

# Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place

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October 22, 2021

Christa Lowry, Mayor  
Municipality of Mississippi Mills  
PO Box 400,  
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Dear Mayor Lowry:

Re: Termination of Howard Allan Cost Sharing Agreement

On behalf of Council of the Corporation of the Town of Carleton Place, I am writing to advise you that the Town of Carleton Place is terminating the Recreation and Pool components of the Howard Allan Cost Sharing Agreement effective April 22, 2022. As you are aware, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills terminated the Library component of the agreement effective September 30, 2021. Similar to Mississippi Mills' notice to Carleton Place for the termination of the Library component of the agreement, the Town of Carleton Place is providing Mississippi Mills with six (6) months' written notice of termination.

Carleton Place has provided cost sharing services since 1987 in good faith to the Municipality of Mississippi Mills since 1998 and prior to that date to the former Township of Ramsay and Town of Almonte (pool component only). As explained in the meeting of October 5, 2021, Carleton Place Council does not feel it is fair that its residents should have to subsidize Mississippi Mills' share of COVID impacts to the Recreation and Pool budgets in 2021 (note the Town of Carleton Place paid 100% of COVID impacts through both its provincial COVID grants and tax dollars in 2020 including the shares attributed to Mississippi Mills and Beckwith). The 3% offered by Mississippi Mills over the 2020 budget amount for 2021 leaves a shortfall of Mississippi Mills' anticipated year end contribution for cost sharing to Carleton Place of \$36,589.00.

It is clear from discussions this year between representatives of our two municipalities that we are unable to come to a workable agreement and it is regrettable that this is the action that must be taken.

Yours truly,

Diane Smithson,  
Chief Administrative Officer