



# Staff Report

## Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

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**Report To:** COW-Finance, Admin, Fire, Legal, Community Services  
**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2023  
**Report Number:** FAF.23.069  
**Title:** 2023 AMO Delegation Requests  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.069, entitled “2023 AMO Delegation Requests”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to make applications for the following Ministry Delegations typically offered at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference scheduled for August 20 to August 23, 2023, in London, Ontario:

- Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks to request better coordination of the management of Provincial Parks in The Blue Mountains;
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the potential for an Attainable Housing Credit System and other incentives to build more attainable homes;
- Ministry of Agriculture to request the review of land currently identified as Special Agricultural but has not been in production for more than five (5) years and is not considered suitable for Special Agricultural use.

### B. Overview

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This report requests Council direction regarding making applications for Ministry Delegations at the upcoming AMO Conference in August 2023.

### C. Background

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In previous years, staff received direction from Council to apply for Delegations with various Ministries through the following Staff Reports [FAF.21.165](#), [FAF.22.036](#), [FAF.22.146](#), [FAF.22.173](#), and [FAF.23.035](#).

The following lists provide the Ministry Delegations made since 2021 at annual Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and AMO Conferences.

**2021 AMO Conference** ([FAF.21.165](#))

1. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding internet broadband – Received Delegation
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Post COVID-19 Reopening Plan – Denied Delegation Request
3. Ministry of Finance regarding the effect of reassessment in a two-tiered tax system and how COVID-19 funding is provided to municipalities – Received Delegation
4. Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks regarding better coordination of the management of Provincial Parks in The Blue Mountains – Received Delegation
5. Ministry of Health regarding physician recruitment – Received Delegation
6. Ministry of Transportation regarding Regional Integrated Transportation Strategy – Received Delegation

**2022 Roma Conference** ([FAF.22.036](#))

1. Ministry of Transportation – Received Delegation
2. Ministry of Long-Term Care – Cancelled by the Ministry just prior to the Delegation
3. Ministry of Health regarding physician recruitment – Received Delegation
4. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding broadband – Received Delegation
5. Ministry of Finance regarding taxation and effects on two-tier taxation – Received Delegation
6. Ministry of Consumer and Government Affairs regarding timely locates – Received Delegation

**2022 AMO Conference** ([FAF.22.146](#))

1. Ministry of Finance regarding two-tiered taxation systems – Denied Delegation Request
2. Ministry of Transportation regarding the Transportation Master Plan – Received Delegation
3. Ministry of Health regarding physician recruitment, and local nurse practitioner program – Received Delegation
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding affordable housing – Received Delegation
5. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding high-speed internet – Received Delegation
6. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding water and wastewater – Denied Delegation Request

**2023 ROMA Conference** ([FAF.22.173](#) and [FAF.23.035](#))

1. Ministry of Transportation regarding continual development of a South Georgian Bay Comprehensive Regional Plan – Received Delegation
2. Ministry of Health regarding continued need for physician recruitment and a funded Nurse Practitioner Clinic – Received Delegation
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the provision of an “Attainable Housing Credit Program” – Received Delegation
4. Ministry of Reduction of Red Tape regarding ongoing concerns related to the Ontario One-Call Program and ability to receive timely locates – Received Delegation

## **D. Analysis**

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Staff are bringing this report to Council in advance of the Province providing notification of Delegations being offered at the upcoming AMO Conference and opening of the application submission period. Staff also identified previously in Staff Report [FAF.23.035](#) that Delegation Requests for the upcoming AMO Conference would be brought to Committee of the Whole on April 24, 2023 for Council consideration.

The previous Delegations, noted in the background section of this report, indicate that the Town has been extremely successful in securing Delegations with Ministries over the past three (3) years.

Staff have recommended the following Delegation Requests be made for potential Delegation spots during the upcoming AMO Conference:

1. Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks to consider taking an active and supportive role in the development of a fulsome strategy as well as collaboration for the sustainable use and management of Open Space in response to Councillor Maxwell’s Notice of Motion;
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider the Attainable Housing Credit System and how the Building Code and relevant fees could provide incentives for more affordable housing being built;
3. Ministry of Agriculture to review the currently identified Special Agricultural Lands that have not been in production for more than five (5) years and are not considered suitable for Special Agricultural use.

Staff are looking to Council to provide any additional Delegation topics and to determine if the recommended Delegations are acceptable to proceed with making applications for.

Staff confirm that five (5) members of Council are currently registered to attend the upcoming 2023 AMO Conference in August.

## **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.

### **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**

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None.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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Preparation of Delegation materials is estimated to cost \$325 per Delegation package.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Senior Management Team

## **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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None

Respectfully submitted,

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