



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

Title: AMO Municipal Delegation Requests

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Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff regarding 2022 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference municipal delegation requests.

Background:

As part of the AMO annual conference, municipal leaders can request short delegations with Provincial Ministries and their staff to discuss important issues impacting their municipalities.

Discussion:

The City's Senior Leadership Team is proposing the following delegation requests be submitted for the 2022 AMO Conference:

- Policing Costs, delegation request to the Ministry of the Solicitor General
 - Many municipalities in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts endure per property policing costs well above the provincial average cost of the OPP service, with some municipalities being three to four times higher than the provincial average. Municipal leadership should meet with the Solicitor General to continue reinforcing this fact and discuss both short term and longer term solutions for impacted municipalities.
- Long-Term Care Funding, delegation request to the Ministry of Long-Term Care

- The current funding formula used to set municipal levies for long-term care facilities does not currently incorporate Townships Without Municipal Organization. This places additional financial burden on municipalities that have neighboring unorganized territories. Past municipal delegations have raised this issue with previous Ministers, and the City should consider raising it again post-election.
- Former MNRF Wabigoon Lake Fire Base, delegation request to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
 - Municipal leadership have been speaking with ministry officials and local MNRF leadership regarding the transfer of the land occupied by the former MNRF Wabigoon Lake Fire Base for a number of years now. The City should continue to advocate for the Provincial government to transfer lands they own in smaller, rural municipalities that are vacant or underutilized to those municipalities. These lands could be used to promote and support development within the municipalities.

The deadline for submitting municipal delegation requests for the 2022 AMO Conference is June 24th. Staff are seeking Council's direction on the abovementioned delegation requests and any other delegation requests that Council may deem appropriate.

Currently, there are two members of council and the CAO planning to attend the 2022 AMO Conference.

Financial Implications:

Current Budget Allocation:

Account #:

Attachments (Reference Material):