

## **Staff Report 2020-0238**

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Meeting Date: June 30, 2020

Subject: 2020 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference - Delegation Requests

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the proposed 2020 AMO Conference delegation requests outlined in Staff Report 2020-0238, be approved.

### **REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- From August 17-19, 2020, the AMO Conference will occur virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Municipalities can request delegations with Ontario government ministries as well as representatives of the opposition parties to present issues and challenges that require provincial support.
- The deadline to submit delegation requests to the Province is June 30, 2020.
- Staff propose delegation requests with provincial ministers will be submitted to address several ongoing and emerging Caledon priorities.
- Requests should also be submitted to meet with the NDP Caucus and Green Party who are currently accepting delegation requests via email.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Mayor and Members of Council continue to have the opportunity to attend a number of annual municipal association conferences on behalf of the Town of Caledon, offering policy input and engaging with other orders of government. This memo is to provide Members of Council with an overview of staff support with respect to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference and a summary of delegation requests to be submitted.

From August 17-19, 2020, the AMO Conference will occur virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's conference will include keynote speakers and panels, breakout sessions, engagement with provincial representatives, and virtual networking opportunities, among other opportunities to discuss and debate municipal issues. In addition, the Province is accepting requests for virtual delegation meetings with provincial ministers.

As part of the Town's government relations efforts, municipalities can request delegations with Ontario government ministries as well as representatives of the opposition parties to present issues and challenges that require provincial support. In advance of these conferences, staff monitor provincial policy announcements and other issues impacting Caledon. Delegation requests are submitted that align with previously endorsed Council policy positions or matters where the Town is looking for further information from the

Province. Leading up to the conferences, staff coordinate background information and briefing materials for the Mayor and Council, as well as provide support when requested at the advocacy meetings.

### **Proposed Delegation Requests**

Staff propose delegation requests with provincial ministers be submitted to address the following ongoing and emerging Caledon priorities:

- Attorney General
  - Provincial Offences Act reforms
- Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries
  - Tourism community impact
- Ministry of Infrastructure
  - Broadband Connectivity
  - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation stream grant submission status (Mayfield Recreation Complex and Caledon Seniors Centre)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - Bolton Special Policy Area
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
  - Provincial Park visitation
- Ministry of Transportation
  - GTA West Corridor Interchange
  - Bolton GO Transit

The deadline to request a delegation meeting is June 30, 2020. Requests should also be submitted to meet with the NDP Caucus and Green Party who are currently accepting delegation requests via email.

### **Next Steps**

Throughout June and July, staff will work with the Mayor and Council Office as well as Caledon delegates to prepare and review conference briefing materials. Ministries will confirm the Town's delegation requests approximately one week before the beginning of the conference.

Following the conference, staff will provide further information to Council with a summary of what was requested, any follow-up action that was committed to in the meetings, and next steps to further advance the above priorities.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report.

## **COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

### **Sustainable Growth:**

- Continue to advocate for provincial highway infrastructure including the highway 427 extension and highway 413 (GTA West Corridor)
- Complete the Official Plan Review including the Mayfield West Secondary Plan and Bolton Residential Expansion Study

### **Connected Community:**

- Enhance high-speed internet connectivity
- Further explore arts and culture centre opportunities

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.