

Municipal Services Offices Provincial Update AMCTO Zone 7 & 8 – Fall 2021

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Presentation Outline

- Updates
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Finance



COVID-19 Operational Funding

To date, municipalities have received three rounds of COVID-19 operational funding allocations:

- **Safe Restart Agreement (SRA)**
 - Two phases totalling more than \$1.2 billion.
- **2021 Provincial COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities (CRFM)**
 - Two equal payments in 2021.
- Municipalities are required to report back on the use of this funding using a template on Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON)

Municipal Modernization Program

- The Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) is part of Ontario's commitment to help small and rural municipalities become more efficient and modernize service delivery.
- **Intake 3:** More than \$50 million was announced at the AMO 2021 conference to fund projects that support digital modernization, service integration, streamline development approvals and shared services/alternative delivery models.
- Eligible projects could include:
 - Service delivery reviews
 - Software modernization
 - Operational and performance reviews
 - Shared service assessments
 - Strategic/master plan creation

Audit and Accountability Fund

- The province launched the Audit and Accountability Fund (AAF) for municipalities to undertake third party reviews with the goal of finding service delivery efficiencies.
- **Intake 3:** \$7 million was announced at the AMO 2021 conference to fund projects that support digital modernization, service integration and streamlined development approvals.
- Eligible projects could include:
 - Service delivery reviews
 - Modernization reviews
 - Digital transformation studies
 - Streamlined development approval process reviews
 - Services integration reviews

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) is the province's main general assistance grant for municipalities.
- The program primarily supports northern and rural municipalities across the province. Its objectives are to:
 - Recognize the challenges of northern and rural municipalities, while targeting funding to those with more challenging fiscal circumstances;
 - Support areas with limited property assessment; and
 - Assist municipalities that are adjusting to year-over-year funding changes.

Asset Management Regulation Requirements

Strategic Asset Management Policy

(By July 1, 2019)

Requires municipalities to outline commitments to best practices and continuous improvement.

Asset Management Plan: Phase 2

(By July 1, 2022)

For core assets (water, wastewater and stormwater assets, roads, bridges and culverts):

- Inventory of assets
- Current levels of service measured by standard metrics
- Costs to maintain levels of service

Asset Management Plan: Phase 3

(By July 1, 2024)

Builds on the Phase 2 plan to include all municipal assets, including current levels of service and costs.

Asset Management Plan: Phase 4

(By July 1, 2025)

Builds on Phase 3 where plans shift to:

- Proposed levels of service
- Lifecycle management and financial strategy for all assets

Financial Information Return New Website

- The website is located at: <https://efis.fma.csc.gov.on.ca/fir/fir/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Financial Information Return website. The header features the Ontario logo and the text "Financial Information Return" with a "Français" link. A navigation menu includes "FIR Home", "Municipal Reporting", "Reports", "Open Data", "News", and "Contact Us". The main content area is split into two sections: "FIR 2020 Template" with a "Download Template" button and a link to "View templates for other years", and "FIR Reports by Municipality" with a "View 2020 Reports" button and a link to "View reports for other years". The background of the main content area shows a keyboard and a hand pointing at a tablet displaying charts.

Other Updates

- In addition to the *Municipal Act* and the *Planning Act*, there are numerous pieces of legislation that deal with municipal activities within Ontario.
- For information on current provincial funding programs and to find out if your municipality is eligible, please access Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON).
 - <https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/gr/tpcr>

Local Government



Municipal Election Reminders

- Changes to council composition
 - By-laws need to be passed prior to **December 31, 2021**.
- Establishing or altering ward boundaries
 - By-laws need to be passed by **December 31, 2021**.
 - May wish to consider possible appeals and any appeal period delaying the effective date of the by-law.
- Election budget
 - Consider allowances in the 2022 budget.
- Service providers for alternative voting and vote counting equipment
 - May wish to consider thinking early about ensuring that your agreements with private service providers are in place.
- Delegation of authority
 - May wish to consider the need for appropriate delegation of authority to be in place if council becomes subject to restricted acts provisions.

Municipal Elections Act Changes Reminder

- Electronic filing of nomination and registration paperwork
 - Clerks may choose to permit municipal election candidates (council and school trustee) and third-party advertisers to file nomination and registration paperwork electronically.
- Ending a third-party advertisers' campaign
 - Third-party advertisers can end their campaign by filing a written withdrawal with the clerk at any time prior to the end of registration period for third-party advertisers.
 - The *Municipal Elections Act* stipulates that a third-party advertiser's campaign is automatically ended if they file a nomination to run for office.
- Timeline Changes

Activity	Deadline
Candidates to file/withdraw nominations	August 19, 2022
Councils to pass by-laws for alternative voting and vote counting equipment	May 1, 2022
Clerks to establish procedures for alternative voting and use of vote counting equipment	June 1, 2022

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