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AMO Conference Updates



February 20, 2021



AMO 2021: Keynote to Explore Social, Cultural and Economic Impacts of Climate Change

AMO's 2021 virtual Conference promises to bring innovation, important connections, and the most up-to-date discussions on public policy, directly to your doorstep.

AMO is proud to announce keynote speaker Sheila Watt-Cloutier on the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities.

Watt-Cloutier is an environmental, cultural, and human rights advocate who is in the business of transforming public opinion into public policy. She presents a unique approach to the issues of today – the environment, the economy, foreign policy, global health, and sustainability – as a deeply interconnected whole issue.

Watt-Cloutier is a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Officer of the Order of Canada, and the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award, the UN Champion of the Earth Award, the Norwegian Sophie Prize, the Jack P. Blaney award for Dialogue, and the Right Livelihood Award, which is widely considered the "Nobel Alternative".

This address will be one of the many highlights of AMO 2021.

Join us, and our virtual hosts, the City of London, August 15-18 to hear from dozens of speakers on the issues that matter most to you. Join provincial party leaders and cabinet ministers on broad ranging policy discussions and delegation meetings that address your Council's concerns. Engage with AMO's 2021 Women's Leadership Forum. Take the opportunity to learn, network, share your ideas and be exposed to new products and services. Be part of the collective voice and influence of Ontario's \$50 billion municipal

sector.

Registration is open, and early bird rates apply until April 30, 2021.

To register, [click here](#).

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AMO Policy Update



February 24, 2021

AMO Policy Update – *Build Back Better* Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

***Build Back Better* Pilot Extended in Municipal Recovery Assistance Program**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, [announced](#) today that the Province is providing an additional \$2 million to extend the *Build Back Better* pilot into 2023.

Build Back Better helps municipalities that require assistance to recover from flooding or other natural disasters to rebuild public infrastructure to a higher standard such as raising roads or increasing ditch sizes or other work to make communities more resilient. *Build Back Better* has been requested by municipal governments as a permanent change to the Municipal Recovery Assistance Program and AMO has long advocated for increased infrastructure funding for climate resilience.

Ontario Introduces New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Coinciding with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, the Ontario government introduced the *Combating Human Trafficking Act*. The proposed new legislation and amendments to existing legislation will build upon the Province's \$307 million [Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#).

The proposed changes include two new acts – the *Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Act, 2021* and the *Accommodation Sector Registration of Guests Act, 2021* – as well as amendments to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* and the *Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking Act, 2017*.

The proposed legislation will focus on protecting children and youth, supporting survivors, and providing law enforcement with additional tools to prevent and deter human trafficking. More information can be found [here](#).

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AMO Policy Update



February 19, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission, AMO-CUPE Economic Recovery Letter, Emergency Orders Extended, and Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework

Pre-Budget Submission

AMO is pleased to share its 2021 Pre-Budget submission titled **"Building a Recovery to Strengthen all of Ontario: A Provincial-Municipal Partnership for a Safe and Prosperous 2021"** that reflects a series of recommendations to help the Province and municipal governments navigate the ongoing pandemic and together pursue an integrated socio-economic recovery.

The submission outlines key recommendations for the government to pursue around the following themes:

1. Fiscal Stabilization for Municipalities
2. Healthy and Safe Communities for People
3. Investing in a Stronger Economic Recovery
4. Strengthening Ontario's Municipal Governments.

To support this submission's main recommendation, **AMO President Graydon Smith and CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn jointly wrote to the Premier of Ontario** to urge him to champion new funding support similar to last year's Safe Restart Agreement. This funding is required to help support municipal governments and the municipal workers who are keeping our communities safe and maintaining the essential services all Ontarians rely on most during the ongoing pandemic.

AMO is optimistic that Ontario is poised for a strong recovery, and a prosperous and

competitive future. This submission generally calls for the continued collaboration between all orders of government to address the very serious challenges ahead and to accomplish positive change for all Ontarians.

Updated COVID-19 Regional Framework

Today the Province has updated the [COVID-19 Regional Framework](#). The City of Toronto, Peel Region, and North Bay-Parry Sound District will remain in full lockdown for at least two more weeks until Monday, March 8th. York Region will move from Shutdown to Red and the Lambton PHU region will move from Orange into Red as of the effective date of Monday, February 22 at 12:01 am.

Emergency Orders Extended

[Ontario Emergency Orders](#), which were to expire on February 19th in force under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA), have been extended until March 21, 2021.

Orders under the ROA include the Province's ability to implement rules on public gatherings, business closures, and managing outbreaks in hospitals or long-term care homes. This extension does not change the length of how long a region is in lockdown.

The ROA must be extended every 30 days and the government must notify the public on which orders have been extended.

The full list of orders being extended by the Ontario government [can be found here](#).

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March 1, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Province Provides Additional Transit Funding, Municipal Modernization Funding, and 34 Public Health Unit Vaccination Plans Together

Province Provides Additional Transit Funding

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney [announced](#) today that the Province was providing an additional \$150 million to support transit systems through the pandemic. The funding is in addition to funds provided by the provincial and federal governments under the Safe Restart Agreement.

With some reallocation of funding, this announcement will make up to \$650 million available to municipalities to be spent by December 31, 2021. Extensions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Ministry of Transportation will provide information webinars on the funding in partnership with the Ontario Public Transit Association (OPTA) in the coming days.

The Safe Restart Agreement provides up to \$4 billion in federal-provincial funding for emergency costs related to the pandemic. \$2 billion of this is allocated to supporting transit systems, of which \$1.5 billion has been allocated. The funding has helped to provide personal protective equipment, fund additional cleaning, and help keep transit systems operating as ridership patterns and social distancing have taken place. This funding was strongly advocated by AMO to help maintain transit during the pandemic and ensure these systems are ready to support the recovery.

Municipal Modernization Funding

Also today, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark,

[announced](#) \$10 million under the Audit and Accountability Fund to support efficiency and modernization projects in 31 large municipalities.

This funding is in addition to the January 26th, 2021 ROMA Conference announcement of [\\$40 million](#) to help small and rural municipalities through the Municipal Modernization Fund. The funding will support initiatives to improve processes and develop new ways of operating to provide more effective public services.

Public Health Vaccination Plans

Further to the good work the *Toronto Star* did this weekend to have all 34 Public Health Units' vaccination plans in one publicly accessible site, AMO staff has reviewed and updated each of the PHU's links and have put them in one spreadsheet [here](#).

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