

**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
AND THE
ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO**

2025 JOINT ANNUAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING STATEMENT

We are pleased to present the annual joint statement for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Province of Ontario for 2025.

The AMO MOU table stands as a central pillar of the provincial-municipal relationship, enabling the voice of Ontario's 444 municipalities to be heard on issues of mutual priority, interest and concern. It establishes a consistent framework for collaboration that leads to more effective public policy outcomes.

This annual statement provides an update of some of our activities and accomplishments under the MOU during this past year.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, we have worked together to convene the MOU table for 15 meetings, covering a total of 30 agenda items. The discussions at the MOU table have been collaborative and outcome-driven.

This year, the collaboration between the province and municipalities at this table has helped manage the challenges facing Ontario's communities amid Canada-US trade uncertainty. Specifically, discussions focused on tariff and trade impacts and opportunities to leverage municipal capacity. We also explored a strategic 'Buy Ontario/Buy Canada' procurement approach.

We will continue to work together to plan for a stronger future and identify priorities for the year ahead. Our partnership remains critical in supporting Ontario's economic resilience in the face of evolving Canada-US trade and tariff challenges, as well as in addressing broader issues for communities and residents.

Many longer-standing topics of municipal-provincial importance have also been discussed across the year, including measures to increase market housing supply and the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.

Key provincial initiatives of significance to the municipal sector were discussed at the Table, including but not limited to:

- The Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program
- Integrated Energy Plan
- Local Distribution Company (LDCs) Review Panel
- Regulatory proposals for the Notaries and Commissioners' program
- Post Secondary Funding Model
- Pothole Prevention and Repair Program
- Minister's follow up with municipalities on Small IC&I Blue Box Collection

- Next steps in government's plans for improving Conservation Authorities
- Road Harmonization Standards policy
- Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025
- Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025
- AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan

The range, scale and extent of discussions on these initiatives at the table demonstrate a steadfast commitment to collaboration, partnership and evidence-based policy and decision-making.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

AMO and the province look forward to continuing to strengthen the provincial-municipal relationship in 2026, acknowledging the benefits of two-way discussions on shared priorities affecting municipal governments and communities.

The new year provides AMO and the province with the opportunity to hold the high-priority, collaborative discussions needed to ensure municipal governments are effectively positioned and equipped to contribute to Ontario's wellbeing.

AMO and the province of Ontario look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership, as we work at the AMO MOU table to support the delivery of transparent, efficient and effective outcomes for all people of Ontario.