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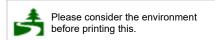
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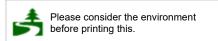
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Advocacy Update: 2022 Budget

On Thursday, April 28, 2022, Minister Bethlenfalvy introduced the 2022 Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build. As the Legislature is now scheduled to be in recess until September 12th, the Budget will not

bind the Government unless it is re-introduced. While the Legislature is in recess, post-election, it could be called to return earlier.

With the Provincial election looming, the Budget provides an overview of some of the commitments we can expect to see in the Progressive Conservative Party's platform and highlights some of their key achievements to date.

Overview

The Budget has five pillars:

- 1. Rebuilding Ontario's Economy
- 2. Working for Workers
- 3. Building Highways and Key Infrastructure
- 4. Keeping Costs Down
- 5. A Plan to Stay Open

Ontario is projected to return to a surplus position in 2027-2028, two years earlier than forecasted in the 2021 Budget. The Government is projecting deficits of \$19.9 billion in 2022-2023, \$12.3 billion in 2023-2024, and \$7.6 billion in 2024-2025. The net debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to be 40.7% in 2021-2022, 8.1 percentage points lower than the 2021 Budget. Ontario's net debt-to-GDP ratio is now forecast to be 41.4% in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 and 41.3% in 2024-2025.

Municipal Implications

AMCTO's 2022 Pre-Budget Submission highlighted some of the opportunities and challenges that continue to affect municipal administrators' work as they support elected officials and community members through COVID-19 recovery. We called on the Government to build on the positive changes it has made thus far and commit to investments that ensure a resilient future. While many of the municipal commitments in the Budget are reiterations of previous announcements, we are pleased to see mention of some of AMCTO's priorities.

Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) - As part of the Government's commitment to reduce red tape, Ontario will work with municipal partners and other stakeholders to explore changes to the *Municipal Act* and the *City of Toronto Act* that could provide BIAs with greater access to grants and funding resources.

Increasing Housing Supply - The Budget makes several references to recent announcements to increase housing supply such as creating the Community Infrastructure and Housing Accelerator, the Streamline Development Approval Fund available to Ontario's 39 largest municipalities, and its commitment to work with the municipal sector to develop a data standard for planning and development applications to reduce approval timelines. They will also convene a municipal working

group to support the use of Municipal Vacant Home Taxes to share best practices and explore opportunities to enhance the existing legislative framework.

Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) - The Government reiterated its commitment made in the Fall Economic Statement to increase OCIF funding to \$2 billion over five years, something AMCTO and our partner municipal associations have been advocating for.

Broadband - The Budget outlines the investments the Government has made to date to increase access to reliable highspeed internet across the Province. Investments in important infrastructure projects including broadband expansion is a priority raised in AMCTO's Local Government Priorities document.

Provincial Election

Looking ahead to the election, we encourage you to review AMCTO's Local Government Priorities for the 2022 Provincial Election and to download our Local Government Priorities Toolkit to support advocacy in your community.

AMCTO's recommendations for the incoming government include:

- Providing stable, predictable funding and investment;
- Supporting continuous improvement through a strengthened municipal-provincial partnership; and
- Investing in skills development and training for the next generation of municipal leaders.

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Eye on Events

You have until **May 13** to take advantage of the AMO 2022 <u>early bird registration rate</u>. That is soon! The City of Ottawa awaits AMO delegates August 14 - 17, 2022.

Registered AMO conference delegates can now <u>request an in-person meeting</u> with a minister or parliamentary assistant at the AMO conference. The deadline to submit your request is June 24, 2022.

AMO has developed advanced land use planning training that supports Ontario's elected officials in the strategic decision making and management of the many facets of land use planning. Limited space available. Register here.

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On May 25 at 12 pm ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. Register here.

MEPCO

On April 11, OMERS held its Annual meeting, where it presented 2021 financial results and other updates. Watch the recording <u>here</u> on <u>omers.com</u>.

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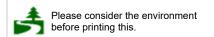








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