

Friday, June 26, 2026

**To: Heads and Members of Council
From: Dan Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer, AMO**

It is my pleasure to provide a report on the candidates standing for election for the 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors.

The AMO Board election is coordinated by AMO staff and overseen by the City of Brampton Clerk's Office. The City of Brampton Clerk is the appointed Chief Returning Officer (CRO). The CRO has confirmed all candidates against the nomination eligibility requirements.

Notice of Elections to be Held and Acclamations

Elections will be held for the following offices, with the number of candidates and open positions noted.

- County Caucus: Four (4) candidates for three (3) elected official positions
- Large Urban Caucus: Six (6) candidates for five (5) elected official positions
- Northern Caucus: Four (4) candidates for two (2) elected official positions from Northeastern Ontario
- Rural Caucus: Six (6) candidates for four (4) elected official positions AND three (3) candidates for one (1) municipal employee position
- Small Urban Caucus: Five (5) candidates for four (4) elected official positions AND two (2) candidates for one (1) municipal employee position

The following positions were acclaimed:

- President: One (1) elected official
- Secretary-Treasurer: One (1) municipal employee
- County Caucus: One (1) municipal employee
- Large Urban Caucus: One (1) municipal employee
- Northern Caucus: Two (2) elected officials from Northwestern Ontario
- Regional and Single Tier Caucus: Five (5) elected officials

The following position remains vacant and will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors in fall 2026:

- Regional and Single Tier Caucus: One (1) elected official

List of Candidates

Candidates for County Caucus: Three (3) municipal elected officials to be elected

Diane Ballantyne, Councillor, County of Wellington

Barbara Dobreen, Councillor, County of Grey

Chris Gerrits, Councillor, County of Dufferin

Hilda MacDonald, Warden, County of Essex

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Candidates for Large Urban Caucus: Five (5) municipal elected officials to be elected

Don Amos, Councillor, City of Kingston
Luke Dufour, Councillor, City of Sault Ste. Marie
Anna Hopkins, Councillor, City of London
Dorothy McCabe, Mayor, City of Waterloo
Kieran McKenzie, Councillor, City of Windsor
Marianne Meed Ward, Mayor, City of Burlington

Candidates for Northern Caucus: Two (2) municipal elected officials from Northeastern Ontario to be elected

Steve Black, Councillor, City of Timmins
Kathleen Rochon, Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing
Roger Sigouin, Mayor, Town of Hearst
Stacy Wight, Mayor, Town of Kirkland Lake

Candidates for Rural Caucus: Four (4) municipal elected officials and one (1) municipal employee to be elected

John Creelman, Mayor, Town of Mono
Peter Emon, Councillor, County of Renfrew
Dane Nielsen, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Grey Highlands
Amanda Reid, Councillor, Township of Mapleton
Natasha Salonen, Mayor, Township of Wilmot
Steven Travale, Councillor, Municipality of Brockton

Derek Burke, Director of Public Works, Township of Severn
Nicole Martin, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, Township of Amaranth
Nathan Townend, Director of Communications and Community Development, County of Lennox and Addington

Candidates for Small Urban Caucus: Four (4) municipal elected officials and one (1) municipal employee to be elected

Gail Ardiel, Councillor, Town of The Blue Mountains
Sean Kelly, Councillor, City of Belleville
Crystal Meloche, Mayor, Town of LaSalle
Sharmila Setaram, Councillor, City of Welland
Robbie Shepley, Deputy Mayor, Town of Essex

Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of New Tecumseth
Amanpreet Singh Sidhu, CAO & City Solicitor, City of Orillia

Positions filled by Acclamation

President: One (1) elected official

Riley Brockington, Councillor, City of Ottawa

Secretary-Treasurer: One (1) municipal employee

Trevor Wilcox, General Manager, Corporate Performance, County of Simcoe

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Meighan Wark, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Huron

Large Urban Caucus: One (1) municipal employee

Shari Lichterman, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Greater Sudbury

Northern Caucus: Two (2) municipal elected officials from Northwestern Ontario

Wendy Landry, Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

Fred Mota, Mayor, Municipality of Red Lake

Regional and Single Tier Caucus: Five (5) municipal elected officials

Colin Best, Councillor, Region of Halton

Joe Gowing, Councillor, Region of Waterloo

Tammy Hwang, Councillor, City of Hamilton

Rhonda Mulcahy, Councillor, Region of Durham

Paul Vicente, Councillor, Region of Peel

Voting Information

The elections will be held during the AMO Annual Conference & General Meeting.

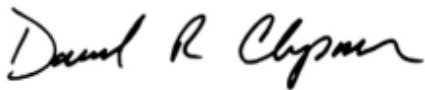
All elected officials from member municipalities in good standing with the Association who are registered conference delegates are eligible to vote for the Caucus in which they are registered.

The deadline to change a delegate's Caucus affiliation is Friday, July 31, 2026. If you wish to change your Caucus affiliation, please email events@amo.on.ca with your desired caucus affiliation.

The voting period is Monday, August 17, 2026, 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Voting is conducted in person in the Parliament Foyer, Rogers Centre, Ottawa (outside the Plenary Hall).

The CRO will announce the results of the election on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, during a break in the afternoon main stage programming in the Plenary Hall.

Sincerely,



Dan Chapman

Secretary-Treasurer, AMO

Chief Administrative Officer, City of Kitchener