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October 28, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Resiliency Stream Launch and New Funding to Fight Human Trafficking

## Ontario Launches \$1.05 Billion ICIP COVID-19 Resiliency Infrastructure Stream

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, and Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, have <u>announced</u> Ontario's COVID-19 Resiliency Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The fund allocates \$250 million for Ontario municipal infrastructure projects, with an 80/20 federal/provincial cost share and no municipal cost match. The municipal portion includes \$6.5 million for Indigenous, on-reserve education projects. Applications will be available on November 16, 2020.

Of the COVID-19 Resiliency Stream funding, \$700 million is available to projects nominated by the Ministry of Education. Eligible projects include maximum eligible costs of \$10 million for building and renovating and upgrading long-term care and education, child care, recreation and shelter facilities, parks, trails and bike lanes, flood mitigation, among others. AMO understands that the Ministry of Infrastructure will communicate allocations directly to municipal governments.

In August, AMO <u>reported</u> to members that the federal government would work with provinces to <u>reallocate funding from the existing ICIP streams</u> to allow infrastructure projects with a focus on adaptations and repairs required to keep communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Construction must begin by September 30, 2021 and must be completed by December 31, 2021.

### **New Funds to Fight Human Trafficking**

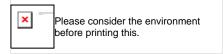
The Province is reinvesting \$2.5 million to combat human trafficking across Ontario through the <u>Civil Remedies Grant Program</u> that will provide funding to law enforcement agencies and community partners for 33 local projects. This investment builds on the \$20 million Ontario invests annually in anti-human trafficking initiatives and the Province's \$307 million Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy (2020-2025).

<u>Applications</u> for the 2021-22 Civil Remedies Grant Program open November 3 and the deadline to apply is December 15, 2020. The list of eligible applicants includes Municipal and First Nation Police Services, not-for-profit groups, community agencies, and Indigenous communities and organizations that assist victims of unlawful activities or prevent unlawful activities that result in victimization.

The projects are to focus on prevention, crisis counselling, research, and public education. Projects are to strengthen local capacity to prevent and respond to crimes and support survivors. Investments are to support initiatives around front-line training, victim support and education programs, and surveillance technology and equipment. AMO is supportive of these additional investments to increase local capacity for safer communities.

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#### **AMO Matters**

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications & appointment process are <u>here</u>. Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

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#### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines is seeking <u>input on a proposal for community net metering demonstration projects</u>. Community net metering refers to a net metering arrangement that allows for the transfer or sharing of credits from generation facilities within a community across multiple metered accounts. Comments on the proposed regulatory changes are due November 22.

#### **Federal Matters**

The federal government has released details and opened up the application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative announced earlier this year. It is to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020. For information and to access the application portal, visit the CMHC website.

#### **Eye on Events**

<u>Register</u> for ROMA 2021 before December 31 to access the early bird rate. Registration gives you access to 2 days of content, meeting with the province, and connecting with colleagues. Program updates and registration information is posted <u>here</u>.

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#### LAS

We're excited to go live with our all new <u>Energy Planning Tool</u> software next week! With exciting new features like benchmarking, graphing, and GHG emissions, EPT now helps you get even more from your energy data. In case you missed the launch webinar, it can be <u>viewed here</u>. <u>Contact LAS</u> to start using this powerful energy tool today.

The <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> helps all municipalities save time and money on the products and services they use every day. Join our fall webinar series to hear about <u>Zamboni on November 4</u> and <u>CDW on November 18</u>. For video archives of our webinars, check out our <u>Webinars/Presentations page</u>.

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Online Investments 101 Training is available now. To register <u>click here</u>. Learn about fundamentals of investing under the Legal List and Prudent Investor Standard.

#### Municipal Wire\*

The Canadian Women in Municipal Government scholarship is open to female students enrolled in any year of study in secondary school and who are contributing to their school's leadership team or student council. The <u>application period for scholarships</u> opened on October 26, 2020.

#### **Careers**

Executive Assistant - Peterborough Police Services Board. File #: 20-32. Closing Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Send your completed documentation to: Attention: Human Resources, Peterborough Police Service, 500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 7Y4 or email to Recruitment\_pps@peterborough.ca.

Energy & Environmental Coordinator - Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School

<u>Services (CLASS)</u>. Reports to: CLASS General Manager. Qualified candidates interested in this position may submit a cover letter, resume, proof of educational qualifications and three written references from professional associates, electronically, by 3:00 pm Monday, November 16, 2020, attention: General Manger, CLASS; Email address: careers@cklass.ca.

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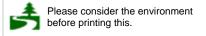
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October 30, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – 2021 OMPF Allocations and LTC Home Community Paramedicine Program

#### 2021 OMPF Allocations Announced

Late yesterday, the Ministry of Finance issued allocation notices for the 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF). The total funding envelope will remain at \$500 million. These dollars are distributed to 389 municipal governments across the province and provide unconditional operating support for local frontline services. This early announcement of the 2021 OMPF allocations is much appreciated given current 2021 municipal budget deliberations.

At the 2020 Annual AMO Conference, Premier Ford announced that there would be "no changes to the structure" of the OMPF for 2021. This was positive news for municipalities amidst the ongoing uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. The adverse financial impacts to date will carry into the 2021 budget year and a stable and predictable OMPF benefits Ontario's municipalities and communities.

Letters to Heads of Council and Treasurers have been sent out and the allocation notices may also be viewed on the <u>Ministry's website</u>. We understand that \$5 million is being shifted from the Transition and Stabilization Grants and has been reallocated in the Rural Communities Grant by \$2 million and the Northern & Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant by \$3 million, keeping with recent practice.

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) provides unconditional operating support from the Province to municipal governments. It uses an equalization approach to address challenges in rural and northern communities, with funding based on various community fiscal health indicators.

## Historical OMPF Allocations (in millions of \$):

| Component  | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
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| Social Services Grant                            | 25   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Policing Grant                                   | 94   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Farmland and Managed<br>Forests Grant            | 46   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Assessment Equalization<br>Grant                 | 147  | 0    | 149  | 149  | 149  | 149  | 149  | 149  | 149  | 149  |
| Northern Communities<br>Grant                    | 86   | 0    | 79   | 79   | 84   | 84   | 89   | 89   | 89   | 89   |
| Rural Communities Grant                          | 162  | 0    | 138  | 138  | 143  | 148  | 150  | 150  | 150  | 152  |
| Northern and Rural Fiscal<br>Circumstances Grant | 0    | 0    | 50   | 55   | 67   | 82   | 89   | 89   | 89   | 92   |
| Transitional and<br>Stabilization Grants         | 38   | 0    | 134  | 94   | 61   | 41   | 33   | 28   | 23   | 18   |
| TOTAL OMPF                                       | 598  | 575  | 550  | 515  | 505  | 505  | 510  | 505  | 500  | 500  |

## LTC Home Community Paramedicine Program Launched

Today the government announced <u>an investment</u> of up to \$5 million for a new community paramedicine initiative. It is designed to support people staying in their homes longer while on the waitlist to access long-term care. AMO is supportive of this stand-alone community paramedicine program as it will be fully funded by the provincial government and operated in partnership with local municipalities and District Social Services Administration Boards.

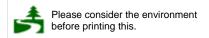
It will be implemented in phases. The first phase will include the communities of Brant County, Cochrane District, the City of Ottawa, Renfrew County, and York Region. These communities will build upon their existing community paramedicine programs to expand their service offering. Depending on the successful experience of the first phase projects, we understand that the program may be expanded to additional communities interested in participating in a second phase of the program on a voluntary basis.

"Our population is aging, with increasingly complex health care needs. This strains both long-term care and paramedic services. It's great to see community paramedicine evolve to meet this growing challenge with full provincial funding through Phase 1 of this program. It leverages the expertise of community paramedics to ease the pressure on long-term care and help keep seniors who need support safe and comfortable at home."

Graydon Smith, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Proposed amendments include implications on elections administration View this email in your browser.



### About AMCTO Education & Events Advocacy & Policy



November 2, 2020

## Advocacy Update – Letter to the Government on Bill 218

As a follow-up to last week's Legislative Express, we want to update you on our work addressing concerns about Bill 218: Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020.

We have heard from members around the Province about the concerning implications of the Bill's proposed measures, particularly related to the change in nomination day. We believe that these concerns are valid and consistent enough to provide a unified message to the government.

On behalf of our members, the following letter was sent to ministers Downey and Clark asking them to reconsider the Bill's proposed amendments:

October 26, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park
777 Bay Street, 17th Fl.
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

The Honourable Doug Downey Ministry of the Attorney General McMurtry-Scott Bldg. 720 Bay Street, 11th Fl. Toronto, ON M7A 2S9

We are concerned about the proposed amendments brought forward by the Bill – specifically, those in regard to s.31 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the Act), which would extend the nomination period of municipal elections by moving nomination day back to September from July. We have heard from our members across the province on this issue in the past few days, and we understand many of them have shared their concerns with one or both of your ministries.

As you may be aware, during the last review of the Act, AMCTO advocated to move nomination day to the summer in order to improve the effectiveness of managing and administering municipal elections. This is an area of critical interest for our members who serve their communities as municipal clerks and who act as local election officials under the authority of the Act.

Beyond making the use of alternative voting methods (i.e. voting by mail, internet or telephone voting) more challenging to implement, the nomination day change impacts various components of election administration:

 Provides less time for clerks to verify and certify nominations for each office. This includes nominations for mayor, councillor (regional councillors in many cases), school board trustees (for multiple boards and in multiple languages in some cases). Verification and certification processes for these nominees are completed to ensure they meet the requirements set out in the Act.

- Provides a shorter turnaround time (less than a month between nomination day and election day) to supply vendors with the certified list of candidates and proof final regular ballots, mail ballots, online voter identification letters and so forth.
- Compresses time available for logic and accuracy testing which can take a number of days
  for traditional tabulators or for alternative voting methods. For medium and large
  municipalities, there are often thousands of ballots needed per office, with a number of
  ballot face variations to print and test once nominations are finalized.

Similarly, the marketplace for election-related products and services, including alternative voting providers, is small. As more municipalities look to alternative voting methods to a) offer more options for electors to cast their ballots to increase voter turnout and b) to provide safe, accessible and public health conscious opportunities for all citizens to vote, this becomes a concern as demand for these services increases. A shorter period between nomination day and election day would mean that a small number of vendors must address increased demand to fill orders within a smaller window of time.

It has been acknowledged that municipal and school board elections are complicated in comparison to federal or provincial elections. Reducing the time between election day and nomination day can result in unnecessary complications in the administration of effective election services.

Clerks in smaller municipalities already have limited staffing resources and as a result, often must project manage and lead the delivery of elections while continuing to deliver day-to-day front-line services to their communities. Clerks in medium and larger municipalities need to verify dozens of nominations and certify those nominations for each office – often preparing thousands or tens of thousands of ballots. All of these processes take time – time that is being limited by the proposed Bill. This time is invaluable and has a direct impact on the overall effectiveness of municipal elections.

We strongly encourage you to evaluate the potential consequences a reduced time period between nomination day and election day and kindly request that you reconsider the proposed amendments to s.31 of the Act so that it remains unchanged.

Sincerely,

Robert Tremblay, CMO, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.

President, AMCTO

Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Whitewater Region

While the Bill is expected to be fast-tracked at Queen's Park for a third reading by November 16, after a quick review by the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, we hope that ministers Clark and Downey take our members' concerns into consideration.

We have also made a written submission to the Standing Committee that echoes the letter to the ministers requesting the removal of the proposed amendments to s.31 of *the Act* so that it remains unchanged. We will continue to update you on the progress of the Bill, and our advocacy efforts.

In the meantime, please visit our policy blog for further information and analysis on the latest legislative news and to read more about our other advocacy initiatives.

For more information or questions please contact:

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# AMO Policy Update – Standards of Care in Long-Term Care Homes

Today the Province <u>announced</u> that the 2020 Budget will include a commitment to increase the hours of direct care for each long-term care resident to an average of four hours per day, to be provided by nurses or personal support workers (PSWs). This is a 31.25% increase of the current standard that exists today (2.75 hours).

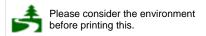
This commitment is consistent with the recommendation made in the <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Commission's Interim Report</u>, and with that made in the <u>Long-Term Care Staffing</u> <u>Study</u>, released by the Ministry of Long-Term Care in July 2020. AMO has advocated for this standard since 2016.

In addition to this commitment, hard targets will be set over the next four years to achieve this standard by 2024-25. Progress against these targets will be measured and reported regularly. There will also be changes to educate and recruit the tens of thousands of new PSWs, registered practical nurses, and registered nurses that will be required.

This announcement makes Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to adopt this standard for long-term care residents. More details are expected in Ontario's 2020 Budget on Thursday. Minister Fullerton also mentioned details will be included in a Staffing Strategy in December 2020.

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## **Upcoming Events**

Join us to connect with experts, explore current topics and issues relevant to the sector, and gain continuing professional development hours you can put towards earning and/or maintaining your CMO, AMP or AOMC accreditation.

Crisis Communications: What to Say at the Worst of Times

#### WEBINAR

Monday, November 16 9:00 AM-10:30 AM ET via Zoom

One of your most valuable assets is your reputation. It's crucial to communicate using the right words, with the right tone and the right intentions to the right audience. In the age of social media, a rapid response has never been more critical while getting ahead of the story has never been more challenging. In this session, we'll explore practical tips for creating an effective crisis communications plan and discuss ways that organizations can proactively adapt, appropriately address concerns and preserve a positive reputation.

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## What Does it Take? Leadership Capabilities WORKSHOP

Monday, November 30 9:00 AM-2:00 PM ET via Zoom

Are you looking to take the next step in your career but aren't sure where to start? Are you a manager looking for additional support on how to coach and inspire your team? Join us to understand leadership theories, competency modelling, and how to identify your own unique leadership style in order to develop clear action plans for leadership development. Discover how to effectively apply leadership strategies in order to coach others and even to implement your own organizational leadership development program.

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## 2020 Municipal Licensing and Law Enforcement Forum

Thursday, December 3 8:30 AM-4:00 PM ET via Zoom

In partnership with the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA), Ontario Association of Property Standards Officers (OAPSO) and the Prosecutors Association of Ontario (PAO), this one-day virtual event will help you stay ahead of the curve on current issues and emerging trends in the field of municipal licensing and bylaw enforcement. Featuring keynote speaker, **Dr. Aaron Barth** – a thought-leader and the president of Dialectic who is passionate about diversity and inclusion. He will join us to discuss the important issue of unconscious bias and the role it plays in our decision-making.

Stay tuned for more sessions and speakers to be announced!

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## AMO Policy Update – COVID-19 Response Framework and AMO's Bill 218 Submission

## **COVID-19 Response Framework Released with Additional Business Relief**

The provincial government has now <u>released</u> their COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open. The framework outlines provincial priorities, principles, and the approach to implementing measures to address the pandemic including the indicators that will guide decisions that impact municipalities.

As indicated in the <u>document</u>, the government is proposing to act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures while preparing also to gradually loosen measures as public health indicators trends improve. The framework identifies specific measures for various activities that will help municipal governments, businesses, and the public plan accordingly with greater clarity of what to expect in different scenarios. The government has also identified which level of measures is currently set out for each Public Health Unit region in the province.

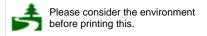
The government is also making \$300 million available for rebates to businesses required to close or significantly restrict services in areas subject to modified Stage 2 public health restrictions (Ottawa, Peel, Toronto, and York Region). The financial assistance will also be available, going forward, in areas categorized as Control or Lockdown. Beginning November 16, 2020, eligible businesses will be able to apply for temporary property tax and energy cost rebates directly to the Province through a single, online application portal.

## AMO Submission: Bill 218, Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020

AMO provided a <u>submission</u> to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy of the Ontario Legislative Assembly. The Standing Committee is considering Bill 218 which provides liability protection for good faith actions to protect Ontarians from the COVID-19 and makes changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA). AMO is strongly supportive of the liability protection provisions in the Bill but has raised significant and principled concerns regarding the MEA changes.

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AMO's <u>digital meeting management and livestreaming partner</u>, eSCRIBE, has recently been accepted as part of the Ontario Made Program by the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters. Read the message from eSCRIBE's CEO, Rob Treumann.

#### **Federal Matters**

The federal government has released details to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable and opened up the <u>application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative</u>. Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020.

#### **Eye on Events**

Delegates attending the <u>2021 ROMA Conference</u> can now <u>request their virtual</u> <u>delegation meetings</u> with minister's or parliamentary assistants at the ROMA conference. You must be a registered delegate to participate in these meetings.

Put your products and services front and centre at the 2021 ROMA Conference for rural municipal decision makers. Exhibitor information is <u>now available</u> - register today!

On November 10 join the City of Brampton, AMO and more than 20 municipalities for the first ever <u>virtual municipal conference</u> on breaking down economic barriers and addressing anti-black racism. <u>Register now</u> for an opportunity to join in this important discussion.

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join <u>AMO's partner BEACON</u> for a <u>complimentary webinar</u> on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

To help your municipality with contact tracing during the pandemic, AMO's partner <u>eSolutionsGroup</u> is hosting a complimentary webinar on digital solutions to help you screen, track and detect COVID-19. <u>Join us on November 26</u> at noon for more information.

#### **LAS**

The <u>LAS Natural Gas Program</u> has issued a pricing update for the November 2020 - October 2021 period. <u>Check out the LAS Blog</u> to learn more.

Join our webinars to learn how the <u>Municipal Group Buying Program</u> helps our municipalities save time and money. <u>Register here</u> to learn about technology solutions from CDW on November 18 and and <u>register here</u> to learn about fire equipment (PPE, etc.) on December 2.

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Learn at your pace from your place in 2020 <u>by registering online</u> for the Investments 101 course. The course is developed to educate municipal staff on the fundamentals of investing and discusses options available to municipalities under the <u>Legal List</u> and <u>Prudent Investor Standard</u>.

#### **Careers**

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - County of Essex</u>. For more information on this position, please visit <u>CAO Recruitment</u>. To apply for this leadership opportunity please submit a resume and cover letter to <u>CAORecruitment@countyofessex.ca</u> no later than 4:00 p.m., November 16, 2020.

<u>Senior Policy & Business Analyst - Ministry of the Attorney General</u>. Division: Court Services. Job Term: 1 Temporary up to 12 months (with possible extension). Location: Toronto. Job ID 155034. Apply by: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020. To view the job description and to apply online, please see <u>Ontario Public Service</u> Careers.

<u>Deputy Clerk - Town of Lincoln</u>. Reports to: Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk. Qualified candidates can forward their resume by Monday, November 23, 2020 to <u>resume@lincoln.ca</u> noting the position in the subject line, or apply online by using the <u>Career Application Form</u>.

<u>Director, Planning & Development - County of Bruce</u>. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Location: Walkerton. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at <u>Bruce County</u>, following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Sunday, November 29, 2020.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Tiny. Join our community and lead a dedicated team which strives to make Tiny the best place to live, work and play. Visit Township of Tiny for a detailed job description. To explore this opportunity, please apply by 12 noon on November 30, 2020 to: Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON LoL 2J0, Attention: Human Resources Department. Email: humanresources@tiny.ca.

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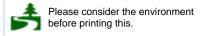
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November 4, 2020

## AMO Policy Update – Additional Funding for Broadband

### Ontario Announces \$680 Million in More Funding for Broadband

Today the Province <u>announced</u> an additional \$680 million to improve and expand broadband and cellular access across the province. This funding is on top of the \$315 million to support the <u>Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan</u>. It is also consistent with the <u>Ontario Onwards Action Plan</u>'s commitment to improve access to broadband and cellular services.

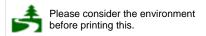
Today's investment doubles the <u>Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON)</u> program, to \$300 million to support rural, northern, and remote connectivity. Details on the remaining funding announced should be available in the coming weeks.

AMO is pleased that the Province is making additional broadband and cellular investments a priority. Municipal governments are hearing loud and clear the need for better connectivity from students, families, businesses, and seniors across Ontario. Municipal governments are hopeful that this investment, combined with the federal government's anticipated Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), will help connect residents and communities to faster and better services.

AMO will provide additional details on these funding allocations as they become available.

AMO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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November 9, 2020

# AMO Policy Update – \$1.75 Billion Announced for Broadband Across Canada

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, <u>announced</u> an additional \$750 million to support connectivity through an expanded <u>Universal Broadband Fund</u> (UBF) today. The UBF supports the Government of Canada's goal of connecting all Canadians by 2030. The Fund was originally announced in 2019, providing \$1 billion to support connectivity. Municipal governments are eligible to apply to the Fund.

The UBF includes \$150 million for Rapid Response Stream projects which can connect Canadians by November 15, 2021, and \$50 million available for mobile internet projects primarily for Indigenous communities. The Prime Minister also announced today an agreement with Telesat to improve high-speed internet coverage for the far north, rural, and remote regions across Canada through Low Earth Orbiting satellites.

The UBF complements Ontario's recent <u>significant expansion</u> of its ICON broadband funding program which together will improve connectivity to unserved and underserved regions in Ontario.

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