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Dear Colleagues,

Like you, I have been deeply affected by the disturbing images and the heartbreak we are seeing of those fleeing the wildfires around Fort McMurray. We appreciate the hard work of emergency services, civic employees and volunteers to assist in the multitude of efforts to tackle this situation. It is a situation that cries out for compassion and action.

AMO today challenged the 100 plus delegates at the Ontario Small Urban Conference to reach into their pockets and contribute personally. Delegates are meeting here in Goderich, the site of a devastating tornado that ripped through the community in 2011, learning more about being prepared for the unexpected, including natural disasters. In only 5 minutes, the challenge here raised \$1233.00. The OSUM delegates asked me to challenge all municipal governments to donate as well. Municipal governments can contribute through AMO and we'll ensure the funds are placed so that the Canadian government and Alberta government can match the dollars.

Donations can be made by cheque payable to Association of Municipalities of Ontario, with "Fort McMurray Disaster" in the description field. Let's grow today's \$1233.00 funds so that in several weeks, we can tell our colleagues in northern Alberta and across the country that Ontario's municipal governments care and are making a difference. Let's help their recovery!

Sincerely,
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