

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

Through AMO, Ontario's municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges.

AMO focuses on policy development, cost-saving programs, conferences and training opportunities, to equip municipal officials with tools to succeed, and programs to help maximize taxpayer dollars.

The mandate of the organization is to support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario.

Benefits of AMO

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AMO and the Province provides the opportunity for municipal input and reaction to provincial policy ideas (pre-consultation) so that they are fully informed as part of any provincial policy making process.

The MOU also includes a Protocol that obligates the Province to consult with AMO and municipalities on matters that are of a federal-provincial nature that could affect municipal services and finances. The Protocol also sets out the Province's commitment to pursue a federal-provincial-municipal framework where municipalities have a 'seat at the federal-provincial table.'

AMO develops policy positions and reports on issues of general interest to municipal governments; conducts ongoing liaison with provincial government elected and non-elected representatives; informs and educates governments, the media and the public on municipal issues; markets innovative and beneficial services to the municipal sector; and maintains a resource centre on issues of municipal interest.

The City of Brampton actively participates in AMO's policy development and advocacy work.

Annual AMO Conference

The AMO Annual Conference is combined with the Association's Annual Meeting and is held in August. The Conference is Ontario's top educational forum for municipal governments, attracting more than 1,900 participants.

The annual conference is a chance for municipal officials to work together to address shared challenges, to learn, and to create new opportunities. In

addition to the conference program, municipal staff and officials take part in delegation meetings with provincial and federal ministries. Provincial ministers also take questions from municipal elected officials in an open forum.

Each year, City of Brampton delegation meets with government Ministers and opposition leaders to articulate City's positions and priorities and build partnerships.

The 2018 AMO Annual Conference took place from August 19 - 22 in Ottawa.