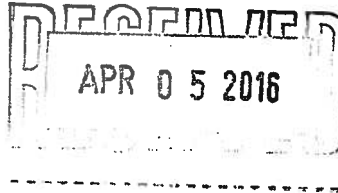


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Attached please find:

1. The **Members' Update** on the proposed amendments to the *Municipal Election Act* introduced today. The changes are expected to be ready in advance of the 2018 Municipal Election;
2. The **April 1st AMO Board of Directors Report** so you are aware of the items and discussion that occurred at last Friday's AMO board meeting;
3. An **Infrastructure Placemat** that was shared with the AMO Board to show all the current provincial and federal infrastructure programs and their status;
4. How to chat with the **Minister of Infrastructure** – The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, is hosting a **Twitter Chat** on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 3:45 p.m. in English, and at 4:05 p.m. in French specifically related to Phase 1 of Canada's New Infrastructure Plan. It will provide \$11.9 billion over the next two years to municipal governments and First Nations. The chat will be hosted through Infrastructure Canada's departmental Twitter accounts @INFC_eng and @INFC_fra. Minister Sohi will answer questions using the hashtag #InfraChat for each tweet contributed.
5. **AMO Submission on Bill 172 (Climate Change)** to the Standing Committee on General Government will be available tomorrow on the front page of our website <http://www.amo.on.ca/>.

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April 4, 2016

Legislative Changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA)

Today the Government of Ontario introduced legislative changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) in the Legislative Assembly. The MEA sets out rules for electors and candidates, and roles for municipal clerks and councils in municipal and school board elections in Ontario. Bills generally are not publicly available until posted on Hansard, which is often the day after introduction. We will provide the link on our website as soon as it is available.

If passed, the legislation would change the campaign period, and rules for election financing including third party advertising and union and corporate donations. Municipal governments would also be given the option of using ranked ballot elections for future elections. Ranked balloting allows voters to rank more than one candidate. Municipal governments would hold public consultations before ranked ballot elections are conducted but not necessarily need to have a referendum.

Based on Minister McMeekin's statement, the changes introduced today build on consultations by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in 2015. At that time, AMO provided information to members on the use of ranked ballot voting, and made a formal submission to MMAH in July 2015.

Some of the key highlights we know include:

- **Shortening the municipal election campaign.** Candidates would be able to register between May 1 and the fourth Friday in July;
- **Third party advertising**, while permitted will include registration rules, contribution, and spending limits;
- **Campaign finance rules.** The legislation aims to make rules easier to follow for voters, candidates and contributors, and gives municipalities the option to ban corporate and union donations;
- **Increasing accessibility** for electors and candidates with disabilities by requiring clerks to prepare accessibility plans and distribute to the public prior to voting day; and,
- **Improving the voter's list** by making it easier for the clerk to add or change information.

AMO is encouraged that this legislative update appears to have taken our advice on many items. Once the Bill is available, we will do a detailed review. Some of the changes will require regulatory and technical guidance and we expect to be part of that further work. Watch for future analysis and we will keep you updated on the Bills progress through the legislature.

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April 4, 2016

AMO Report to Member Municipalities Highlights of the April 2016 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the April 1, 2016 meeting include:

Patients First

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is considering transformation of primary, home, and community care that would have major impact on public health and other municipally co-funded programs. The AMO Board is supportive of strengthening patient-centred care but under the right conditions to succeed. The Board of Directors approved a principled, comprehensive approach for responding to the MOHLTC Minister and officials on a range of health matters that have a municipal impact or implications. The principles can be found here at: [AMO's Principles to Guide the Response to the Provincial Patients First Strategy](#).

AMO Contact: Michael Jacek, Senior Advisor, E-mail: mjacek@amo.on.ca, 416.971.9856 ext. 329.

Waste Free Ontario (Bill 151)

Bill 151 has almost completed the required hours for the 2nd reading debate and is likely to be sent to Standing Committee hearing soon. The AMO Board was briefed on the intensive government relations work underway to try to secure municipal amendments to improve the Bill. One needed amendment relates to the payments to municipal governments for Blue Box services during the transition. Municipal governments must have a seat at the table during the transition as well as when the new legislation is in place. There will be an integrated waste management system which municipal governments will still be responsible for operating and funding. When the legislation is sent to Standing Committee, a detailed Members' Update will be sent with an outline of key points and the draft amendments being sought.

AMO Contact: Dave Gordon, Senior Advisor, E-mail: dgordon@amo.on.ca, 416.971.9856 ext. 371.

Framework for Marijuana Legalization and Municipal Implications

The federal Liberal Party made an election commitment to legalize, regulate, and restrict access to marijuana. AMO is researching the opportunities and challenges to municipal governments of a legalized marijuana framework in light of municipal community services. Recommendations on how to approach the sector's discussion with the federal government, the Province, and other stakeholders with proposed next steps will be brought forward for the Board's consideration at their June meeting.

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Basic Income Guarantee

The 2016 Ontario Budget announced a commitment to analyzing a Basic Income pilot. The AMO Board was briefed on this social assistance model which is gaining support at the municipal and provincial levels. AMO's President has corresponded with the Ministers of Finance and Community and Social Services to signal our expectation to be engaged in the development of the pilot given the social assistance programs managed at the local level. The Board received this update and will be informed of the Province's response to the AMO President's letter once received.

AMO Contact: Jessica Schmidt, Policy Advisor, E-mail: jschmidt@amo.on.ca, 416.971.9856 ext. 367.

Provincial Consultation on Excess Soil Management

The Board was updated on the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's review of Excess Soil Management. Based on stakeholder consultations and collaboration with other Ministries, a proposed policy framework has been released, which has been posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights for comments and plans to amend regulation by the end of 2017. The Board approved a proposal for AMO staff to develop a submission to highlight municipal concerns and considerations.

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MEPCO Update

The MEPCO Board's update included the proposed CPP enhancement discussions between the federal and provincial governments as well as the ORPP and how it requires pension plan coverage for municipal part-time employees which is to be implemented January 1, 2020. There are a number of complex implications for both matters and MEPCO Board is undertaking the necessary work that considers the municipal government perspective as input to CPP and OMERS Plan.

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LAS Update

LAS is looking to the future and the potential for new programs or services. LAS staff is currently on the road conducting the annual Town Halls across Ontario. Integrated into the Town Halls is a segment where members are being asked for input on potential new programs or services. This information will help, in part, inform any future direction taken by LAS (Link to LAS Town Hall: [LAS Information Sessions](#)).

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Municipal Infrastructure Placemat 2016

Recently delivered federal and provincial budgets have detailed new or expanded infrastructure programs to support infrastructure across Ontario and Canada. While program details have yet to be announced, AMO is providing a snapshot of what is known and anticipated to be provided for our members.

What we asked for:

Provincial – expanded stable infrastructure funding for municipalities, particularly formula funding through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).

Federal – Dedicated municipal funding. An immediate investment in transit and social housing for maintenance. Immediate funding for social housing energy and water efficiency retrofits and rehabilitation. Social housing expansion; roads and bridges maintenance; support for rural broadband. Investments in municipal GHG reductions and infrastructure resiliency.

What was delivered:

Provincial – expanded funding of \$330 million annually for municipal infrastructure. Move Ontario Forward Outside GTHA (\$15B/ten years) funding still to be announced.

Federal - \$11.9B (\$3.45B for First Nations) in Phase 1 funding in the next two to five years for housing, green and public transit infrastructure.

Municipal Function/Service	Eligible Infrastructure Category	Funding Program	Program Details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Water • Wastewater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Water • Wastewater 	Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	<p>Formerly \$100M/yr. - \$50M formula, \$50M application</p> <p>Increased to: \$300M/yr. - \$200M/yr. formula, \$100M/yr. application in 2018-19</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads 	Ontario Connecting Link Program	Formerly \$15M/yr., increased to \$20M/yr. in 2016-17 and \$30M/yr. in 2018/19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing energy efficiency retrofits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installing energy-efficient boilers • insulating outer walls and mechanical systems, and • installing more energy efficient windows and lighting 	Ontario Green Investment Fund	Pre-Budget \$92M one time funding for retrofits for social housing, \$82M for towers with 150 units or more, \$10M for 1,300 smaller social housing units in rural and small communities

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<p>Nationally Significant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Transit • Ports • Flood protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highways and major roads • public transit • rail infrastructure • local and regional airports • port infrastructure • intelligent transportation systems (ITS) • disaster mitigation infrastructure 	<p>New Building Canada Fund – National Infrastructure Component</p>	<p>\$4 Billion for nationally significant projects which meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generate positive economic activity; • Reduce potential economic disruptions or foregone economic activity; • Generate productivity gains for the Canadian economy; or, • Provide benefits that extend beyond the provinces or territories where the project would be located. <p>\$1.6B allocated as of January 2016</p>
<p>Nationally and regionally significant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • bridges • Transit • Water • Wastewater • Solid waste • Connectivity • Flood protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways and major roads • Public transit • Connectivity and broadband • Drinking water • Wastewater • Solid waste management • Green energy • Innovation • Brownfield redevelopment • Disaster mitigation infrastructure • Local and regional airports • Short-line rail • Short-sea shipping 	<p>New Building Canada Fund – Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component</p>	<p>\$9 billion for projects that are nationally and regionally significant, and are predominantly medium- and large scale in nature</p> <p>Ontario allocation \$2.44B/10 yrs.</p> <p>\$1.43 allocated as of January 2016</p>

Municipal Function/Service	Eligible Infrastructure Categories	Funding Program	Program Details
<p>Locally or regionally significant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads (arterial) • bridges • Transit • Water • Wastewater • Solid waste • Connectivity • Flood protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways or major roads (including bridges) • Public transit • Disaster mitigation • Connectivity or broadband • innovation • Wastewater • Green energy • Drinking water • Solid waste management • Brownfield redevelopment • Local and regional airport • Short line rail • Short sea shipping 	<p>New Building Canada Fund – Provincial/Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund</p>	<p>\$1B for projects of national, regional or local significance for municipalities with populations under 100,000</p> <p>Ontario allocation \$272M - \$141M committed in Ontario as of January</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads • Bridges • Transit • Broadband • Community energy • Water • Wastewater • Flood protection • Waste • Capacity building • Culture • Recreation • Tourism • Sport • Brownfields • Airports • Short trip shipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local roads and bridges • Transit • Local and regional airports • Broadband • Short sea shipping • Short line rail • Community energy systems • Drinking water • Wastewater • Solid waste • Brownfield redevelopment • Capacity building • Disaster mitigation • Recreation • Culture • Tourism • Sport 	<p>Canada Gas Tax Fund</p>	<p>\$2.1B in 2016 nationally \$617M administered by AMO</p> <p>Commitment to allocate unused funding each year to GTF formula – details tbd.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses • Streetcars • Light rail • subways 	Details tbd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet replacement • Track, bridge, signal upgrades • Accelerated design and implementation of construction work for large-scale projects 	Canada Public Transit Fund	\$3.4B over 3 years in Budget 2016 Up to 50 per cent of eligible costs covered by federal government Ontario share \$1.49B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social housing • Affordable housing • Public housing energy and water retrofits • Childcare facilities • Recreational and cultural centres • Accessibility improvements 	Details tbd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing \$504M/2yrs • Affordable housing for seniors \$200M/2yrs • Energy and water efficiency retrofits and renovations for existing social housing \$573M/2yrs • Childcare and early learning \$500M 2017-18 • Cultural and recreational infrastructure \$168.2M/2yrs • Renovate, expand improve existing cultural infrastructure \$150M/2yrs • Accessibility \$4M/2yrs 	Canada Social Infrastructure Fund	\$3.4B over 5 years in Budget 2016 Ontario allocation? TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change plans • GHG reduction projects • Asset management planning • Climate-related infrastructure upgrades (unfunded) • Water • Wastewater 	Details tbd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change capacity building, FCM \$75M – GHG reduction, climate change integration in asset management plans • FCM GMF – GHG reductions \$125M • Asset management best practices - \$50M • Infrastructure resilience (Lake Manitoba and Lions Gate) • Water and wastewater upgrades \$2B/4yrs 	Canada Green Infrastructure Fund	\$5B over 5 years in Budget 2016 Up to 50 per cent eligible water and wastewater costs covered by federal government Ontario allocation? TBD

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural broadband expansion 	Details tbd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve rural/remote broadband access • 	Connecting Canadians? Broadband Access	\$500M over 5 years in Budget 2016 Ontario allocation? TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail crossing safety improvements 	Details tbd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail safety enforcement and oversight • Supporting local rail crossing safety 	Rail Safety	\$143M over 3 years for rail safety