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AMO President's Update - June 2025

The AMO Board met on June 19th and 20th for its annual retreat and meeting. It was a warm Oktoberfest-in-June Board Meeting, hosted by AMO Secretary-Treasurer Dan Chapman in the City of Kitchener. President Jones welcomed three new Board members: Cam Guthrie (Large Urban Caucus), Josh Matlow (Toronto Caucus), and Kristen Oliver (Northern Caucus).

Watch AMO President, Robin Jones's recap of key board meeting updates below.



Organizational Matters

After 34 years of public service, including the last six years as AMO Executive Director, Brian Rosborough notified the Board of his upcoming retirement. We thank Brian for his service to Ontario's municipal sector and look forward to celebrating our work with him at [AMO's Annual Conference](#) in August.

The Board approved AMO's audited financial statements for 2024. The financial statements are available for members to view as part of AMO's 2024 Annual Report which can be [found here](#).

MPAC Assessment Update

As part of the meeting, the Board heard an update on AMO's advocacy to return to the property assessment cycle. AMO knows that the province's direction that MPAC continue to use 2016 property valuation has resulted in inequity and uncertainty in the property tax system that municipalities rely on. Municipalities bear the brunt of the province's decision and have heard concerns and confusion from their residents and businesses. AMO reconfirmed its commitment to encouraging the province to return to regular assessment cycles as soon as possible, and to work with municipalities to successfully communicate and implement this change.

AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan

Strengthening municipal-Indigenous relations and advancing reconciliation remains a key priority of the AMO Board. The Board approved AMO's first Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan (IRAP), developed through extensive engagement with municipal and Indigenous partners and with the guidance of AMO's Indigenous Advisory Council. The plan includes five action pathways to support AMO and our member municipalities with improving our relationships with Indigenous partners. AMO will launch the IRAP during the AMO Conference and continue to work with the Indigenous Advisory Council and other partners on its implementation.

AMO Infrastructure Research Proposal

The Board approved a new infrastructure research project in support of AMO's future advocacy to the province and federal government about the needs and costs of municipal infrastructure. The research will aim to quantify infrastructure needs with the goal of clarifying our sector's financial barriers to supporting growth and prosperity and strengthening AMO's advocacy for stable, predictable, and adequate infrastructure funding over the long-term.

Other Items

AMO-MPAC Strategic Partnership

AMO will help guide the development and implementation of a standardized housing data portal. This portal aims to consolidate and centralize new housing data and critical metrics across the province to unify the municipal sector in support of addressing Ontario's ongoing housing challenges.

LAS Annual Report

LAS continues to meet the needs of our Ontario communities and shared key accomplishments from 2024 under their strategic plan. As the member of LAS, the AMO Board approved the LAS Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2024.

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