AFMO Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario

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Mission and Vision

Mission

AFMO maintains and supports the network of francophone and francophile municipalities and communities to meet professional, political and strategic needs in the municipal context.

Vision

AFMO is the French-language municipal reference in Ontario that promotes skills development and information sharing.

Values

- Parity
- Diversity
- Inclusion

Why Join AFMO?

Why Join AFMO? Joining AFMO empowers municipalities to unite in resource sharing, project collaboration, and collective advocacy, significantly amplifying the voice of Francophone communities. These alliances not only enhance community well-being but also unlock vital benefits, such as access to funding, essential support services, and opportunities to strengthen local social networks.

A vibrant Francophone community brings substantial economic advantages, including broader market access and a foundation of trust that drives business partnerships. This linguistic edge boosts competitiveness and attracts top talent. Moreover, it can serve as a launchpad for local businesses, invigorate trade within an extensive global network, and positively shape economic policies, creating a thriving environment for all.

Direct Benefits

Enhanced Business Facilitation: Embracing a common language significantly reduces transaction and negotiation costs, fostering trust among businesses and individuals alike.

Boosted Competitiveness: Mastering French opens doors to market differentiation, making it easier to enter new markets and attract skilled employees who can drive success.

Strong Mutual Support: Businesses can collaborate effectively, leveraging a vibrant ecosystem of organizations and networks that promote development and contribute to holistic growth.

Global Tourism Opportunities: With millions of people in the Francophonie, we enjoy powerful economic ties among French-speaking countries, providing unparalleled opportunities for international business.

Benefits for Municipalities

Effective Project Collaboration: Working in tandem on projects, such as preserving Francophone heritage, leads to remarkable success and shared achievements.

Amplified Advocacy: By joining forces, we significantly elevate the voice of municipalities, ensuring that their needs are effectively represented at higher levels of government.

Indirect and Strategic Benefits

Attraction of Top Talent: A vibrant and inclusive community appeals to skilled workers, who are vital for stimulating local economic growth.

Influence on Regulations: Francophone associations can play a critical role in shaping regulations that foster economic development, ensuring a supportive environment for businesses.

Catalyst for Innovation and Growth: Promoting French in education, research, and digital technology can drive innovation and create valuable opportunities for local enterprises.

Building Lasting Relationships: Being part of a Francophone community cultivates trust and establishes enduring partnerships that benefit all involved.

Membership Dues Factors

The **Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO)** offers flexible membership fees as outlined in its bylaws. The **AFMO** must conduct a thorough review of these fees by a competent authority, following the established procedures in its bylaws. The annual review will take place in early January 2026, ensuring transparency and fairness.

*Currently, contributions for a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants vary between $20,000 and $25,000.

Reminder about the composition of the AFMO Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of regional representatives elected by members per sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the AFMO Bylaws, including one (1) representative appointed by the City of Toronto.

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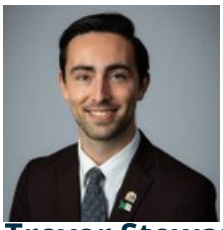

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