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AMO Policy Update – Provincial Cabinet Shuffle

Today's Cabinet shuffle saw the appointment of new Ministers to Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet and the shifting of existing ministers into new portfolios. The next provincial election is June 2, 2022.

Today's Cabinet appointments and portfolio changes include:

- The Honourable Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation, reporting to Minister Mulroney
- The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities
- The Honourable Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- The Honourable Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, reporting to Minister Fullerton
- The Honourable Dave Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- The Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care
- The Honourable Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government, reporting to Minister Bethlenfalvy
- The Honourable Greg Rickford, MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, assumes a merged role as Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as remains Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- The Honourable Rosario Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services
- The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board
- The Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, reporting to Minister Fedeli

- The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

We congratulate the Ministers on their new portfolios. AMO and municipal governments look forward to working closely with them on areas of mutual interest to serve our citizens. Municipal governments and the Province are stronger when we work together. We thank the Ministers we have worked closely with over the last year.

Remaining in their current portfolios are:

- The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
- The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance including Ontario's digital government strategy
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Government House Leader.
- The Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General
- The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and Chair of Cabinet
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General
- The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
- The Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
- The Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour
- The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

AMO members will have an opportunity to ask municipal questions of the provincial Ministers at the three Ministers' Forums at the 2021 AMO Conference. Details will be coming out soon at [2021 Virtual AMO Conference](#).

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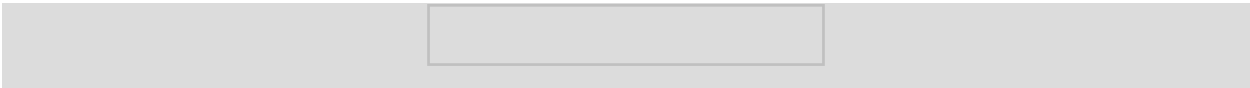
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Employment Services Changes

The provincial government has [announced](#) that it is proceeding with a process to select service managers to oversee the planning, design, and delivery of employment services in defined catchment areas. This builds on the existing prototypes already established in: Peel, Hamilton-Niagara, and Muskoka-Kawartha. The province-wide implementation will be phased over the next few years starting with lower complexity areas and is expected to be completed in 2023. Higher complexity areas such as Northern Ontario and Toronto will be in the final phase.

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has communicated about the changes to municipal governments and District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) that administer Ontario Works. They are eligible to apply to become an employment services manager and would compete with other potential vendors including non-profit organizations, post-secondary institutions, and private companies. Those municipalities and DSSABs that are not interested in applying or unsuccessful with their application, will have their current employment services function for Ontario Works clients transferred to the provincial Employment Services network under the new service manager. This happened in the first three prototype areas.

The first step in the competitive bidding process is a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The RFQ document will be available on the [Ontario Tenders Portal](#) under reference Tender #14920.

Expanding Access to Natural Gas

Yesterday, the Province [announced](#) that Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program will allocate more than \$234 million to support 28 new natural gas expansion [projects](#) in 43 rural, northern, and Indigenous communities. Construction for projects under Phase 2 will begin as soon as this year, with all 28 expansion projects expected to be underway by the end of 2025.

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AMO Policy Update – Moving to Step Two of COVID-19 Reopening on June 30 and Adding Mental Health Support to OPP Communication Centres

Ontario Moving to Step Two of Roadmap to Reopen on June 30

It has been announced that Ontario is moving into [Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen](#) at 12:01am on Wednesday June 30th, 2021.

As of June 23rd, 2021, over 76% of the population in Ontario 18 and over has received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and over 29% have received a second dose. There has also been a decline in COVID-19 cases and patients in ICU which allows the Province to move to Step Two sooner than expected.

Step Two includes the resumption of more outdoor activities and limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn, with other restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people;
- indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 5 people;
- essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity;
- non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times, and at 25 per cent capacity and other restrictions;
- outdoor dining with up to 6 people per table, with exceptions for larger households and other restrictions;
- indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, permitted at up to 25 per cent capacity of the particular room;
- outdoor fitness classes limited to the number of people who can maintain 3

- metres of physical distance;
- outdoor sports without contact or modified to avoid contact, with no specified limit on number of people or teams participating, with restrictions;
- overnight camps for children operating in a manner consistent with the safety guidelines produced by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;
- outdoor sport facilities with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor concert venues, theatres, and cinemas, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor horse racing and motor speedways, with spectators permitted at 25 per cent capacity;
- outdoor fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals, permitted at 25 per cent capacity and with other restrictions.

The full list of public health and workplace safety measures that must be followed can be found in the [regulation](#).

Ontario may remain in Step Two for a period of approximately 21 days to allow for additional vaccinations to occur in the population.

Ontario Adding Mental Health Works to OPP Communication Centres

On June 22nd, the Province [announced](#) \$8.4 million over three years in a new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crisis Call Diversion Program. The new program embeds a professional mental health and addictions crisis worker into each OPP Provincial Communications Centre to provide resources, tools, referrals, and help navigate the mental health system for mental health related calls. The crisis worker can also provide support and assist in preliminary de-escalation when a call has been assigned to a police officer. The announcement builds on the success of a pilot program at the OPP London Communications Centre.

The OPP has also created a comprehensive Crisis Call Diversion Development and Implementation Guide to share with other police services and health partners considering similar programs or initiatives. These resources build on recent provincial mental health supports and help to better meet the needs of individuals experiencing mental health crises and support the de-stigmatization of mental health.

At this point there is no available information on how this may impact municipal OPP billing and costs, now or in the future, and we will be following up for additional details.

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