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AMO Executive Director, Pat Vanini to Retire

It is with mixed feelings that I share with the membership and others, that after 23 years of progressive responsibility within AMO, Pat has decided to retire. We will miss her in many ways and accept her decision.

She arrived at AMO in 1995 on a secondment from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Provincial Planning Policy Branch to help AMO and its members deal with a new Planning Act. When a new provincial government arrived, ending all secondments, Pat went back to the Ministry. She returned to AMO months later, taking on a senior policy advisor role employed by a one-year contract. It was a big risk but one we are glad she made. It didn't take her long to rise from Senior Policy Advisor to Director of Policy and then be appointed AMO's Executive Director in 2002.

Along that journey she used her municipal work experience (Hastings County) and 18 years of provincial government experience. Pat has had a long, distinguished career at AMO, leading a staff team that creates new services to help municipal capacity and develops sound public policy and advocacy work that support municipal governments. Many municipal officials across the province know her from her facilitation and training work both at the province and then at AMO.

During her time at AMO, Pat experienced change that six different Premiers brought to Queen's Park. That is a lot of Board work and public policy to influence. Consistent through it all is her absolute dedication to municipal governments and their success. While we hate to see one of our passionate champions go, AMO and the members wish her all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

We are engaged in a hiring process to fill the Executive Director position and there will be a smooth transition in leadership early this fall. I look forward to seeing many of our members at the AMO Annual Conference in about a month. That program will be full, exciting and timely. See you in Ottawa!

President Jamie McGarvey