

# AMO Planning the Future, Today

## Summary of AMO's 2016 Strategic Objectives

### Advocating on Your Behalf:

- KEY INITIATIVE: 'What's Next, Ontario?' is developing a municipal fiscal sustainability framework. Strong membership support coming out of Phase 1 is feeding Phase 2 which is looking at approaches that might be used beyond property taxes, user fees and grant programs.
- New *Waste Diversion Act* and how full producer responsibility unfolds to protect municipal governments
- Climate change activities that advance GHG reduction; design of a cap-and-trade program that supports municipal governments, providing them with resources for adaptation
- Policing services and standards that work for all communities and help manage costs
- Labour relations framework includes meaningful interest arbitration change
- Housing strategy implementation to address the range of municipal housing needs across Ontario and how the federal strategy for social infrastructure can help
- Economic growth and diversification in both urban and rural settings; burden reduction initiative
- Infrastructure funding designed to complement rural and urban asset management plans
- Energy policy, planning and transition; OEB activities
- 2016 provincial budget that sees transfers and uploads not reduced or delayed; no new unfunded mandates
- Health transformation and community health programs and services; public health standards review impacts
- Current provincial reviews which will likely lead to legislative and regulatory change, and affect municipal governments' interests
  - *Municipal Elections Act*
  - *Municipal Act*
  - *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*
  - Planning/DCA Regulations
  - *Aggregates Act*
  - *Conservation Act*
  - Sharing Economy
- Enhance municipal sub-regional advocacy approach to support the success of policy positions
- Continue advocacy on established policy positions, e.g., OMPF joint and several liability.

### Outreach to Members:

- Pursue a Human Services Symposium in partnership with OMSSA
- New Labour Relations Symposium
- Revamp AMO's members' communications
- Prepare a comprehensive education plan that supports policy development and changes to legislation through a variety of learning platforms (e.g. e-learning, webinars)
- Expand strategic, third-party partnerships
- Investigate municipal election finance guidance/ advisory service centre
- Expand participation in Local Authority Services (LAS) programs - stretching tax dollars through pooled and bulk procurement.

### Maximize Return on Assets:

- Plan the evolution of MIDAS to an open data system that will better serve municipal governments for their provincial reporting requirements
- Pursue the 'export' of the AMO Online Learning Portal content to other associations
- Market user pay system for the new AMO Audio Video Conferencing System (AVCS)
- Expand use of the current member database.

### Strengthening the Association:

- Increase municipal volunteer participation through task forces and committees
- Coordinate with other municipal staff associations on policy matters and use their technical expertise
- Onboarding of the 2016-2018 Board of Directors and Executive Committee and MOU Team
- Find efficiencies through consolidation of services and/or cost recovery mechanisms for municipal sub-groups using AMO services
- Monitor Not for Profit legislation changes which may affect our governing policies
- Explore City of Toronto and City of Sarnia membership.

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