

**MAY 22, 2025**

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**REPORT NO. CC-015-2025**

**AMO DELEGATION REQUEST ITEMS**

**ANDREA BOLTON  
INTERIM COUNTY CLERK**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville approve seven items to be submitted to the Province of Ontario in response to its Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Delegation Request intake process for the August 17-20, 2025 AMO Conference as including:

1. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Issues;
2. Provincial Offences Act Issues;
3. VTAC/Cross Border Billing;
4. Rural Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Program;
5. Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Funding;
6. Expansion of Hydro/Gas and Impacts on Economic Development;
7. Infrastructure Deficit/Capital Needs; and

**THAT** staff submit the delegation requests prior to the May 30, 2025 application deadline.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Feedback and updates from the respective provincial Ministries for these items will allow planning for current and future year budget needs.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

Where possible reports are provided in a digital format to reduce the Counties carbon footprint.

### **ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

This report can be made available in alternate accessible formats on request.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on the direction provided to staff, this the delegation requests will be communicated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing through the application portal.

### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of May 7, 2025, the Committee of the Whole considered potential delegation items for the upcoming AMO Conference of August 17-20, 2025 and recommended seven requests be made. Per an email received from the AMO Events Coordinator, delegation requests are to be made to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing through a defined portal using the application form provided. Deadline for the submissions is May 30, 2025.

At this point all that is required is the delegation request. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will review applications received with their sister Ministries and respond back where the requests were approved. Following approval, formal briefings and background materials will be developed and submitted by Counties' staff in accordance with deadlines set by the Ministries, which is anticipated to be mid to late July.

## **DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES**

The seven delegation requests were identified by the Committee of the Whole. They include:

1. **Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Issues** – To discuss the Property Assessment being frozen at 2016 values and the financial implications for the property tax system
2. **Provincial Offences Act Issues**– To discuss legislative changes that would enable municipalities to more efficiently and effectively collect fines; to discuss reviewing the administrative fees and adjust to reflect the costs of POA courts administration and collection; and to discuss the need for additional Justices of the Peace
3. **VTAC/Cross Border Billing** – To request additional funding in the amount of \$2.5 million to expand the current Community Paramedicine Program to offer enhanced services of a Virtual Triage and Assessment (VTAC) Centre within the UCLG and to discuss the lack of a mandatory cross border billing mechanism
4. **Rural Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Program** – To discuss the possibility of extending the Program beyond its current mandate to enable participants to take full advantage of its benefits
5. **Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) Funding** – To discuss the sustainability of HPP funding beyond 2026 and to discuss its uses, as well as capital and operating funding for the 150 supportive housing units.
6. **Expansion of Hydro/Gas and Impacts on Economic Development** – To discuss the impact the expansion of hydro and gas services have on economic development
7. **Infrastructure Deficit/Capital Needs** – To discuss the need for additional sustainable infrastructure funding.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

The report set out above has been reviewed and the information verified by the individuals listed below.

**ANDREA BOLTON**  
**INTERIM COUNTY CLERK**

**MAY 12, 2025**  
**DATE**

**AL HORSMAN**  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**MAY 12, 2025**  
**DATE**