



# Staff Report

## Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** September 13, 2022  
**Report Number:** FAF.22.146  
**Title:** 2022 AMO Delegation Follow Up  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.22.146, entitled “2022 AMO Delegation Follow Up” for information purposes.

### B. Overview

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This report provides an update and overview of the Towns’ Delegations to Provincial Ministers at the 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference.

### C. Background

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On May 10, 2022, Council provided staff direction to submit applications to the following Ministries for delegations at the 2022 AMO Conference:

**Moved by: Councillor Uram**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sampson**

**THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the May 3, 2022 correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding AMO delegation request for the 2022 AMO Conference;**

**AND THAT Council directs staff to request delegation requests for the following:**

- 1. Ministry of Finance regarding two-tiered taxation systems**
- 2. Ministry of Transportation regarding the transportation master plan**
- 3. Ministry of Health regarding physician recruitment, and the request for a nurse practitioner program locally**
- 4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding affordable housing**
- 5. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding high-speed internet**
- 6. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding water and wastewater**

Staff submitted applications to all six (6) Ministries and were successful in having four (4) of the requests accepted.

Mayor Soever, Councillor Hope, Councillor Matrosovs, Councillor Sampson, and Chief Administrative Officer Everitt attended the following delegations:

1. Ministry of Transportation – Regarding the Transportation Master Plan
2. Ministry of Health – Regarding Physician Recruitment, and the Request for a Local Nurse Practitioner Program
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Regarding Affordable Housing
4. Ministry of Infrastructure – Regarding High-Speed Internet

The four (4) delegation packages provided to each specific Ministry are included as attachments to this report. The following Ministers were present for each of the respective delegations:

1. Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney
2. Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones
3. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark
4. Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma

## **D. Analysis**

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Being able to meet with Provincial Ministries is a great opportunity to provide specific information to the province and build relationships with Ministry staff.

Over the past 4 years, strong relationships have been built with Ministry staff and have resulted in municipal staff gaining a better understanding of processes and mandates that have essentially streamlined a number of projects and offered far more clarity than experienced in the past.

Council members provided strong messaging to each of the four (4) Ministries and staff have received follow up from two (2) Ministries as of August 24, 2022, when this report was drafted.

Staff will continue to bring forward opportunities where delegations are being offered and believe that these opportunities are extremely valuable to the Municipality. Typically, delegations are offered through the following annual conferences:

1. Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) – January
2. Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – April
3. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – August

In addition to the delegations, the AMO Conference provides a range of presentations by strong keynote speakers, and a very popular Minister's Forum, where all Ministers take questions from Conference participants in a panel format. The Conference provides an excellent opportunity to network and also includes a two (2) day trade show with a range of vendors promoting some very innovative products and services.

It has been estimated that two thousand (2,000) participants attended the 2022 AMO Conference that took place from Sunday, August 14 to Wednesday, August 17 in the City of Ottawa.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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None.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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It is estimated that \$1,200 in allocation of Town staff time was required to prepare the AMO delegation materials.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Communications and Economic Development Staff

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer [cao@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:cao@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Ministry of Health Delegation Materials
2. JMPRRRC Whitepaper by Chair June Porter
3. Ministry of Transportation Delegation Materials
4. Ministry of Infrastructure Delegation Materials
5. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Delegation Materials

Respectfully submitted,

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Shawn Everitt - Aug 25, 2022 - 1:54 PM**