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AMO Report to Member Municipalities

Highlights of the June 2014 Board Meeting

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors' meetings. Highlights of the June 2014 Board meeting include:

AMO Policing Modernization Task Force

The AMO Board approved the terms of reference for a new task force dedicated to the modernization of policing activities. The Task Force will develop recommendations for the AMO Board of Directors' consideration on the methods for the delivery of core and non-core activities, while considering the safety and security to people and property and those in the service. This includes what can be done differently and how, considering the diversity of Ontario's communities – from large urban to smaller communities. Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor, email: mwilson@amo.on.ca, Ext. 323.

Canada Post Response

The Board endorsed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Three Principles for Community Consultation in regards to the transition of mail delivery to community mailboxes as part of Canada Post's recent Action Plan. Canada Post needs to work with communities to ensure that the locations of community mailboxes meet the community needs, that they are responsible for the upkeep of their infrastructure or compensate municipalities for this work, and that any changes to mail delivery need to align with local strategies aimed at fostering and supporting age/disability friendly communities. Contact: Nicholas Ruder, Policy Advisor, email: nruder@amo.on.ca, Ext. 411.

Federal Gas Tax Fund

The Board approved the submission of the 2013 Gas Tax Fund Interim Annual Expenditure Report to Infrastructure Canada. In 2013 municipalities spent \$516 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund on 1,489 active projects worth almost \$4.5 billion. The

Board had an update on the AMO/LAS/CHUMS initiative to help municipalities of all sizes invest their Gas Tax Funds in the pooled investment program to achieve a better rate of return prior to its need for a capital project. Learn more at www.amo.on.ca/Invest. Contact: Jay Paleja, Policy Advisor, email: jpaleja@amo.on.ca, Ext. 352.

Enbridge: Presentation on Pipeline Safety

Enbridge made a presentation to the AMO Board emphasizing their preventative action programs, such as design standards and maintenance to reduce the likelihood of future pipeline related incidents. As well, they described their disaster planning practice, their training processes with first responders and how they participate in the spills management process. The Board Members asked many safety-related questions and Enbridge committed to future discussions with AMO and our members.

Electricity Distributors Association (EDA): Update from their Board

In anticipation of the provincial election, the EDA commissioned a report to look at a delivery model to proactively tackle possible provincial directions. This report was presented to the EDA Board on June 19th. The EDA member reaction to the model, "Project Greenlight" was strongly positive. The model promotes the "shoulder to shoulder" configuration for local distribution companies and allocation of Hydro One assets to LDCs. Remote rural areas would be run by a co-op of LDCs. The AMO Board referred "Project Greenlight" to the AMO Energy Task Force for their review and recommendations back to the AMO Board of Directors.

Blue Box Arbitration Update

The Blue Box Arbitration is now halfway through its scheduled 30 hearing days. It started in April and is to conclude in July with the Arbitrator's decision expected in October 2014. While the arbitration is occurring, arrangements have been made for interim payments to municipal Blue Box programs on the regular quarterly payment schedule. If the Arbitrator orders any additional funding to be paid by the Steward Obligation for 2014, it will be included in the December and March payments. The AMO Board was also briefed that the allocation of arbitration costs, which AMO has incurred on behalf of municipal Blue Box programs, are to be taken from the June and September interim payments. (Details conveyed in previous membership communications.) Recently, the Waste Diversion Ontario board approved this recovery process. Contact: Monika Turner, Director of Policy, email: mturner@amo.on.ca, Ext. 318.

LAS Update

The Board was updated on the LAS LED streetlight retrofit program which is a complete turn-key solution that includes design, procurement, installation, project management, utility interface, incentive applications, finance, measurement and verification, plus

integration with LAS' electricity procurement service. Federal Gas Tax monies can be used for the LED streetlight retrofit program. A demo on LED lighting and controls will be held at the AMO Conference on Sunday at 10:00 p.m. at the end of the City of London's Welcome Reception at the King Street entrance to the London Convention Centre. Contact: Scott Vokey, Manager of Energy Services, email: svokey@amo.on.ca, Ext 357.

AMO Conference Almost Here

The AMO Conference is only 58 days away. Have you registered for the Conference? Booked your hotel and made your travel arrangements? Have you decided between the Monday Afternoon Study Tours or Out Trips – if not, do it now to beat the deadline.

Visit AMO's [Conference Page](#) to get registration information; learn more about the program and access the Municipal Delegation Request Form (note July 11th deadline to submit requests).