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Chair and Members
Corporate Service Committee

RE: AMO Board Meeting Update – City of Toronto, ON, September 27-28, 2018

As a Board member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board, I am reporting back to City of London Council regarding the matters discussed at the AMO board meeting, held from September 27-28, 2018 in Toronto.

The Board's discussions centred on the municipal impacts of legalized cannabis and the first 100 days of Premier Ford's government. Updates were also provided regarding the Municipal Employers Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO) and its efforts to represent the employers' interests, especially through the current Comprehensive Plan Review. Additional discussion and information is found following as well as via the [President's Message](#).

Recreational Cannabis Legalization

- With the online sale of cannabis in Ontario launched on October 17, 2018, the Board discussed the current local challenges of siting and enforcement in the context of Bill 36.
- AMO will continue to advance local information and perspectives to the Government of Ontario as implementation rolls out.

First 100 days of Ford government

- The new provincial government has undertaken a number of initiatives that have the potential to impact the operations of cities and communities. These include, but are not limited to: the findings of the line-by-line audit of the provincial fiscal standing as well as the launch of a broad review of the social services assistance reform in Ontario.
- AMO will continue to collect information from members and engage with the new provincial government.

2017 Federal Fas Tax Fund Annual Report

- Board approved AMO's report to Infrastructure Canada.
- \$607 million invested into 1,165 projects worth \$3.1 billion.

Independent Review of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

- Board approved a response to the third Independent Review of the AODA.
- Specific recommendations will be sent to the reviewer on how to make AODA more effective.

AMO Input into Social Assistance Reform

- Board approved principled-based response about how to reform social assistance, including,
 - People centered; truly facilitate local flexibility to encourage innovation so outcomes for people are improved; and, that it must not result in new costs, or an unfunded mandate, for property tax payers.

Modernization of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB)

- AMO will continue to engage the Government of Ontario to communicate that the composition of the OEB must reflect the extent of interests and stakeholders, in particular northern perspectives and those of newer technologies.



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Implementation of the Municipal Annex under the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement (COIA)

- Discussion has been initiated between AMO and the ministries responsible for immigration.
- AMO will support the Municipal Annex's objectives of: 1) attracting and retaining immigrants in small, rural, northern and francophone communities; and, 2) furthering the effective and timely settlement and integration of immigrants.

Ministry of Education Consultation on Curriculum Reform

- The AMO Board approved a direction to provide input to highlight need for more civics and advance youth engagement in municipal government and local economic vitality in curriculum.

Sincerely,

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