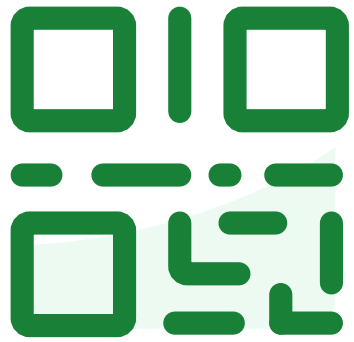


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Health and Human Services

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AMO Health and Human Services Advocacy Priorities

Municipalities are spending \$5B in health and social areas that are provincial responsibilities everywhere else in Canada.

- The costs of community housing should be fully uploaded to the province
- Long-term care and public health funding envelopes should be sufficient to meet provincial cost sharing obligations.

More than 80,000 Ontarians were known to be homeless in Ontario 2024 and this could grow to nearly 300,000 over the next decade if we face an economic downturn:

- Urgent action is needed to move beyond crisis response and tackle the root causes of homelessness with solutions that increase supply of stable supportive, transitional and deeply affordable housing; enhance income security; and improve access to comprehensive mental health and addictions treatment.
- Comprehensive action on the opioid crisis, including investments in prevention, harm reduction, treatment and enforcement.

AMO Health and Human Services Advocacy Priorities – Continued

Access to timely primary care and hospital services helps make a community livable and municipalities are increasingly stepping in with property tax dollars

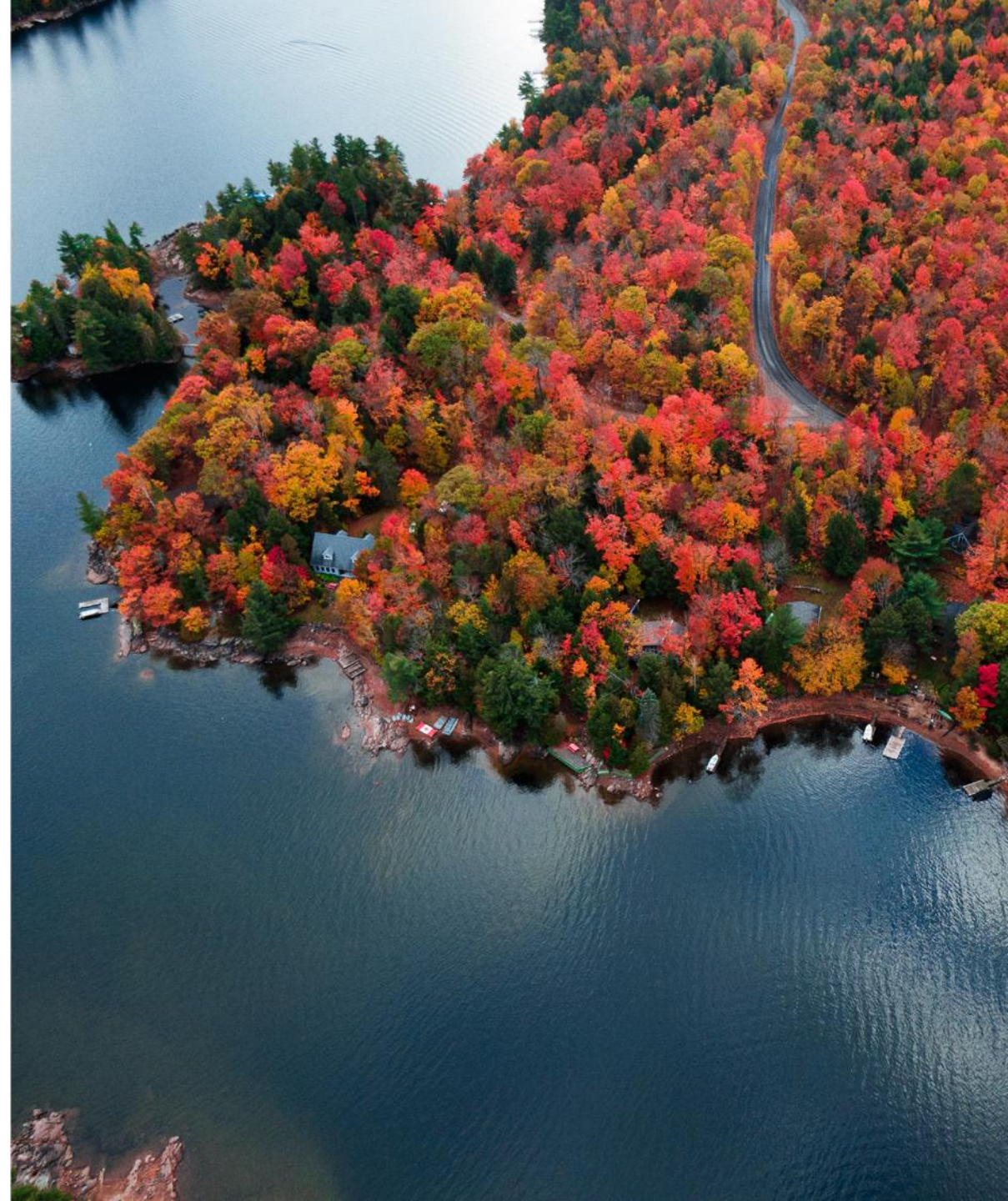
- Municipalities can be active partners in local Ontario Health Teams, but municipalities shouldn't be forced to make financial contributions through physician incentive programs and growing local share requirements.

In Ontario, 36,000 new supportive housing units are needed for those living with mental health and addictions.

- To ensure successful tenancies for those at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, supportive housing can provide the wrap-around supports that they need.
- Process improvements are needed to better coordinate supportive housing funding between the federal government and the province as well as MOH/MMAH.

Discussion Roadmap

1. What is the most impactful change that the province could make to improve a) **health access** and b) **homelessness** in your community?
2. What is the appropriate role for municipalities to play in **attracting doctors and nurses** to their communities?
3. How should AMO capitalize on the media and government attention of our **homelessness report** to continue to advocate for change?
4. **AMO's policy positions** aim to address the needs of Ontario's diverse municipal sector. Are these positions sufficient to meet the challenges we're facing? How could AMO and its members better incent the government to take action to address municipal priorities?
5. Closing Poll



What is the most impactful change that the province could make to improve health access in your community?



For example:

- Better physician recruitment incentives**
- Ending hospital local share**
- Expanding mental health and addictions treatment**
- Bigger municipal role in OHTs, primary care reform**
- Others?**



What is the most impactful change that the province could make to improve homelessness in your community?

For example:

- Fully fund and expand community housing**
- More supportive housing**
- Others?**



**What is the appropriate role for municipalities to play in attracting doctors and nurses to their communities?
Should municipal compensation incentives be permitted?**



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AMO's policy positions are meant to respond to the broad needs of Ontario's broad municipal sector.



Are these positions sufficient to meet the challenge we're facing?

How could AMO and its members better incent the government to take action to address municipal priorities?



Would you like more interactive sessions like this at future AMO events?

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