.ca

RE: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, February 26, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

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FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Ben Lobb and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or <u>afisher@goderich.ca</u>.

Yours truly,

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cc. Premier Doug Ford <u>premier@ontario.ca</u> Hon. Paul Calandra <u>Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org</u> MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce <u>lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org</u> Mandi Pearson, Clerk/Operations Clerk <u>mpearson@petrolia.ca</u> Ontario Municipalities