

## MEMBER COMMUNICATION

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*To the attention of the Clerk and Council*  
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### Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) - Update

**Issue:** Municipalities are now able to submit applications for funding under this \$300 million program until **February 15, 2008**.

**Background:** The Province of Ontario opened the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) application period on January 11, 2008. A letter from Infrastructure Ontario (IO) was sent from the agency to the CAOs/Clerks of eligible municipalities last Friday, with more information on how to access program guidelines and individual login information to access the online application form. The letter is a follow up to the initial letter sent from IO to eligible municipalities on December 21<sup>st</sup>. CAOs/Clerks were directed to the MIII section of [Infrastructure Ontario's website](#). Municipalities can use the web portal to complete their applications for funding.

The MIII funding was first announced on December 13, 2007, by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan in the Ontario Fall Economic Statement. The announcements included a \$500M transit investment and a \$300M investment into other municipal infrastructure priorities.

On December 21, 2007 Infrastructure Ontario sent letters to eligible Ontario municipalities advising them about the MIII program. The program is open to municipalities of all sizes, with the exception of the City of Toronto. All classes of municipal infrastructure are eligible for funding, except for public transit, which receives provincial funding through other initiatives. Projects must be construction ready. Study costs are not eligible.

Applications for funding for municipal infrastructure must be endorsed by council. Applications will be evaluated against a select list of criteria including:

- construction readiness;
- alignment with provincial priorities;
- benefits to the community, region and the province;
- demonstration that the project will help to implement a council adopted municipal plan; and
- regional distribution of projects around the province.

Funding announcements are to be made by March 31, 2008.

**Action:** For your information. AMO will continue to advocate for sustainable, predictable, long-term provincial and federal funding for municipal infrastructure in Ontario.

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