May 15, 2012

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Attn: Julia Shiu
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Toronto ON
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Dear Ms. Shiu:

For your information and records, the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution on May 8, 2012:

WHEREAS the Chemtura Public Advisory Committee (CPAC) is a committee of Council charged to act on behalf of the Township of Woolwich in a public advisory capacity working to ensure that the Elmira Municipal aquifer is cleaned up (remediated) so that the water quality meets the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards by the year 2028;

AND WHEREAS CPAC is of the opinion that the 2028 water cleanup deadline is unattainable under the current remediation regime;

AND WHEREAS chemicals at the Chemtura Canada Co./CIE site have and continue to cause ongoing contamination of the Municipal aquifer and further more have the potential to migrate into the streams and rivers which lead into the Great Lakes Basin;

AND WHEREAS CPAC has agreed that since the pump and treat system on its own cannot ensure an appropriate level of protection to human health and the environment or complete the cleanup of the Elmira Municipal aquifer and Private Sector and Provincial funding is needed to ensure this source removal work will be completed;

NOW THEREFORE the number one priority needs to be placed on the removal of source areas of contamination, be it resolved that CPAC requests the Township of Woolwich Council request the Ministry of the Environment to conduct a review of the funding formula set out in the October 7, 1991 Settlement Agreement between the Ministry of the Environment and Chemtura Canada Co./CIE to allocate additional funding for CPAC to conduct associated studies which would include, but not be limited to, costs for consultants, legal counsel, other experts as required to assist CPAC in its duties to ensure that Chemtura Canada Co./CIE and the Province satisfy all of the requirements in ensuring that the source removal activities are completed in a timely manner;

AND FURTHERMORE be it resolved that CPAC requests the support of the Council of the Township of Woolwich in terms of asking the Province to immediately establish a trust fund that will be utilized if and when the 2028 deadline for cleanup of the aquifer is not met;

“Proudly remembering our past; Confidently embracing our future.”
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment; Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner for Ontario; Harold Albrecht MP Kitchener-Conestoga; Mike Harris, MPP Kitchener-Conestoga; John Milloy, MPP Kitchener Centre; Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario; The Region of Waterloo; and to all municipalities in Ontario for support.

If you have any further questions please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Christine Broughton
Director of Council and Information Services / Clerk

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