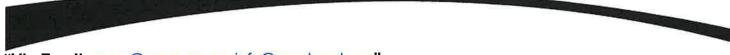
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"Via Email: roma@roma.on.ca; info@goodroads.ca"

May 24th, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipality Association

Att: Board of Directors

Ontario Good Roads Association

Att: Board of Directors

Re: Return to Combined ROMA and OGRA Conference

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

"Resolution No. 282-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux Seconded by: Councillor Rodney Hoogenhoud

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 reestablishment 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:

THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra; and the Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof.

CARRIED."



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Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

Alice Mercier

Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: All Ontario Municipalities;

Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford;

Miniter of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra;

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