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Taking Action for Universal Broadband Access

Dear Heads of Council:

Today access to broadband internet services is as crucial to our communities as roads and bridges, transit and affordable energy. Together, municipal services offer our residents the foundations of access to a modern, global economy.

That's why AMO and ROMA representatives recently met with the responsible federal Minister to state the need for better, more accessible and affordable broadband access in Ontario. AMO supports FCM's [campaign](#) for universal broadband support in the next federal budget as a basic service in the 21st Century economy.

What You Can Do:

To push for universal broadband funding, AMO encourages our members join with us in support of FCM's call for support in Budget 2019. To add your voice on this important issue, councils can:

- **Meet with your MP**, [share the FCM's issue sheet](#), and ask for clear commitments to universal broadband in the 2019 federal budget.
- **Share the campaign** on social media. Make sure to tag [Bernadette Jordan](#) (@bernjordanmp), the Minister for Rural Economic Development, as well as your own MP and [@FCM online](#).
- **Tell your story**. How is the lack of reliable Internet affecting your community? Tell us about it on Twitter and tag [#universalbroadband](#), [#cdnmuni](#), [@FCM online](#) and [@AMOPolicy](#).

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ONLINE TRAINING'S

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AMO offers in-person, hands-on training for Municipal councillors through three key programs:

- ***AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW*** (including changes to accountably rules effective March 1, 2019.)

Sign up today for March 2019 sessions in Thunder Bay, North Bay, Kingston, Peterborough, Orillia, Owen Sound and London

- ***LAND USE PLANNING: BEYOND THE BASICS***

Sign up today for March 2019 sessions in Thunder Bay, North Bay, Kingston, Peterborough, Orillia, Owen Sound and London

- ***COMMUNICATIONS 101 FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS***

Sign up for the May 2019 Session at the OSUM Conference in Pembroke or at the AMO Conference in Ottawa in August.

For more information on New Council Training, click [here](#).

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POLICY UPDATE

February 26, 2019

Government Announces New Health Care Plan

Today, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, announced the Government of Ontario's plan for developing an integrated patient care system. The plan is to focus on the needs of Ontario's patients and families and is intended to improve access to services and the patient experience by:

- seeing local health care providers organize themselves into coordinated teams (i.e. Ontario health teams) to provide services to patients; anticipates there could be 30 to 40 local health teams across the province at maturity
- providing patients, families, and caregivers with a structure that supports them in navigating entering, during and exiting the patient health care system, 24/7
- providing a central point of accountability and oversight for the health care system through Ontario Health, a single agency that focuses on achieving the integration and providing very specialized provincial health care where beyond capacity of local care delivery
- moving forward on access to secure digital tools, including online health records and virtual care options for patients – a 21st-century approach to health care.

The details received about the plan indicated that is about improving patient-centred care through connected health care services. This plan is not about restructuring public health or making changes to municipal paramedic services management. Clearly, long-term care home capacity is part of the solution to more hospital beds. Today's announcement also re-emphasized the government's commitment to invest in building 30,000 long-term care beds over ten years and to establish a comprehensive and connected system for mental health and addictions treatment.

AMO's President, Jamie McGarvey, and the Chair of AMO's Health Task Force, Graydon Smith, had a productive meeting with Minister Elliott prior to the

announcement. With a new community lens being brought to patient health care planning and delivery and with residents increasingly looking to their councils to represent their community health interests to the provincial government, more MOHLTC-AMO interaction makes sense. AMO welcomes the Minister's commitment to us for increased ongoing dialogue about the government's plan for implementation and transition.

AMO will continue to analyze the municipal impacts. Conversations with the government will be grounded in the recommendations of AMO's recently released health policy discussion [paper](#).

For more information, see the Ontario [news release](#) and more details about the plan on the Ministry [website](#).

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