

NOTICE OF MOTION

North York Community Council join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as an Associate Member

Moved by: **Councillor Karen Stintz** _____

SUMMARY:

In 2004, the City of Toronto decided not to renew its membership to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 445 municipal governments and provides a variety of services and products to members and non-members. The mandate of the organization is to support and enhance strong and effective municipal government in Ontario. It promotes the value of the municipal level of government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

Over the last several years, AMO has been working on several initiatives that are important to the residents who live and work in the area bounded by the North York Community Council (NYCC). Some of these initiatives include: the Provincial-Municipal Gap campaign; an opportunity to provide input into the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy and municipal infrastructure funding.

The NYCC represents a population of over 600,000 residents and a significant business community. The NYCC can join AMO as an Associate Member. Associate Members are those whose purpose and interests are complementary to that of AMO.

Membership Benefits

- **Immediate access to AMO Alerts, Media Releases, and FYIs.** These AMO member communications give you an insider's look and advance notice on emerging municipal issues and developing provincial government policies and directions.
- **Discounted subscription to Municom,** a municipal intranet designed by AMO for Ontario's municipalities. Municom provides users with one-stop shopping for current and archived information about issues affecting municipalities, province-wide.
- **Discounts on the AMO Annual Conference and the Counties, Regions and Single Tiers Conference.** The AMO conference is held each August and the Counties, Regions and Single Tiers conference is held each Fall.
- **Discounts on products and services,** including: mass email/fax distribution to all municipalities and/or members, electronic membership mailing lists, publications and job ad publishing on the AMO website.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the NYCC vote to join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as an Associate Member.
2. That the annual membership fee of \$560.00 be taken from the annual budget established for the operation of the NYCC.
3. That the NYCC select two delegates to attend meetings and conferences on behalf of the over 600,000 residents who live in the catchment area of the North York District.
4. The two delegates report back at least annually on relevant issues to the NYCC.
5. Selection of delegates occur annually.