



SCHEDULE D

Notice of Motion of Agenda submitted by Council Members

All motions need to be accurate, clear as to their purpose, and accompanied by the necessary relevant background information to help inform Council decisions. All Motions being added to a council agenda need adequate time to allow Council to properly reflect on a motion by reviewing proposed changes, asking questions, seeking additional information, and understanding the rationale of motions.

The Clerk and Council Members are expected to proactively work together towards a completed motion submission for an addition to the Council Agenda.

Item:

Support AMO - Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Resolution:

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

Mover: Aidan Kallioinen

Seconder: _____

Issue: _____

Municipalities have consistently spent within areas designated the responsibility of provincial governments, and have consistently found their operating revenues do not match that of expenses. This is in conjunction with a province-wide housing and homelessness crisis, a healthcare shortage, rising inflation and interest rates, and the climate crisis.

Purpose/Rationale for the Motion:
(i.e., How does it solve the issue)

This motion will help ensure the security of municipal finances in Ontario and facilitate long-term planning and collaboration between municipalities and the province.

Resources:

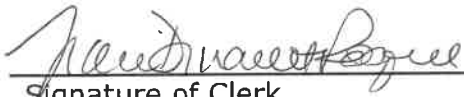
- AMO Policy Update: Social and Economic Prosperity Review (Jan. 2024)
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Signature of Member

Mar. 10th, 2024

Date



Signature of Clerk

Mar. 10/24

Date

Social Economic and Prosperity Review: AMO's 2024 Pre-Budget Submission

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AMO has released its 2024 pre-budget submission [Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#), calling on the provincial government to sit down with municipalities and work together on a joint review of municipal finance, including a detailed analysis of Ontario's infrastructure investment and service delivery needs.

The full pre-budget submission builds on the ongoing discussions AMO has been leading across the province around the stability and sustainability of municipal finances, including a presentation - [AMO-Ontario Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#) - on the plenary stage at the 2024 ROMA Conference.

We need *your* help.

Municipal councils are encouraged to support AMO's ongoing advocacy efforts by:

- Highlighting the need for this review when meetings with local MPPs and community members, using key messages included in [AMO's pre-budget background](#).
- Passing a [council resolution](#) at your next meeting, calling on the province to commit to this review in its upcoming provincial budget
- Sharing your support with local media channels using our [news release template and social media messaging](#)
- Listen to our [podcast on social and economic prosperity](#).

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