

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference Report
Sunday, August 18 – Wednesday, August 21, 2024
The Westin - Ottawa

Councillor Cavanagh, Mayor Craig and CAO Bellchamber – Glazier attended this annual conference to hear updates from various organizations on common interests, to present delegations to Provincial ministries, and to network with municipal colleagues.

As delegations, we spoke with either the Minister or the Parliamentary Assistant of:

- The Ministry of Transportation
- The Ministry of Education (with the assistance of MPP Lisa Thompson)
- The Office of the Solicitor-General
- The Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services (collaborating with Bruce Cty)
- The Ministry of Energy (collaborating with Bruce Cty)
- The Ministry of Energy (Municipality of Kincardine delegation)
- The Leader of the Green Party – MPP Mike Schreiner
- The Liberal Party of Ontario – MPP Ted Hsu

We also met with representatives from:

- The Great Lakes and St Lawrence River Cities Initiative (a binational environmental, social, and economic coalition advocating for the preservation of the St Lawrence basin)
- Adrian Foster (Mayor of Clarington), to discuss similar taxation concerns
- Mark Emmanuel – regional manager for Epcor.

Our presentations this year, like last year, focussed on the impending changes to our community (based on provincial and federal forecasts and expectations of increased energy use) and the reality that, as small communities, we could not supply infrastructure to support the success of our nuclear businesses without stable, sustainable funding. Similar to last year's request, we asked that we be included (in some fashion) as the provincial discussions take place determining the goals and objectives of both the energy industries and the provincial government. Unlike last year, I believe that we delivered compelling reasons why the provincial level discussions would be much more productive and profitable when local experiences were included.

Each of us had a limited amount of time to listen to the plenary sessions. I heard:

- Andrew Coyne – CBC news commentary
- Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont
- Premier Doug Ford
- The Ontario Paramedic Association
- Bruce Power
- The Ontario Long Term Care Association
- Asset Management and Psychological Safety training

Respectfully submitted,

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