

Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place

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August 24, 2020

Mayor Christa Lowry,
Municipality of Mississippi Mills
3131 Old Perth Road,
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Dear Mayor Lowry:

Re: Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement

I am writing to express my surprise and concern regarding a proposed notice of motion by Councillor Jan Maydan to immediately terminate the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement which will be considered at your August 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. As you are aware, the Town of Carleton Place has a rich history of collaborating with the community of Mississippi Mills whether through the municipality itself or through other organizations such as our hospitals, Carebridge, etc. Over the years and as a good neighbour, the Town of Carleton Place has been happy to provide service to residents of Mississippi Mills who deem Carleton Place to be their community of interest. In addition to the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement, the Town of Carleton Place provides Automatic First Aid response to the area of south Ramsay ensuring your community receives a timely response in the event of an emergency.

Since the Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement was first entered into between the former Township of Ramsay, Town of Almonte (pool only), and Township of Beckwith in 1987, the parties have always worked collaboratively to review and revise the agreement when necessary. The Addendum Agreement resulting from the review in 2001 is a prime example where the parties came together to discuss the rationale and methodology for the study to ensure it remained relevant and changes were agreed to at that time resulting in the Addendum Agreement.

If your Council has concerns with the existing agreement, I respectfully request that we be provided an opportunity to discuss the concerns to determine if further changes are required.

Respectfully,

Doug Black,
Mayor