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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

- 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.
- 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.

- Finance Meeting - Minister Bethlenfalvy - Peel Delegation
- Ministry of Labour Meeting - Minister Piccini - Peel Delegation Meeting
- Ontario Medical Association Delegation
 ASKS: For the OMA to hear about Caledon's local challenges in physician recruitment and retention.
 Outcome: It presented the opportunity to relay concerns from Caledon residents and stakeholders and feed into OMA's advocacy work to address physician shortages in communities across Ontario.
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Address
- Ministry of Health Meeting - Minister Sylvia Jones - Peel Delegation
- Energy & Electrification
 Hon. Minister Stephen Lecce
 This meeting was with Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce to share local challenges meeting the electrical capacity demands for new development and discuss opportunities for government interventions that promote local innovation and increase consumer access to low carbon energy utilities.
 ASKS: Ensure Caledon has sufficient clean electricity supply to power new residential and employment growth and to meet our decarbonization goals.
 - Ensure Independent Electricity System Operator and Hydro One plan for appropriate capacity to support the Town's growth and GHG emissions targets.
 - Enhance opportunities for municipal participation in the clean energy economy.
 Outcome: Demonstrated transparency and accountability to the advancement of the Town's environmental targets, such as the Resilient Caledon Community Climate Change Action Plan, and action on power issues reported by constituents.
- 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.



- AMO Reception

August 20

- Peel Region Meet and Greet
- Office of Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Meeting - Minister Tibollo - Peel Delegation
- Office of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity Meeting - Minister Charmaine Williams - Peel Delegation
- AMO: Green Party of Ontario

Sincerely,

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TOWN OF CALEDON

