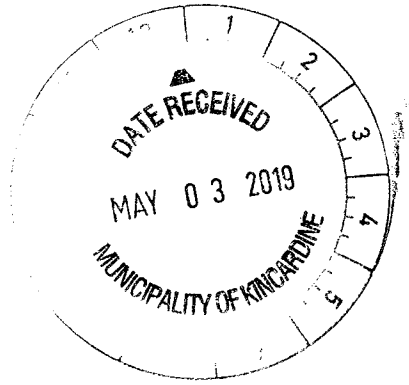




April 29, 2019

Municipality of Kincardine
1475 Concession 5,
R.R. #5
Kincardine, ON N2Z 2X6

Attention: Anne Eadie
Mayor



Dear Mayor Eadie:

At the 2019 Ontario Good Roads Association conference a resolution was passed at the Annual General Meeting requesting that OGRA approach the Rural Ontario Municipal Association to establish a working relationship to organize an annual Combined Conference.

I sent a letter to ROMA Chair, Allan Thompson on February 28, 2019. A copy of the letter and resolution are attached. OGRA has now received a response from ROMA stating that they are not prepared to enter into discussions with OGRA. The response from ROMA is also attached.

The OGRA Board of Directors fully understands why Ontario municipalities are better served by ROMA's and OGRA's collaboration in delivering a conference. OGRA feels that our collective members benefit financially. By extension the municipal sector sees the strength of having its representative organizations working together.

OGRA remains prepared to have discussions with ROMA concerning recombining our conferences however if our shared members want to see a return to one combined event, they must also have those discussions directly with ROMA.

OGRA knows that as an organization our best and most meaningful work is still ahead of us and we look forward to the challenge of providing exceptional value to our members.

Yours truly,

Rick Kester,
President





February 28, 2019

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
200 University Avenue
Suite 801
Toronto, ON M5H 3C6

Attention: Allan Thompson, Chair

Dear Allan:

It was very nice talking with you at our 125th Ontario Good Roads Association Conference. As you may be aware at the OGRA Annual General Meeting a resolution was tabled by Mayor Steve Salomin, Municipality of Markstay-Warren. In his covering email he stated the resolution was approved by the "area mayors". The Municipality of Markstay-Warren is located just east of Sudbury.

A copy of the full resolution is attached. The operative clause reads as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the OGRA Board approach the ROMA Board to establish a working relationship to organizing an Annual ROMA/OGRA Combined conference.

The resolution was put to the floor at the AGM. Two delegates spoke in support and the resolution was passed.

Members of our OGRA Board would like to arrange to meet with you and your colleagues on ROMA to explore this issue further in order to achieve a new agreement for a combined conference to better serve each of our members.

Please let us know when you would be available to discuss this further.

Yours truly,

Rick A. Kester,
President

Thank you again for your letter. Please accept the ROMA Board's best wishes for the continued success of OGRA.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allan Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Allan Thompson
Chair, ROMA

cc. ROMA Board