



Staff Report

Administration – Chief Administrative Officer

Report To: COW_Finance_Admin_Fire_Community_Services
Meeting Date: May 21, 2024
Report Number: FAF.24.073
Title: 2024 AMO Conference Delegation Requests
Prepared by: Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.073, entitled “2024 AMO Delegation Requests”;

AND THAT Council direct staff to submit applications to the following Ministries for Delegation Requests offered at the Annual AMO Conference being held in Ottawa between August 18 through to August 21, 2024:

1. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to consider long-term solutions for the management of Frazil Ice
2. Ministry of Infrastructure on the impacts and concerns relating to Inflow and Infiltration into municipal wastewater treatment systems
3. Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to highlight concerns relating to the Blue Box Transitioning Program particularly relating to the Commercial stream of recycling
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing relating the variety of impacts being experienced by the Town.

B. Overview

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

C. Background

Definitions:

AMO - Association of Municipalities of Ontario

OGRA - Ontario Good Roads Association

ROMA - Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

The AMO Conference is attended by Members of Council and staff on an annual basis. Mayor Matrosovs, Councillor Ardiel, Councillor Hope, and Councillor Porter will be attending the 2024 Conference.

Annual Conferences such as the (ROMA) in January, (OGRA) in February, and the (AMO) in August provide the opportunity for municipalities and Counties, etc. to request Delegations with a range of Provincial Ministries to discuss specific subject matter that is reviewed to determine the acceptance of the request.

Over the past several years the Town has been successful in its applications for Delegation Requests.

2020 AMO Conference

1. Ministry of Infrastructure relating to Rural Broadband **(received delegation)**
2. Ministry of Transportation relating to 26/27 Sideroad in Clearview Township and a Regional Transportation Plan **(received delegation)**
3. Ministry of Health relating to Physician Recruitment **(received delegation)**

2021 AMO Conference

1. Ministry of Infrastructure as it relates to internet broadband **(received delegation)**
2. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Post COVID-19 Reopening Plan **(denied delegation)**
3. Ministry of Finance Effect of Reassessment in a two-tiered tax system and in relation to COVID-19 Funding, and how it is provided to municipalities **(received delegation)**
4. Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Parks for better coordination of the management of Provincial Parks in The Blue Mountains **(received delegation)**
5. Ministry of Health for Physician Recruitment **(received delegation)**
6. Ministry of Transportation to discuss Regional Integrated Transportation Strategy **(received delegation)**

2022 ROMA Conference

1. Ministry of Transportation **(received delegation)**
2. Ministry of Long-Term Care regarding long-term care **(delegation was cancelled just prior to the delegation by the Ministry)**
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 and the ability for timely locates (**received delegation**)

2022 AMO Conference

1. Ministry of Finance regarding two-tiered taxation systems (**denied delegation**)
2. Ministry of Transportation regarding the transportation master plan (**received delegation request**)
3. Ministry of Health regarding physician recruitment, and the request for a nurse practitioner program locally (**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**)

2023 ROMA Conference

1. Ministry of Transportation to continue to develop a South Georgian Bay Comprehensive Regional Plan (**received delegation**)
2. Ministry of Health to present the continued need for physician recruitment and request for a funded Nurse Practitioner Clinic (**received delegation**)
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide continued pressure to consider an “Attainable Housing Credit Program” (**received delegation**)
4. Ministry of Reduction of Red Tape to continue to identify concerns relating to the Ontario One-Call Program and ability to receive timely Locates (**received delegation**)

2023 AMO Conference

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to discuss the potential of the rezoning of Specialty Agriculture lands for properties being considered as donations to the Town (**received delegation**)
2. Ministry of Health Delegation to present on the “Creating and Sustaining Access to Local Primary Care” (**received delegation**)
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to present on the Affordable Housing Credit Program and Specialty Agriculture lands for properties being considered as donations to the Town (**received delegation**)

2024 ROMA Conference

1. Ministry of Infrastructure discussing the Regional Utility Opportunities in South Georgian Bay **(received delegation)**
2. Ministry of Long-Term Care discussing the process to date of the 125 Peel Street Campus of Care Project **(received delegation)**
3. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to present options and opportunities of Attainable Housing and the process to date of the 125 Peel Street Campus of Care **(received delegation)**

D. Analysis

The deadline to submit applications for AMO Conference Delegation Requests is Friday June 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Staff have provided the following suggestions for Council to consider as potential Delegation Requests:

1. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to consider long-term solutions for the management of frazil ice along the Beaver River
2. Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the impacts and concerns relating to inflow and infiltration into municipal wastewater treatment systems
3. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks to highlight concerns relating to the Blue Box Transitioning particularly relating to the commercial sector being excluded from the recycling stream
4. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the variety of impacts being experienced by the Town as a small urban municipality with the ongoing and most recent changes to legislation including Bill 185

Staff have also reached out to the South Georgian Bay Mayors and CAOs Forum to consider any joint Delegation Requests the group wishes to submit applications for.

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 make applications for Delegations Requests and develop Delegation materials. Previous reports estimated that the preparation of Delegation materials to be \$325 per delegation package.

H. In Consultation With

Senior Management Team

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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