



**Subject: AMO Conference**

**Report Number:** MYR 24-03

Department: Office of the Mayor

Submitted by: Deb Gilvesy

Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Report MYR-24-03 AMO Conference be received as information.

**BACKGROUND**

The CAO, the Deputy Mayor and Councillor Spencer attended the annual AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 18th to August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUSSION**

The following information provided are key discussion points with regards to delegations that took place at the Conference.

**1. Ministry of Transportation**

- Town looking for continuation of funding for Inter Community Transit System
- Funding support tentatively ending April 1, 2025
- Town operates system on behalf of County of Oxford users/riders
- No funding could leave approximately 3,000 commuters stranded
- Deficit without Provincial funding estimated to be \$305,163 in 2025-26 and \$306,718 in 2026-27

**2. Ministry of Health**

- Key messaging involves funding for Ingersoll Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, application in since 2017
- Discussion regarding retiring and moving doctors
- Could essentially add another 4900 unattached patients

- Town is hub of three counties servicing greater area of over 150,000 people
- More strain on Hospital Emergency Department
- Local health care leaders are working on plans however need government support in form of funding
- Town has been actively involved and are financially supporting health care recruitment in conjunction with TDMH
- Town seeking information on best practices and avenues for recruitment and retention
- Town also asking that the Ministry re-consider how Nurse Led- Practitioners are funded as to not effect doctors funding levels
- 911 PSAP's not transmitting number and location data through 911
- 911 information needs to be shared with other emergency agencies

### **3. Ministry of Infrastructure**

- The Town is seeking funding for the Kinsmen Pedestrian Bridge
- Funds to be used to widen, secure foundation, installation of non-slip surface and a bike lane and improving greater accessibility
- High volume pedestrian bridge (500 to 700 pedestrians per day)
- \$4.5 to \$5 million project
- Bridge fastly approaching end of life, constructed in 1910
- Bridge is an important connection to downtown core

### **4. Solicitor General**

- thank you for NG-911 funding
- serious problem regarding sharing of number and location data between PSAP's that needs to be urgently resolved
- emergency 911 calls from landlines and cell phones have a number location attached to phone to help speed dispatch and response
- Central ambulance and police receiving agencies do not transfer the emergency call through the E 911 network thus the number and location is not being shared with other agencies
- Asking that Minister of Health and Solicitor General must mandate that critical number and location data for all landline and cell phones through 911 be shared
- Also inquired as to whether future funding operations would be available to fund a new fire dispatch communications centre.

**5. Ontario Medical Association**

- Discussion revolved around physician recruitment strategy and current local shortages
- Approximately 2,500 unattached patients
- Two family physicians retiring will add another 4,900 unattached patients
- Puts strain on Emergency Department @ TDMH
- Town is financially supporting physician recruitment and has been actively involved in recruitment efforts in conjunction with TDMH

**CONSULTATION**

The information obtained to prepare the AMO packages was done in consultation with SLT, the CEO of TDMH, the CAO of the Town as well as myself.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

There are no financial costs associated with this report however costs for attending the AMO Conference has been appropriately included in the 2024 Business Plan and Budget.

**CORPORATE GOALS**

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- Lifestyle and amenities
- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion
- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal –

Strategic Direction –

Priority Project –