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The year in review: 2020 ROMA Annual Report

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) works to connect, strengthen and promote the rural municipal sector. We work through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to advocate for policies and programs that address the unique challenges of rural communities.

This work has never been more critical. Municipal governments have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic since it began. ROMA responded by meeting more frequently to ensure leadership and support was in place for rural municipalities. We were also pleased to join our peers in the sector to push for municipal financial relief and broadband funding.

These efforts and more are highlighted in our <u>2020 Annual</u> <u>Report</u>.

We didn't know it at the time, but the 2020 ROMA Conference would be the last time that municipal and provincial leaders met in person before COVID-19 altered our world. Since then, we have adjusted to virtual events and were pleased to bring engaging and relevant programming to you in 2021.

Heading into 2022, ROMA is focused on rural economic recovery and growth. We have commissioned a discussion paper to chart a course forward and will be sharing it at our virtual **2022 ROMA Conference from January 24 to 25**. We hope to see you there.

