

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO AND THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO

2022 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 2022.

Remarkable work was done this year on a variety of initiatives at both the municipal and provincial level. The AMO MOU table continues to be a key platform in helping to support critical discussions on issues of mutual interest and concern, as we work together to help rebuild Ontario.

The MOU table enables the opportunity for the diverse perspectives of Ontario's municipal sector to be considered as part of the government's decision-making process. It is valuable in helping to shape better public policy outcomes for Ontario's communities and residents.

This annual statement provides an update of some of our activities and accomplishments under the MOU during 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

Despite the need to pause engagement due to provincial and municipal election cycles, **7 MOU meetings were held in 2022, with 24 initiatives** discussed. Many key provincial initiatives impacting the municipal sector were discussed at the AMO MOU table this year:

Housing and Municipal Affairs

- Housing supply and attainability

Health, Long-Term Care, and Education

- Role of municipalities and Ontario Health Teams
- Improving Ontario's long-term care system

Social Service Supports

- Early years and child care

Infrastructure

- Municipal planning decisions in renewable energy projects
- Asset management, including asset management plans and program
- Ontario Infrastructure Community Fund (OCIF) program

Environment and Natural Resources

- Conservation Authorities transformation
- Environmental Assessment Modernization Initiatives

Finance

- Property reassessment
- Business supports (e.g., Liquor license extensions for patios)

Improving Safety, Service Delivery and Efficiency

- Modernizing process for provincial emergency volunteers
- Cyber Security Expert Panel's report and recommendations

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023

The province and AMO both continue to value their special partnership. Both parties recognize the benefits of two-way discussions on key priorities affecting provincial and municipal governments and Ontario's communities. This is especially important as we work collaboratively to address the joint priority of housing supply and affordability, including work towards the province's goal to build 1.5 million homes in the next 10 years. The strong provincial-municipal partnership has remained vital as municipal governments continue to play a critical role in Ontario's social and economic well-being. We look forward to our continued collaboration, as we work in partnership at the AMO MOU table to support the delivery of better outcomes for Ontarians.