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**RE: Association of Municipalities Report**

I attended the 2024 Association of Ontario Municipalities Conference and participated in delegations and several workshops and sessions as listed below. Town priorities were discussed and Council were updated on several topics related to municipalities as follows.

**August 18**

- Municipal Affairs and Housing Delegation  
Hon. Minister Paul Calandra  
ASKS: Establish a Provincial Technical Working Group made up of provincial and municipal officials, to explore and collaborate on different policy and regulatory solutions.  
Strengthen municipal enforcement powers to combat illegal land use through amendments to the Planning Act and Municipal Act that:
  - Enable physically barring entry to properties
  - Increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals (to \$50,000) and corporations (up to \$100,000 + \$50,000 for each day continued)
  - Grant municipalities the ability to include all charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions, court-imposed fines on the title of a propertyOutcome: Demonstrated Town action and advocacy on a prominent issue that communities have continuously raised concerns about.

**August 19**

- Keynote, Andrew Coyne, Ontario Chief Abram Benedict, Colin Best, AMO President  
Council learned about trends in engagement between community member and elected officials.
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Address
- Women's Leadership Forum  
Women leaders sharing experience at local and national levels.

- Seniors & Accessibility Delegation

Hon. Minister Raymond Cho

This meeting was to relay to Minister Cho some of the local challenges planning for a growing and aging population and discuss opportunities for further collaboration to advance mutual objectives to support independent and active living.

ASKS: Enhance provincial support for age-friendly communities by considering:

- Expanding home modification and accessibility grants to account for the growing number of older adults aging in place.
- Making existing funding programs longer-term to allow for more sustainable funding.
- Prioritizing initiatives that support preventative health and aging in place.

Outcome: Demonstrated action to advance the objectives of the Age-Friendly Caledon Action Plan and support Caledon's aging population.

- Ministry of Natural Resources Delegation

Hon. Minister Graydon Smith

ASKS: Take action to mitigate the impact of aggregate operations on communities and environment:

- Mandate increased minimum setbacks and buffers from communities and other sensitive land uses.
- Amend the Aggregate Resources Act to support rehabilitation and better address road degradation.
- Adopt the World Health Organization Global Air Quality Guidelines for Particulate Matter as a standard for evaluation for monitoring air quality for aggregate operations.
- Appoint additional Provincial Offences Officers to inspect more thoroughly and enforce the Aggregate Resources Act.

Outcome: Demonstrated municipal action on community concerns of aggregate operations, in areas that fall outside of municipal jurisdiction.

- AWS Technology

### **August 20**

- Transportation Delegation

Hon. Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria

ASKS: Advance the Caledon-Vaughan GO line to be in service before 2041.

- Include the Caledon GO line in the upcoming Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update with an in-service date before 2041 (expected by end of 2024).
- Work with the Town to establish and include a second GO station in Caledon at Highway 50/South Bolton.

Outcome: Demonstrated proactive transit planning for Caledon's projected

population growth and the Town's commitment to preventing traffic congestion, growing the local economy, and protecting the environment.

ASKS: Improve traffic safety along Highway 10 as part of MTO's Operational Performance Review study and add further safety measures to the draft report study, including:

- Additional right turn lanes on Hwy 10
- Active warning signs
- Illumination improvements
- Piloting a red-light camera at Olde Base Line Road

Outcome: Demonstrated action on safety concerns along Highway 10.

**August 21**

- Ministers Forum
  
- Incoming AMO President Address

Sincerely,



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