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# Introduction to AMO

Presentation to Vaughan's Intergovernmental Relations Sub-Committee

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# Presentation Objectives

To provide an overview of:

1. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
2. AMO's 2024 Strategic Objectives

# About AMO

- AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments
- Through AMO, Ontario's municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges
- We support strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promote the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system
- AMO activities include:
  - develop policy positions and reports;
  - liaise with elected and non-elected representatives;
  - inform and educate; and
  - provide services to the municipal sector.
- Annual AMO Conference (August) and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference (January)

# Governance Structure

- AMO has a 43-member Board of Directors that consists of six caucuses representing the regional and structural diversity of municipal governments in Ontario, including: rural, northern, small urban, large urban, regional and single-tier and county. The chairs of key regional municipal organizations also serve on the AMO Board
- Establish and utilize task forces to recommend policy positions to the Board of Directors by conducting policy research and analysis on a wide range of policy issues, including:
  - Health Transformation
  - Land-Use Planning and Resources
  - Municipal Finance and Economic Development
  - Policing
  - Social Policy and Human Services
  - Indigenous Priorities

# Policy Centre

- The Policy Centre conducts policy analysis and research supported by ongoing government relations and advocacy activities to ensure that provincial policies and programs respect municipal authority and objectives
- The Policy Centre:
  - Liaises with over twenty provincial ministries on a full range of municipal-provincial policy issues
  - Submits comments and municipal positions – e.g. on proposed legislation, provincial budgets
  - Collaborates on new program design and municipal implementation
- Manages MOU meetings for confidential political provincial-municipal consultation
- Works with internal Task Forces to develop and recommend policy positions to the Board of Directors, and to monitor issues of municipal interest
- Develops new research and publishes papers
- Represents the sector on a variety of provincial and federal committees, such as policing standards, source water protection, immigration, municipal rural infrastructure fund program, and emergency management
- Leads advocacy-focused events and campaigns

# Policy Centre

## 2024 Strategic Priorities

**Deepen relationships with Indigenous people and organizations to support municipalities to advance truth and reconciliation**

**Advance municipal interests in housing and homelessness**

**Deepen connections with health partners to achieve mutual goals**

**Refresh approach to climate change and environment**

**Lay out a path towards municipal fiscal sustainability**

# Thank you!

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