



# Staff Report

## Administration – Communications

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**Report To:** COW\_Finance\_Admin\_Fire\_Community\_Services  
**Meeting Date:** October 28, 2024  
**Report Number:** FAF.24.121  
**Title:** 2025 ROMA Conference Delegation Requests  
**Prepared by:** Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications and Economic Development

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.24.121, entitled “2025 ROMA Conference Delegation Requests”;

AND THAT Council directs staff to submit the following delegation requests to the appropriate Provincial Ministries for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference scheduled for January 19 – 21, 2025:

- Topic 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Topic 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Etc.

### B. Overview

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This report provides Council with an overview of the recommended delegation topics and seeks direction from Council on which topics should be submitted for the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) Conference.

### C. Background

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The ROMA Conference is attended by Members of Council and staff on an annual basis and provides an opportunity to submit delegation requests to advocate for issues and opportunities facing the Town and community.

The Town has been successful in previous years in having delegation requests approved. An overview of the 2022 – 2024 delegations topics has been included below for reference.

**MTO** - Ministry of Transportation  
**MMAH** - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
**MOH** – Ministry of Health  
**MRTR** – Ministry of Red Tape Reduction  
**MOI** – Ministry of Infrastructure

**MLTC** – Ministry of Long-Term Care

**MOF** – Ministry of Finance

**MGCS** – Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

ROMA 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MOH: Access to Primary Care</li><li>- MOI: Rural Internet Connectivity</li><li>- MLTC: Campus of Care Project</li><li>- MTO: Regional Transportation Master Plan, Hwy 26 Connecting Link</li><li>- MGCS: Challenges with Ontario One Call</li><li>- MOF: Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding and MPAC Billing</li></ul>
ROMA 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MOH: Access to Primary Care</li><li>- MMAH: Attainable Housing Credit Program</li><li>- MRTR: Challenges with Ontario One Call</li><li>- MTO: Regional Transportation Plan and Hwy 26 Connecting Link</li></ul>
ROMA 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- MOI: Regional Utility Opportunities in South Georgian Bay</li><li>- MLTC: Campus of Care Update</li><li>- MMAH: Campus of Care Update and Housing Overview</li></ul>

## D. Analysis

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Through the creation of this report, staff prepared a list of potential delegation topics for Council to consider. The recommended delegation topics are below:

- Ontario Provincial Police Cost Increases
- Physician Recruitment and Family Health Team Expansion
- Frazil Ice and Beaver River Management Plan
- Short Term Accommodation By-law Updates
- East Side Water Storage Environmental Assessment Update
- Drainage Master Plan and Municipal Infrastructure Needs
- Inflow and Infiltration Flow Monitoring Update

After the delegation topics have been confirmed by Council, staff will prepare and submit the requests to the appropriate Provincial Ministries. Once the requests have been submitted, staff will start developing delegation materials in anticipation of their acceptance and to provide sufficient time for internal review.

The draft delegation materials will be provided to Council members for feedback a minimum of two weeks before the ROMA Conference.

## 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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No environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this report.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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Significant staff time is required to submit delegation requests and to prepare delegation materials. Collectively, staff time is estimated at approximately 15 - 20 hours per delegation.

Due to the tight timelines in receiving notice that the delegation requests have been approved, staff will work to draft and develop material for all submitted delegation topics immediately following Council approval.

Costs for conference registration and hotel accommodation will also be required based on the number of Council Members and Town staff attending. Conference registration is \$670.00 per person and hotel rooms at the group-booking rate are \$600.00 per person. Funding to support this was approved through the 2024 Town Budget.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

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 Tim Hendry, Manager of Communications & Economic Development [communications@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:communications@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None.

Respectfully submitted,

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