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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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