

**PROVINCE OF ONTARIO  
AND THE  
ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO**

**2024 JOINT ANNUAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING STATEMENT**

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We are pleased to present the annual joint statement for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Province of Ontario for 2024.

The AMO MOU table continues to be a key platform in helping to support critical discussions on issues of mutual priority, interest, and concern, as we work together to help build a stronger Ontario.

The AMO MOU table remains a critical institution at the centre of the provincial-municipal relationship. The renewal of the agreement at the 2024 AMO Annual Conference, as AMO celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, sets the stage for continued collaboration and demonstrates Ontario's commitment to this important partnership.

The MOU table enables the diverse perspectives of Ontario's municipal sector to be considered as part of the provincial government's decision-making process and helps shape better public policy outcomes for Ontario's communities and residents.

This annual statement provides an update on some of our activities and accomplishments under the MOU during the past year.

**2024 HIGHLIGHTS**

In 2024, we worked together to convene the MOU table for 10 formal meetings, covering a total of 24 agenda items. The discussions at the MOU table have been outcome-driven and collaborative.

Key provincial initiatives impacting the municipal sector were discussed, including:

- Housing supply actions in the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*
- Municipal Zoning Order (MZO) Framework
- Municipal incentives for provincial economic growth
- Ontario's Energy Efficiency programming, and Ontario's Energy Vision and Integrated planning
- Enhancing cyber security & digital trust
- Carbon Storage
- Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) (including Health and Safety Stream)
- Modernizing wildland fire management in Ontario
- Pay-on-Demand Surety Bonds
- Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) modernization
- Mental Health and Addictions update
- Municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner frameworks in Ontario

## **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025**

AMO and the province look forward to continuing to build on the strong provincial-municipal relationship in 2025, acknowledging the benefits of two-way discussions on shared priorities impacting municipal governments and communities.

AMO and the Province of Ontario look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership, as we work at the AMO MOU table to support the delivery of transparent, efficient, and effective outcomes for all Ontarians.