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# FCM/AMO and the City of Vaughan

- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) presented to the IGR Subcommittee on April 8, 2024
- Both presentations provided an overview of the critical role that the associations play in advocating for municipal priorities with the Federal and Provincial governments
- Each organization hosts an annual conference intended for networking, intelligence gathering and wide variety of presentations
- Staff participation at both conferences this year, aligning with the Council-approved Strategic Intergovernmental Relations Framework and the 2022-26 Term of Council Strategic Plan.

# 2024 FCM Conference

- The FCM 2024 Annual Conference took place from June 6-9, 2024, in Calgary, AB, drawing more than 3,100 municipal delegates – the largest ever FCM Conference.
- Participants of the conference networked with local leaders who range from rural, northern and remote regions to Canada's biggest cities.
- This year's conference allowed delegates to learn best practices and gain new insights into municipal challenges, connect with key municipal partners, and influence the national agenda by shaping FCM's priorities.

# 2024 FCM Conference Highlights

- The highlight of the conference was a keynote address by the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau
- The PM highlighted past investments his government made to municipalities emphasizing the Housing Accelerator Fund, and the Canada Infrastructure Fund, emphasizing the government's commitment to building housing.
- The PM expressed his commitment to a new Municipal Growth Framework and called on the provinces to come to the table with financial resources.
- City of Vaughan Staff are actively monitoring the CCBF funding application process to ensure that we apply on behalf of the City of Vaughan.

# 2024 AMO Conference

- The Association of Municipalities (AMO) Conference was held in Ottawa Ontario from August 19-21 2024.
- The conference was attended by over 3300 participants which included speeches from Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones.
- The highlight of AMO was the Ministers' Forum and a direct dialogue with 28 provincial Cabinet Ministers on many of the critical issues municipalities are confronting.

# 2024 AMO Conference: Key Highlights

- Mayor's and Members of council emphasized the need for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review and a review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework.
- The need for a provincial-municipal framework review was highlighted in a panel discussion with the President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the CEO of the Ottawa Hospital, and the Peel Region Chief



# 2024 AMO: Key Announcements

- \$378 million to support 19 treatment and social support hubs for individuals with mental health and substance abuse challenges alongside the closure of nine safe consumption sites and the any new safe consumption sites.
- The launch of the application process for the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream of the \$1 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program. As part of this program, municipalities can apply for funding to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will support the construction of new homes.
- The application process was also launched for the \$200 million Community, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund under the Ministry of Tourism and Sport.
- The Release of the updated Provincial Planning Statement.

# Next Steps

- Economic Development will monitor the application process for all the program that were announced
- We will continue to engage with FCM and AMO to attend future IGR Subcommittee to provide briefings on issues of importance to the municipalities