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AMO Policy Update – *Build Back Better* Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

***Build Back Better* Pilot Extended in Municipal Recovery Assistance Program**

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, [announced](#) today that the Province is providing an additional \$2 million to extend the *Build Back Better* pilot into 2023.

Build Back Better helps municipalities that require assistance to recover from flooding or other natural disasters to rebuild public infrastructure to a higher standard such as raising roads or increasing ditch sizes or other work to make communities more resilient. *Build Back Better* has been requested by municipal governments as a permanent change to the Municipal Recovery Assistance Program and AMO has long advocated for increased infrastructure funding for climate resilience.

Ontario Introduces New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Coinciding with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, the Ontario government introduced the *Combating Human Trafficking Act*. The proposed new legislation and amendments to existing legislation will build upon the Province's \$307 million [Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#).

The proposed changes include two new acts – the *Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Act, 2021* and the *Accommodation Sector Registration of Guests Act, 2021* – as well

as amendments to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017* and the *Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking Act, 2017*.

The proposed legislation will focus on protecting children and youth, supporting survivors, and providing law enforcement with additional tools to prevent and deter human trafficking. More information can be found [here](#).

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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