**Kari Hanselman**

**From:** AMO Watchfile <communicate@amo.on.ca>
**Sent:** August 20, 2026 4:21 PM
**To:** Monica Hawkins
**Subject:** Special Edition: 2026 AMO Conference Wrap-Up

AMO Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Watchfile

August 20, 2026

That's a wrap on AMO 2026!

More than 3,600 municipal leaders, government representatives, sector partners and stakeholders from 444 municipalities came together in Ottawa for four days of conversations, advocacy, learning and collaboration.




## Key Highlights

**$1 billion in new infrastructure funding**
The federal and provincial governments announced a combined $1 billion investment through a new Canada–Ontario Partnership to Build funding stream. The program will support municipalities that do not levy development charges, often rural, small and northern communities, with funding available for both growth-related housing infrastructure and asset renewal.

**$500 million for community sport and recreation**
Applications are now open for the next round of Ontario's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, following an announcement from Premier Doug Ford.

**Municipal accountability regulations**
The province launched consultations on proposed regulations related to municipal codes of conduct, Integrity Commissioner processes, and education and training requirements.

**Housing and homelessness remain urgent priorities**

Conference sessions highlighted the growing pressures municipalities face around housing affordability, homelessness and supportive housing, and the need for stronger partnerships across governments and sectors.

**Protecting local democracy**
Delegates also explored the importance of transparent, accountable local decision-making and ensuring communities continue to have a meaningful voice in the decisions that affect them.

**A new AMO Board**
AMO members elected Ottawa Councillor Riley Brockington as the association's new President for the 2026–2028 term and welcomed a new Board of Directors.

**A step forward on reconciliation**
AMO and the Anishinabek Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a framework to identify shared priorities, exchange perspectives and work together to advance common goals through advocacy and sector leadership.

**Celebrating municipal innovation**
Congratulations to the 2026 Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award winners: the City of Brampton, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Town of Minto and Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Thank you to everyone who helped make AMO 2026 a success. The conference demonstrated once again the value of municipalities coming together to share ideas, learn from one another and advocate with one collective voice.

---

**Read Past Issues**




**AMO Contacts**
AMO Watchfile Tel: 416.971.9856
Conferences/Events
Policy and Funding Programs
LAS Local Authority Services
MEPCO Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario
ONE Investment
Media Inquiries
Municipal Wire, Career/Employment and Council Resolution Distributions

*Disclaimer: The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is unable to provide any warranty regarding the accuracy or completeness of third-party submissions. Distribution of these items does not imply an endorsement of the views, information or services mentioned.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
To unsubscribe, please Opt Out

155 University Ave Suite 800 | Toronto, ON M5H 3B7 CA

This email was sent to monica.hawkins@eastferris.ca.
*To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.*