



## Media Release

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### **CITY TO MEET WITH SIX PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES AT 2023 AMO CONFERENCE**

ST. THOMAS, ON — Mayor Joe Preston and Councillors Tara McCaulley and Steve Wookey, supported by City Manager Sandra Datars Bere and senior staff, will join over 2,000 participants from hundreds of Ontario municipalities and organizations as they participate in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's 2022 AMO Conference. The conference takes place from August 20 to 23 at RBC Place and the DoubleTree by Hilton in London, Ontario.

As the most comprehensive educational forum for local governments, municipal officials will meet with the Ontario government to collaborate on opportunities and solutions to local and Provincial challenges. The conference provides the opportunity for the City of St. Thomas to attend delegation meetings and advocate for necessary Provincial support with various ministries.

At the 2023 conference, the City of St. Thomas will meet with the:

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Transportation
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- Ministry of the Solicitor General

Keynote presenters at this year's conference include Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Maris Stiles, Leader of the Ontario NDP and Official Opposition. Key session topics focus on housing and homelessness, women's leadership, cyber security, electronic permitting, municipal risk and liability, infrastructure, energy innovation, healthcare transformation, broadband, and much more.



As part of the delegation meetings, the City's advocacy work will focus around resources to create new and augment existing community mental health supports, support for capital investments in affordable housing, increased support for inter-community transportation connections and initiatives, capital funding for new childcare spaces, investments in social assistance programs and administration, and support for legislative changes and funding to alleviate pressures faced by the St. Thomas Police.

The City of St. Thomas delegation team looks forward to the opportunity to work together with the Province on solutions to today's challenges, to learn, and to create opportunities that will benefit local residents and the wider community.

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#### Quick Facts

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

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