



Staff Report

Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

Report To: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: December 12, 2022
Report Number: FAF.22.173
Title: 2023 ROMA Conference Delegation Request
Prepared by: Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.22.173, entitled “2023 ROMA Conference Delegation Requests”;

AND THAT Council receives this direct to Council Staff Report due to the time sensitive nature of the Delegation Request Submission Deadline being November 28, 2022 and importance of providing this information to Council and the public;

AND THAT Council acknowledge the Requests for Delegations to the following Ministries at the 2023 ROMA Conference taking place in Toronto from January 22 - 24, 2023:

- Ministry of Transportation
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Reduction of Red Tape

B. Overview

This report provides Council with a brief overview of the Ministry Delegations that can be requested by the Town at the annual Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference in January.

C. Background

Definitions:

AHSIP – Accelerated High Speed Internet Program

AMO – Association of Municipalities Association

OGRA – Ontario Good Roads Association

ROMA – Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

The ROMA Conference is attended by Members of Council and municipal staff on an annual basis.

Annual Conferences such as ROMA (in January), OGRA (in February), and AMO (in August) provide municipalities and Counties with the opportunity to request Delegations with a range of Provincial Ministries to discuss specific subject matter. Over the past several years, the Town has been very successful in its Delegation request applications and again, have made submission for Delegations.

Due to the time sensitive nature of the November 28, 2022, Delegation submission deadline, Mayor Matrosovs and the Town's Chief Administrative Officer discussed and developed the list of desired Delegations and Ministries that would be requested.

Typically, Council would consider the desired Delegation request in advance of the Delegation submissions being made, however, due to the November 28, 2022, submission deadline, an expedited process was required to ensure the requests were received.

It has become a practice of staff to provide Conference Delegation Follow Up Staff Reports to Council that provide an update as to what applications were successful and an overview of the Delegation materials provided.

D. Analysis

In advance of the Delegation request submissions, Mayor Matrosovs and the Town's Chief Administrative Officer reviewed the previous submissions for Delegations that the Town had deemed important subject matter to have the opportunity to discuss with the appropriate Ministries.

Ministry	Delegation Topic
Ministry of Transportation	Continued need to develop a South Georgian Bay Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Ministry of Health	Continued need for Physician Recruitment and request for a Funded Nurse Practitioner Clinic
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Continued pressure to consider an "Attainable Housing Credit Program"
Ministry of Reduction of Red Tape	Discussion relating to the range of project delays and financial impacts because of delayed Infrastructure locates and concerns regarding the Ontario One-Call program and its direct impacts on future Broadband Internet supply through local Internet Service Providers and the current AHSIP program

Delegations at these conferences have transitioned back to in-person Delegations that are approximately 7 – 10 minutes in duration inclusive of introductions, presentation and discussion time. During the COVID pandemic, these Delegations were offered virtually. The Town first returned to in-person Delegations at the 2022 AMO Conference.

Staff look forward to the opportunity for Council to lead these delegations.

E. Strategic Priorities

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.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impacts

Staff time to prepare Delegation applications and develop associated Delegation presentations.

Item	Cost Per Person	Total Cost
Conference Registration	\$565	\$1,695
Hotel Accommodation	\$590 (approximately)*	\$1,770
	Total	\$3,467

*Hotel accommodations varied based on room availability

H. In Consultation With

Mayor, Andrea Matrosovs

I. Public Engagement

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.

J. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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