



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of General Committee**

From: **Mayor Jeff Leal**

Meeting Date: **May 8, 2023**

Subject: **Delegation Requests to AMO, Report COU23-005**

Purpose

A report to recommend delegation requests for the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report COU23-005 dated May 8, 2023, of the Mayor, as follows:

That delegation requests be put forward for the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the 2023 AMO Annual General Meeting.

Budget and Financial Implications

Delegations will be made by Council members in attendance at the Annual General Committee meeting of AMO. There is no additional cost associated with delegations and the fees for Council members to attend conferences are a budget item through the Mayor's Office.

Background

The annual AMO conference, taking place this year from August 20-23, 2023, in London, is one of the main educational forums for municipal leaders. Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers are a key feature of the AMO Conference experience. These meetings are a unique opportunity for Council to engage with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and senior Ontario Government officials on local matters. AMO coordinates the delegations in cooperation with the ministries and delegation requests are provided to them once applications open and prior to the deadline (frequently later in June). If the delegation is granted, staff work to prepare briefing notes and support documents for the Council members representing the municipality.

On the issue of need for additional staff in the health sector including physician recruitment, the County of Peterborough would like to appear with the City as part of a joint delegation. Joint delegations are very effective and ensure that Ministerial time is used efficiently.

It is recommended that the following delegation requests be submitted to AMO once the application process opens later this spring:

Advocacy Theme	Council Position	Ministry
Health Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request provincial supports for staffing in the health sector, including additional nursing and long-term care staff Doctor recruitment needs in the Peterborough area 	Ministry of Health
Investment in Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for access to provincial funds and supports for developing and enhancing recreational facilities Request for access to provincial funds and supports for maintaining infrastructure assets and new projects 	Ministry of Infrastructure
Housing and Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information on the need for additional affordable housing in the Peterborough area Request additional supports for homelessness and addictions issues of residents 	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Regional Employment Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the province to provide assistance in working with the City and County of Peterborough to establish 	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

	additional employment lands to support the local economy	
Smart Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage/promote flood-resilient intensification policies in the central area i.e. Jackson Creek Special Policy Area	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Summary

It is recommended that Council support the delegation requests outlined above, and that the appropriate applications be made to AMO later this spring.

Submitted by,

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