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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**Subject: AMO Delegations**

**Date: Thursday, June 20, 2019**

**To: Chair and Members of Regional Council**

**From: Daryl Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair**

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The annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference will take place in Ottawa from August 18 – 21 at the Shaw Convention Centre and Westin Ottawa Hotel. In addition to numerous educational and networking opportunities, the AMO conference allows municipalities across the province the opportunity to meet with provincial ministers and parliamentary assistants to discuss specific issues.

The deadline to submit delegation requests to the provincial government is June 28, 2019. This memo will serve as an update to Council as to the proposed delegation requests that will be submitted to the provincial government.

### **Proposed Delegations**

The following six items were identified as the Region's top delegation requests:

1. The redevelopment of two Regional long-term care homes (Linhaven and Gilmore Lodge).
2. The importance of the Childcare Fee Subsidy Program for Niagara Region.
3. Provincial housing and homelessness funding in Niagara\*.
4. EMS system transformation (highlighting Niagara as a best practice in Ontario).
5. Public Health reorganization (maintaining core services, municipal impacts of downloading in Niagara, etc.).
6. Provincial funding for key infrastructure and transportation projects (including the Canada Summer Games, growth management, GO train station development, south Niagara Wastewater Treatment Plant)

*\* In partnership with the City of St. Catharines*

### **Councillor Attendance at Delegation Meetings**

In addition to the Regional Chair, CAO and appropriate staff, Regional Councillors may wish to attend delegations. As AMO meetings with ministers are limited to 15 minutes and space is at a premium, the Region's practice has generally been to limit additional councillor attendance to two or three members.

If you are interested in attending one of the meetings as a delegate, please reach out to me directly. Councillors are advised that the final decision regarding attendance will be at the discretion of the Regional Chair.

**Councillors are asked to share their intention to attend by end of day Monday, June 24.**

### **Prioritization Criteria**

The following criteria were used to determine what would be considered as the Region's top delegation priorities:

- The issue was Niagara-specific, directly related to a major Regional service and/or could be localized to the region.
- It was directly related to an item on Council's list of strategic priorities.
- There was a clearly definable request that could be made during the meeting.
- There was some alignment with a provincial government policy or direction (i.e. open for business, protecting what matters most, fiscal responsibility, etc.).
- The issue is *not* already receiving significant advocacy from other groups or organizations (e.g. MARCO, LUMCO, AMO, Chamber of Commerce, etc.).

### **Questions and Concerns**

The coordination for the Region's AMO delegations was led through the Regional Chair's office in collaboration with the Corporate Leadership Team. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the delegation priorities outlined in this memo, including the potential inclusion of an additional delegation, please reach out directly to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Daryl Barnhart, APR  
Executive Officer to the Regional Chair