

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

July 27, 2020

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Federal-Provincial Safe Re-Start Agreement

On behalf of AMO member municipal governments in every part of Ontario, thank you for your efforts to secure a good deal for municipalities and the communities they serve

Your work with other first ministers, and the successful efforts of Ministers Clark, Mulroney and Phillips with their federal, provincial and territorial counterparts, meant that Ontario was at the forefront of an important national discussion on the essential role of municipal government in Canada.

Your government's championship of these issues, its recognition that municipalities will lead the recovery, and your commitment to provide matching provincial resources are greatly appreciated.

Your advance on financial assistance through the Social Services Relied Fund was timely and lifesaving. Providing service managers with the flexibility to deploy the funds quickly and accountably, reflecting urgent local circumstances was innovative and highly effective.

AMO is proud of the role we played along with our many partners to advance the interests of the municipal sector, and the people and families, and public and private enterprises that comprise our communities.

We look forward to working in partnership with your government to ensure that financially sustainable municipalities can play their essential role in restarting and rebuilding the Ontario economy.

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Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of municipalities in every part of Ontario. We look forward to welcoming you and your Cabinet colleagues to the AMO conference in the very near future.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jamie McGarvey
President

Cc The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance