



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. LS-005-24

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
MEETING DATE: February 26, 2024
SUBJECT: Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2024 Conference

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. LS-005-24 be received for information;

AND THAT Council **approve** the attendance at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2024 Conference for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to receive Council approval for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's attendance at the 2024 AMO Conference, as per Council Policy C-B-2.1 Attendance at Conferences/Conventions, Seminars and Workshops (attached).

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy C-B-2.1 Attendance at Conferences/Conventions, Seminars and Workshops, states that "Members of Council may attend conferences/conventions as delegates of the Municipality, subject to approval by Council in the form of a resolution". This policy was adopted by Council on January 8, 2018.

Registration is open for the AMO 2024 Conference, with an early bird rate available until March 18, with the conference running August 18-21 in Ottawa.

COMMENTS:

Attendance at conferences/conventions, seminars and workshops are an integral part of being a Member of Municipal Council to be aware of legislative updates, meet with other municipal council members, and have delegations with Ontario Ministries to advance the business of the Municipality.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Registration is \$795.00 if purchased prior to the early bird deadline, as per the policy the registration fees for attending a conference/convention is not subject to the \$6,000 expenses allotted to each member of Council.

There will be costs associated with travel, accommodation and the per diem rate, which come out of the \$6,000 allowance.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: *Community Communications & Engagement*

Goal: *Increase communications between the municipality (Council and Staff) and the public*

ATTACHMENTS:

Council Policy C-B-2.1 Attendance at Conferences/Conventions, Seminars and Workshops

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