

Memorandum

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

To: Members of Council

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Subject: 2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference

The Mayor and Members of Council continue to attend a number of 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 proposed delegation requests.

From August 18-21, 2019, the AMO Conference will occur in Ottawa. This year's conference, Municipalities: Ontario's Frontline, will be a full educational conference, with access to industry experts, provincial representatives, and product and service providers discussing and debating current municipal issues. In addition, the Province is accepting delegation requests with provincial Ministers. Delegation requests with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will be submitted to address advocacy priorities identified in the 2018-2022 Council Work Plan:

- Regional governance and rural representation
- Senior's housing challenges particularly aging in place amenities
- Broadband internet access for rural communities
- Natural gas expansion and affordable energy in Caledon
- Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor
- Caledon Transportation challenges including GO Transit
- Aggregate Rehabilitation Master Plans

The deadline to request a meeting is June 28, 2019. The Caledon delegation also plans to meet with the Official Opposition and NDP Caucus, Liberal Caucus and Green Party of Ontario who are currently accepting delegation requests via email.

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 and submit delegation requests that align with previously endorsed Council policy positions. 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.

Next Steps

Once the Ministries confirm the Town's delegation requests (traditionally one week before the beginning of the conference), staff will work with the Office of the Mayor to co-ordinate conference briefing materials and schedule time to brief those attending the Conference.

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