
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report CAO-03-2025 Requested Delegations at the 2025 AMO Conference For Consideration by Council in Committee on May 20, 2025



Objective:

To approve Council delegation requests for the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference.

Recommendations:

1. THAT Report CAO-03-2025 Requested Delegations at the 2025 AMO Conference be received;
2. AND THAT the following AMO delegation requests be approved for submission:
 - a. Delegation to the Ministry of Transportation Re: Highway 6 Bypass through Hagersville due to current and future growth projections;
 - b. Delegation to the Ministry of Transportation Re: Argyle Street Bridge Replacement;
 - c. Delegation to the Ministry of Energy and Mines Re: Nuclear Energy Plant in Haldimand;
 - d. Delegation to the Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Haldimand County OPP Detachment;
 - e. Delegation to the Ministry of Health Re: Urgent need for increased funding to support seniors aging safely at home in rural communities;
 - f. Delegation to the Ministry of Long Term Care Re: Expansion of Edgewater Gardens long term care facility;
 - g. Delegation to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Re: Employment Lands, Nanticoke & MZO;
 - h. Delegation to the Ministry of Children Community & Social Services Re: Advocating for funding for Victim Services Haldimand, Norfolk and Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation;
 - i. Delegation to the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs Re: Duty to consult, indigenous relationships with Haldimand County and the Province;
 - j. Delegation to the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs Re: To celebrate rich history in our area with trails and indigenous historical markers, displays and art work throughout the community.

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Executive Summary:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) holds annual conferences for municipal leaders. The conference allows the opportunity for municipal leaders to delegate to various ministries on specific issues of importance to Haldimand County.

It is important for Council to collectively approve the delegation requests since the individual members of Council who are attending the delegations are representing the municipality and Council. Each year, a similar report will be presented for approval for each of the AMO and ROMA conferences.

In addition to summarizing the topics that have been requested by Council members, the report also outlines suggested guidelines for delegation requests and advises that updates be provided at a Council meeting subsequent to the conference.

Background:

The AMO conference is organized annually by the [Association of Municipalities Ontario](#). Municipal leaders across the province have an opportunity to meet with provincial ministers and parliamentary assistants at the conference to discuss and advocate for specific issues important to their local communities.

When notification is received that delegation requests are open, typically the Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Council coordinates with individual members of Council to determine the requested delegation topics. Historically the number of delegations requested and approved has varied from year to year.

This report is to allow formal approval by Council, as a whole, of the delegation requests being made to various provincial ministries for the 2025 AMO Conference. Council approval will ensure collective agreement on the topics being requested, to prevent topics that are not considered a priority to advocate on, or within the scope of the municipality, from being requested on an individual basis. This is important because considerable time and effort goes into preparing delegation information. Additionally, when a member of Council meets with a Minister or Parliamentary Assistant, they are representing the municipality and all of Council. So it is critical that the issue discussed is supported by a majority of Council.

Staff will bring a similar report forward for approval by all of Council for future AMO and ROMA conference delegation requests.

Analysis:

Some recommended guidelines for Council to consider when determining delegation requests are as follows:

- A topic should only be requested to one Ministry, not multiple ministries on the same subject.
- Delegate topics should be within the scope of municipal jurisdiction or topics that are within provincial jurisdiction but have a direct impact on the municipal organization. If a delegation is not within municipal jurisdiction, municipal staff will not be able to assist with the briefing notes, however the Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Council may reach out to relevant stakeholders for assistance in preparing the briefing for the Council member attending the delegation.
- Delegation meetings are short, and fifteen minutes is not a lot of time to have a substantive discussion. When requesting a delegation, think strategically about whether the topic requires a face-to-face conversation and whether 15 minutes will provide sufficient discussion time.
- The requester of the topic should be prepared to be the delegate for that topic, if a delegation is approved. However, if the requester is unable to delegate, or Council provides direction for an alternate delegate, it should be based on which members of Council are attending the conference. The Mayor shall be listed on all delegation requests but is not required to attend unless they are the main delegate to speak on the topic.
- Typically staff will not delegate at the AMO conference unless it is an extraordinary situation or topic requiring more technical discussion.

To date, the delegation requests suggested are as follows:

- a. Delegation to the Ministry of Transportation Re: Highway 6 Bypass through Hagersville due to current and future growth projections. (Councillor Adams)
- b. Delegation to the Ministry of Transportation Re: Argyle Street Bridge Replacement. (Mayor Bentley)
- c. Delegation to the Ministry of Energy and Mines Re: Nuclear Energy Plant in Haldimand. (Mayor Bentley)
- d. Delegation to the Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Haldimand County OPP Detachment (Mayor Bentley)
- e. Delegation to the Ministry of Health Re: Urgent need for increased funding to support seniors aging safely at home in rural communities. (Councillor Metcalfe)
- f. Delegation to the Ministry of Long Term Care Re: Expansion of Edgewater long term care facility. (Mayor Bentley)
- g. Delegation to the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Re: Employment Lands, Nanticoke & MZO. (Councillor Shirton)
- h. Delegation to the Ministry of Children Community & Social Services Re: Advocating for funding for Victim Services Haldimand & Norfolk and Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation. (Mayor Bentley)
- i. Delegation to the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs Re: Duty to consult, indigenous relationships with Haldimand County and the Province, seeking direction on whom to consult. (Mayor Bentley)
- j. Delegation to the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs Re: To celebrate rich history in our area with trails and indigenous historical markers, displays and art work throughout the community. (Councillor Adams)

The report is seeking Council's approval on the ten requested delegations, or amendments to the list including removal of any items that may not align with the guidelines, or the addition of new topics.

Following the conference and Ministry meetings, it is advisable for the Member of Council who delegated to provide an update at Council.

Financial/Legal Implications:

There are no direct financial considerations related to the delegations. It is hopeful that any delegations received will garner support and action of the applicable provincial ministry.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Not applicable.

Report Impacts:

Agreement: No

By-law: No

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

References:

None.

Attachments:

None.