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Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Meeting – September 30, 2011 (File G10).

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 19, 2011 was approved by City Council on October 26, 2011:

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1. That the report from Regional Councillor Hames, dated October 5, 2011, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 19, 2011, re: **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Meeting – September 30, 2011 (File G10)** be received; and,
 2. That the subject report be forwarded to the Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel for information.

A copy of the subject report is attached.

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cc: Regional Councillor S. Hames

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Sandra Hames
Regional Councillor, Wards 7 and 8



COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATE: October 19, 2011

Date: Wednesday October 5, 2011

Subject: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Board of Directors Meeting – September 30, 2011

OVERVIEW:

- As the City of Brampton representative to the AMO Board of Directors, Councillor Sandra Hames participates in the Board and Large Urban Caucus (LUC) meetings.
- This report provides the highlights of the meetings of the AMO Board of Directors held in Toronto, Ontario on September 30, 2011.

Recommendation:

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Introduction:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) holds its Board of Directors meetings Toronto on the last Friday of every second month. The meeting on Friday September 30 was the first meeting with the new President, Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh who was elected at the AMO Annual Conference in August 2011. As Brampton's representative to the AMO Board, Councillor Hames attended the Board and Large Urban Caucus meetings held on September 30th. This report provides the highlights of those meetings.

Large Urban Caucus (LUC) meeting highlights:

The recently elected Chair, Councillor Percy Hatfield, City of Windsor lead the LUC through a review of the AMO Board of Directors agenda and discussion on items of mutual interest to urban centres in Ontario.

Councillor Hames informed the caucus of Peel Region's work on the **ambulance communications and dispatch services review**. AMO was asked to advocate to the Province to work with the Region of Peel and its GTA municipal partners to implement a more centralized ambulance dispatch system to improve the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of ambulance services in the GTA.

Other items of discussion by the LUC were:

- **Conflict of Interest legislation** – issues with voting procedures and costs for legal fees. It was asked for AMO to raise these concerns with the Province through the MOU.
- **Fiscal Imbalance** – for AMO to continue to raise concerns with the municipal fiscal imbalance.
- **Provincial Arbitration** – municipalities continue to have concerns with affordability of settlements and for AMO to continue to advocate for fairer awards.
- **School closings** - concerns were raised with urban deterioration when public schools are closed.

AMO Board meeting highlights:

Items related to Administrative Matters:

AMO Disaster Relief Fund

The Board adopted guidelines for the AMO Municipal Disaster Relief Fund that was presented in a staff report. The proposed guidelines suggested a maximum of \$10,000 in any one year be given to a member municipality that has been proclaimed as a disaster area by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and must be eligible for the matching funds from the Province's Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance program.

Canada – European Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement (CETA)

The Board received the staff update report on the developments of the CETA agreement for information. The report reminded the Board that AMO has endorsed FCM's principles for international trade negotiations involving Canadian municipalities and advises of FCM's recent activities with CETA. The Federal Minister of International Trade, Ed Fast attended FCM's National Board meeting on September 7 – 10 in Nelson, B.C. AMO spoke to the Minister's letter that addresses each of FCM's seven principles on international trade and how he expects the deal will abide by these.

Final Conference Attendance and Statistics

The Board received the summary of the attendance at the 2010 Annual Conference with comparison statistics to conferences in previous years for information.

Of note is that the AMO Annual Conference will be in Ottawa for the next two years – August 19 – 22, 2011 and August 18 – 21, 2013. An RFP to host the conference in 2014, 2015 and 2016 has been sent to the cities of London, Windsor, Ottawa and Niagara Falls. A recommendation for this RFP will be presented to the Board at the January 2012 meeting.

Items related to Policy Matters:

2010 Federal Gas Tax Fund & Public Transit Fund Annual Expenditure Report

The Board approved that AMO submit their Annual Expenditure Report and an Annual Audit Statement to Infrastructure Canada.

As required under the Federal Gas Fund (GTF) and Federal Public Transit Fund (PTF), AMO must submit expenditure reports and related compliance audits to Infrastructure Canada by September 30th of each year. The staff report presented the two reports that contained data on municipal completed reports for the Gas Tax Fund, including Brampton.

Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW)

The Board received the staff update report on the status of negotiations between AMO, Municipal Waste Association (MWA), Regional Public Works Commissioners (RPWCO) and Stewardship Ontario (SO) in respect to the MHSW program, for information.

The report noted that a substantial agreement has been reached, but some fundamental differences still need to be addressed. The September 30th deadline for signing the agreement has been removed and additional meetings have been scheduled to deal with the outstanding issues.

Private Members Bill – National Public Transit Strategy

The Board approved that AMO staff respond to NDP MP Olivia Chow's request for support for Bill C-165 while referencing AMO's analysis and positioning on the Bill. AMO staff report cited the benefits of this Bill to establish a framework for the national funding of public transit, but that it would not capture concerns with inter-regional transit operations nor the other transportation infrastructure costs.

Strategic Objectives 2012 Preparing for the 2012 AMO Budget

Board members participated in roundtable discussions to prioritize proposed studies and to suggest other possible studies to be considered in AMO's work plan and budget for 2012. Members were advised that AMO is in the process of developing next year's Budget that will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

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The report outlined eight topics for potential study that could be undertaken in 2012. Of the eight potential study areas suggested by AMO staff, three directly align with the advocacy priorities of the City of Brampton including:

- Municipal role in health care
- Exploratory work at trying to quantify/qualify potential regulatory change impacts
- OMB practice review

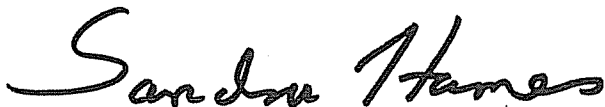
In addition, 2 subject areas are important to the Region of Peel being:

- Jurisdictional review of emergency services delivery structure
- Housing

The results of the discussions will be presented at the next AMO Board meeting for their consideration with the proposed 2012 Budget.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the AMO Board will be on Friday November 18, 2011 at 10:00am in Toronto Ontario.

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Regional Councillor Sandra Hames