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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 I was updated on several topics related to municipalities as follows.

August 18

Ottawa Tourism Presentation
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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
- Attorney General Doug Downey Delegation Hon. Doug Downey

The purpose of this meeting was to highlight the impact that Caledon's growing population pressure is having on access to justice; and seek collaboration to remedy the local issue while helping accelerate provincial efforts to address the court backlog.

ASKS: Direct ministry staff to collaborate with the Town of Caledon on court facility planning, POA Justice of the Peace allocations, and modernization opportunities.

Outcome: Demonstrated proactive planning and intergovernmental collaboration to account for a growing and changing population across service areas.

Ontario Liberal Party, Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

August 20

Sport Delegation
Hon. Minister Neil Lumsden

ASKS: Review provincial funding approach of recreational facilities, including considering:

- Developing sustainable recreation capital funding programs that align with municipal long-term capital planning processes.
- Expanding the eligibility criteria of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Capital Grant to include small urban municipalities like Caledon that are growing rapidly.

Outcomes: Demonstrated intergovernmental collaboration to prepare for population growth in a way that maintains service levels and quality of life.

Sincerely,

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