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Monday, August 16

8:10am	Conference Welcome
8:25am	<p>Opening Keynote: Sheila Watt-Cloutier, sponsored by OPG Environmental, Cultural, and Human Rights Advocate Sheila Watt-Cloutier will address the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities. Watt-Cloutier is an environmental, cultural, and human rights advocate who is in the business of transforming public opinion into public policy. She presents a unique approach to the issues of today - the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability - as a deeply interconnected whole issue. Watt-Cloutier is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Officer of the Order of Canada, and the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award, the UN Champion of the Earth Award, the Norwegian Sophie Prize, the Jack P. Blaney award for Dialogue, and the Right Livelihood Award, which is widely considered the "Nobel Alternative."</p>
9:00am	AMO President and Annual General Meeting
9:15am	The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
9:30am	The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
9:35am	AMO - Government of Ontario MOU Signing
9:50am	Morning Break, visit with Municipal World
10:15am	Concurrent Sessions
	<p>1. Conservation Authorities 2.0 - No the Sky isn't Falling From rumours to reality. Join this session to hear about what is really changing in the way Conservation Authorities and Municipalities will work together to manage environmental matters. Topics will include the CA/Municipal MOUs, the impacts of regulations on managing CA lands, hazard lands, the budgeting process and transition. Chair: Lynn Dollin, Mayor, Innisfil Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hassaan Basit, President and Chief Executive Officer, Conservation Halton • Michelle Sergi, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, Niagara Region

	<p>2. Leveraging Partnerships and Planning to Meet the Best interests of Children and Youth</p> <p>Promoting the best interests of children and youth is a shared interest and responsibility of municipal governments, the province, the federal government and community organizations. There is great potential to leverage municipal-community partnerships, guided by provincial policy and data collection frameworks, to make this happen. A prominent example are relationships with local Children Aid Societies and Indigenous Child and Family Well-Being Societies. Solutions lie in joint service planning, mutually informed approaches and delivery of early, upstream interventions to families with relevant municipal services ranging from child care, housing, social assistance, parks and recreation.</p> <p>Chair: Mayor Christa Lowry, Town of Mississippi Mills</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Bonnie, CEO, Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies • Lisa McIntosh, Director, Children’s Services Division, Regional Municipality of Durham • Micheal Miller, Executive Director, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario • John Raymond, Executive Director, North Eastern Family and Children’s Services • Steven Woodman, Executive Director, Durham Children’s Aid Society
	<p>3. MPAC – Property Assessment in a Post-Pandemic World</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic changed our communities and our plans. We continue to focus on supporting the changing needs of municipalities by adapting, innovating and championing modernization, both within our business and related to our products and services. We are also looking ahead to a future province-wide Assessment Update. Join us to learn about how property values in Ontario have changed since 2016 and the ways we continue to support property owners in understanding their assessments. An update will also be provided by the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>Chair: Wendy Landry, Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Finance • Carmelo Lipsi, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, MPAC • Nicole McNeill, President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC • Al Spacek, Chair, MPAC Board of Directors
11:30am	Lunch Break and Caucus Meetings

12:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
	<p>1. Exploring the Economic, Social, and Environmental Benefits of Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation</p> <p>Climate change has been described as a generational issue. Global warming and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions must be slowed and reversed to allow future life to flourish. While the environmental aspects of the challenge are often the focus of scholarship and commentary, social and equity issues are also a major piece of the puzzle. This session will showcase work that local governments, builders, and others are doing to integrate economic, social development and environmental benefits into climate change projects.</p> <p>Chair: Colin Best, Councillor, Region of Halton</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julian Boyle, President, PACE Atlantic CIC • Patrick Chouinard, Founder, Element5 Co. • Gaby Kalapos, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership
	<p>2. Innovative Housing Solutions for your Community</p> <p>Across the province, there are several promising municipal and community initiatives that are using innovative local solutions to address the housing crisis. Many have the potential to be scaled up and across to more communities. This session will explore three case studies and provide practical take-aways that can be applied in your community. In Sault Ste Marie, affordable home ownership opportunities are creating employment and revitalizing neighborhoods at the same time. London is ending veterans homelessness through a Housing First approach. Lastly, partnership potential with the community housing sector can help overcome seniors' isolation and loneliness through affordable housing solutions that help people age independently, either in shared accommodation or at home.</p> <p>Chair: Jamie McGarvey, Mayor, Town of Parry Sound</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Cooper, Director, Housing Stability Services, City of London • Luke Dufour, Ward 2 Councillor, City of Sault Ste. Marie • JP Melville, Executive Director, Abbeyfield Canada • Mike Nadeau, CAO, Sault St. Marie District Social Services Administration Board
2:00pm	Federal Gas Tax / Canada Community-Building Fund
2:10pm	The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
2:20pm	The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier

<p>2:30pm</p>	<p>Ministers' Forum: Strengthening Community Well-being with Health, Social Services and Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services • The Hon. Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues • The Hon. Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism • The Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities • The Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education • The Hon. Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier • The Hon. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions • The Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care • The Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility • The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
<p>3:15pm</p>	<p>City of London 'Catch Up' Concert</p> <p>We know your day doesn't end just because the AMO conference does. There are always emails to write, phone calls to return and project deadlines that need to be met. A concert would make all those things easier after a day of policy talk and networking!</p> <p>Catch up on work while you listen to the musical stylings of great bands like the The McCauley Boys – Uptown Affair & Delta Stone Duo – The Rizdales, along with performances by Heart Attacks Kids & Thunder Queens.</p>

Tuesday, August 17

8:10am	PJ Marshall Awards
8:25am	Women's Leadership Forum, sponsored by Bruce Power Moderated by Nam Kiwanuka, host of TVO's The Agenda in the Summer, this panel will explore the perspectives and insights of Canada's most influential leaders, in what promises to be among the most informative and insightful discussions about leadership happening anywhere in Canada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC OOnt, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario • The Honourable Jean Augustine PC CM OOnt CBE • Elizabeth May OC, Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands
9:10am	Keynote Speaker: André Picard Award-winning National Health Writer and Author André Picard is one of Canada's top health and public policy observers and commentators. He has been a health reporter and columnist for The Globe and Mail, where he has been a staff writer since 1987. He is also the author of five bestselling books. André is an eight-time nominee for the National Newspaper Awards, Canada's top journalism prize, and past winner of the prestigious Michener Award for Meritorious Public Service Journalism. He was named Canada's first "Public Health Hero" by the Canadian Public Health Association, as a "Champion of Mental Health" by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health, and received the Queen Elizabeth II, Diamond Jubilee Medal, for his dedication to improving healthcare. The University of British Columbia recently announced André Picard as one of the Asper Visiting Professors at the School of Journalism, Writing, and Media for the 2020-2021 academic year, winter session. In 2020, Picard was awarded the The Owen Adams Award of Honour. This award is the highest CMA award available to a non-physician.
9:45am	Morning Break, Visit with MPAC and Oakville Enterprises Corporation
10:15am	Concurrent Sessions
	1. Community Paramedicine - What the Future Holds Join this session to get a preview of the Community Paramedicine Framework that AMO and the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs have jointly developed. We will explore what this may mean for rural and urban communities as we work together to create a community paramedicine system. Chair: Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Michael Nolan, Chief, Paramedic Service & Director, Emergency Services, County of Renfrew • Chief Michael Sanderson, Chief, Paramedic Services, City Of Hamilton • Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO

	<p>2. Blue Box Transition: It's Here...Now What?</p> <p>The Province announced the finalization of the Blue Box Regulation on June 3 which will transition responsibility for operation and financing of the program to producers of designated packaging and products. This is a welcomed change that will result in an annual savings of \$156M for municipal governments and First Nation communities. Those with existing blue box programs will be faced with several key decisions during this transition; most key being whether they will provide blue box services or not on behalf of producers. For those who do not currently have a program, the regulation sees expansion to all communities outside of the Far North by 2026. This session will provide you with some insight on what is included in the regulation and how a few municipal programs are working through this decision-making process.</p> <p>Chair: Hilda MacDonald, Mayor, Municipality of Leamington</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Denton, CEO, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority • David Miles, Manager, Waste Management Collection and Planning, Regional Municipality of Halton • Charles O'Hara, Director Resource Recovery Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks • Francis Veilleux, President, Bluewater Recycling Association
	<p>3. Cannabis 2021: Cannabis Growing in Municipalities – Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Recreational cannabis became legal for adults in Canada on October 17, 2018. Despite some issues, markets and communities have generally adapted. However, challenges remain in accommodating large-scale grow operations as well as balancing concerns around personal and designated medical growing with patient access needs. This session looks at what Ontario communities can and have done to regulate growing through Official Plan amendments as well as insights from the medical user's perspective to help improve understanding of cannabis in our communities.</p> <p>Chair: Bryan Paterson, Mayor, City of Kingston</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Epp, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph • Max Monahan-Ellison, Board Chair, Medical Cannabis Canada & Co-Founding Partner of eCB Consulting Inc. • Barbara Wiens, Director, Community Planning and Development, Town of Pelham
11:30am	<p>Lunch Break and Women's Networking Session, hosted by The Hon. Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues</p>

12:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
	<p>1. Municipal Engagement with Ontario Health Teams</p> <p>Ontario Health, an agency created by the provincial government, is connecting and coordinating our province's health care system in ways never been done before. To help ensure Ontarians receive the best possible care no matter where they live, Ontario Health is also supporting the implementation of Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) across the province. Learn more about how OHTs, municipal governments and DSSABs can work together to improve population health outcomes in your community.</p> <p>Chair: Doug Lawrance, Mayor, Municipality of Sioux Lookout</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Meyer, Provincial Director for Equitable Access Development, Ontario Health • Payam Pakravan, Vice President Strategy and Analytics, Ontario Health • Kelly Pender, CAO, County of Frontenac • Henry Wall, CAO, Kenora District Social Services Administration Board
	<p>2. Broadband Connectivity in Ontario is the Goal – How Municipalities can Prepare and Manage Liability</p> <p>The provincial and federal levels of government have collectively committed nearly \$7 billion into expanding connectivity to unserved and underserved communities across Ontario, and Canada. These investments are tremendous, and connectivity goals are ambitious. It also means that municipal Councils need to grapple with questions around access to municipal rights-of-way, how Bill 257 interacts with federal telecommunications laws, and other practical considerations. This session provides an opportunity to hear from experts on how municipal Councils and staff can prepare for the expedited access to broadband deployment while managing liability. It's a conversation not to be missed!</p> <p>Chair: Bob Kwapis, Councillor, Town of Newmarket</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amedeo Bernardi - Founder, Canada's Rural and Remote Broadband Conference & President, Amedeo Bernardi Consulting Inc. • Gord McGuire, Director, Engineering Services, Public Works, City of Hamilton • Tanya O'Callaghan, Vice-President, Community Investment, Policy and Advocacy, CIRA • Lisa Severson, Communications Director, Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

2:05pm	Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition and Ontario NDP
2:15pm	FCM President, Joanne Vanderheyden
2:20pm	AMO Honour Roll Award
2:30pm	<p>Ministers' Forum: Economic Recovery and Growth in Ontario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General • The Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade • The Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction • The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance • The Hon. Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government • The Hon. Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services • The Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries • The Hon. Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development • The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing • The Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of the Treasury Board
3:15pm	<p>The Perfect Pitch, sponsored by BAI Communications, Bell Canada, ROCK Networks, and Rogers Communications</p> <p>In a first time offering at the AMO Conference, delegates have an opportunity to hear live from telecommunications and broadband service providers on what they can offer you. With nearly \$4 billion on the table over the next six years to improve connectivity across Ontario, AMO delegates need to understand how to best support their communities. Each participating service provider will have five minutes to speak about their product and answer any questions you may have. Don't miss this important opportunity.</p>

Wednesday, August 18

8:15am	<p>Keynote Speaker: Anthony McLean, sponsored by Rogers Communications</p> <p>Issues of diversity, bias, inclusivity, and mental health are not new. But these important issues have all been brought into clearer focus by events beginning in 2020. Whether these issues are new to you or painfully familiar, we all benefit from an open conversation about what they mean to our communities and the people around us.</p>
8:45am	Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

9:00am	<p>Path to Economic Recovery Panel, sponsored by Enbridge Gas Inc.</p> <p>Moderated again this year by Steve Paikin, host of TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin, this panel will explore the most up-to-date thinking and intelligence on how business and economic recovery will unfold in Ontario.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance • Diane J. Brisebois, President and CEO, Retail Council of Canada • Armine Yalnizyan, Atkinson Fellow on the Future of Workers
9:40am	<p>Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario</p>
9:45am	<p>Morning Break, Visit with CIBC</p>
10:15am	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p>
	<p>1. Preparing for Ontario's New Policing Act: Municipal Considerations</p> <p>Maintaining the safety and security of communities is a fundamental service. In recent years how police services fulfill their duties has received increased scrutiny and calls for improvements. The Ontario Legislature passed the Community Safety and Policing Act in March 2019 to update and modernize policing in Ontario. As funders, Ontario municipalities reflect community needs and work to provide resources and contribute to the governance of police services. As police services adapt to an increasingly complex environment and work with their communities, municipalities need to be aware of the changes to the policing framework, governance needs and new accountability and oversight functions.</p> <p>Chair: Karen Redman, Regional Chair, Region of Waterloo</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Caldwell, Director, Ministry of the Solicitor General • Devon Clunis, Inspector General, Inspectorate of Policing • Fred Kaustinen, Executive Director, Ontario Police Services Boards Association and Principal, Governedge • Michelle Lloyd, Director, Centre of Data Intelligence and Innovation, Inspectorate of Policing • Ken Weatherill, Deputy Inspector General, Inspectorate of Policing

	<p>2. The Time is Now to Transform Long-Term Care</p> <p>There is an opportunity to learn lessons from the COVID-19 experience and meaningfully transform long-term care to promote person centred care with the residents and staff at the centre. Many in the long-term care sector – led by municipal homes - are advocating for a less institutional feel in long term care and move towards embracing emotional models of care and smaller more home like resident areas. The Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission indicated in their report that it is based on the principles of person centred care. These recommendations were informed by testimony and submissions from AMO, long-term care associations, residents, families, staff and other stakeholders. The pandemic caused a major “disruption” in the LTC sector that has shone a spotlight on senior’s care. The prospects and barriers for transformation will be explored in this session.</p> <p>Chair: John Henry, Regional Chair, Region of Durham</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Connell, Dementia Advisor and Person-Centred Care Project Manager, Region of Peel • Connie Lacy, Director of Seniors’ Services, Region of Waterloo and Chair, AdvantAge Ontario • Lisa Levin, CEO, AdvantAge Ontario • Moira Welsh, Investigative Reporter, Toronto Star, and Author
	<p>3. Municipal Digital Transformation: Building Permits in the 21st Century</p> <p>Across Ontario, municipalities are moving towards electronic permitting (e-permitting) technology to enhance processes such as issuing permits and licenses. E-permitting has a proven track record of assisting building officials in streamlining permitting processes from initial application to final inspection. This approach also aligns with the Government of Ontario’s interest in unlocking efficiencies, reducing administrative burdens, and digitizing processes to help municipalities reduce costs.</p> <p>Learn how the Municipality of Middlesex Centre implemented e-permitting technology and how different orders of government and municipal organizations are working together to expand and encourage e-permitting opportunities to municipalities across Ontario.</p> <p>Chair: Robert Foster, Councillor, Region of Niagara</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Dawson-Cole, Regional Manager - Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, MPAC • Niamh Hill, Acting Manager, Municipal Programs and Analytics Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing • Arnie Marsman, Director, Building Services and Chief Building Official, Municipality of Middlesex Centre
<p>12:30pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break and Youth Networking Session</p>

12:30pm	Concurrent Sessions
	<p>1. Cutting Out the Noise: What is Really Happening to Municipal Insurance Premiums?</p> <p>In this session we will provide a history of the insurance markets in Ontario, explain global impacts like climate change and the pandemic and provide some concrete action to manage what is within your local control by discussing what Ontario municipalities need to start doing today.</p> <p>Chair: Gary McNamara, Warden, County of Essex</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Devane, Manager, Risk Management and Registration Services, City of Vaughan • Ryan Durrell, CIO, Principal of Risk & Insurance Management Services, Axxima
	<p>2. Ontario's Energy Future: Transformation, Innovation and Emerging Trends in the Energy Sector</p> <p>Ontario's energy sector is in a period of rapid change. New technologies are transforming the way energy infrastructure is planned, built, and operated. Municipal residents are increasingly interested in the relationship between energy and climate change, and what their municipalities can do to be greener and more innovative. This panel discussion will explore the forces and technologies driving change in Ontario's energy sector. Delegates will learn how the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is helping to facilitate system transformation, and what Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) are doing to increase energy conservation and build a sustainable energy sector.</p> <p>Chair: Jeff Lehman, Mayor, City of Barrie</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Brewer, President and Chief Executive Officer, PUC Services Inc. • Steve Ray, Chief Operating Officer, Essex Power Corporation • Candice Trickey, Director, Corporate Affairs, IESO
2:20pm	The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

2:30pm	<p>Ministers' Forum: Looking Ahead on the Environment, Infrastructure and Resource Development Post-COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs • The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy • The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks • The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure • The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry / Indigenous Affairs • The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation / Francophone Affairs • The Hon. Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation
3:15pm	<p>Woodland Cultural Centre- Virtual Tour of the Mohawk Institute Residential School</p> <p>The Mohawk Institute Residential School operated in Brantford from 1828 to 1970. It served as a boarding school for First Nations children from Six Nations, as well as other communities throughout Ontario and Quebec. It served as a key tool in the effort to assimilate First Nations children into European Christian society, and sever the continuity of culture from parent to child.</p> <p>After closing in 1970, it reopened in 1972 as the Woodland Cultural Centre, a non-profit organization that serves to preserve and promote First Nations culture and heritage.</p> <p>This 45-minute film will be introduced by Janis Monture, Executive Director of the Woodland Culture Centre, and will be followed by a brief Q&A. The screening will benefit the Centre's Save the Evidence Campaign.</p>