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ONTARIO COALITION FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE (OCSI) APPLAUDS THE NEW MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

The Ontario Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (OCSI) is very pleased to see the Ontario Government launching the first phase of its Municipal Infrastructure Strategy. This initiative, under its long-term infrastructure plan, Building Together, includes funding to assist smaller municipalities in the amount of \$60 million over three years.



As announced yesterday by Infrastructure Minister Chiarelli, the launch of the first phase of the province's Municipal Infrastructure Strategy helps ensure communities get the greatest value from infrastructure investments. Asset management planning is a cornerstone of this strategy. This type of planning ensures the best possible decisions are made when it comes to building, operating, maintaining, renewing, replacing and disposing of infrastructure assets over their lifetime.



"Good asset management is one of the keys to ensuring infrastructure is safe and sustainable, and OCSI fully supports the new Municipal Infrastructure Strategy," remarked Carl Bodimeade, Chair of OCSI. "Well managed infrastructure is necessary to provide Ontarians with the level of service they require and expect."

The Province has made available the *Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management Plans*, which sets out the information and analysis that, at a minimum, municipal asset management plans should include. The guide is complemented by an online toolkit to help municipalities prepare asset management plans and share best practices. More information is available at www.ontario.ca/municipalinfrastructure.



OCSI looks forward to working with the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure and other stakeholders in the implementation of this strategy.



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About OCSI: OCSI brings together the combined resources of six well-established organizations to work toward sustainable infrastructure in Ontario. The coalition comprises: Municipal Engineers Association (MEA), Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), Ontario Public Works Association (OPWA), Ontario Water Works Association (OWWA) and Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO). The mission of OCSI is the promotion of "Safe and Sustainable Infrastructure". For more information go to www.on-csi.ca.



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