



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.

2023-M-260

Subject:	ROMA Delegates
Agenda Date:	December 14, 2023
Attachments:	ROMA 2024 Program

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive report 2023-M-260 from the Municipal Clerk.

INFORMATION

The ROMA 2024 Conference is quickly approaching. I would like to be able to change the registrations as required for the upcoming conference beforehand. I stand with my original recommendation of two (2) Senior Staff and two (2) members of Council. As you will see in the attached program there are several worthy Sessions for Senior Staff. The Trade Show is important for Staff to participate in as to be exposed to the newest applications of technology in the Municipal World.

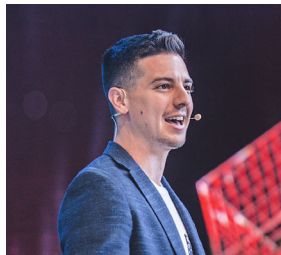
Respectfully Submitted

Rhonda Smith

Program

The program is under development, and will be updated as more content is confirmed. For planning purposes, refer to the program outline below.

Opening keynote speaker:



Shane Feldman

Future of Work
Build Better Relationships
Create Engaged Communities

Closing keynote speaker:



Althia Raj

Impact of Polarization on Public
Decision-Making
Award-Winning Journalist

Program Outline:

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:00am – 6:00pm	Registration Open
10:30am – 11:15am	Zones 1 – 5 Meetings
11:30am – 12:15pm	Zone 6 – 10 Meetings
11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch
12:00pm – 6:00pm	Trade Show Open
1:00pm – 2:15pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration to Rural Communities • Exploring Solutions to Increasing Housing in the R • Infrastructure
2:15pm – 2:45pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
2:45pm – 4:30pm	<p>Plenary Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Keynote: Shane Feldman • The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, F Affairs • The Future of Feeding Ontario Rural Ontario is a critical contributor to our provinc security. This panel will feature the latest food sec and how rural municipalities, the agricultural secto community organizations can come together to su security in Ontario's rural communities.
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Welcome Reception



Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00am – 5:00pm	Registration Open
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7:30am – 3:30pm	Trade Show Open
7:30am – 8:15am	Breakfast, Visit with Exhibitors
8:30am – 9:45am	<p>Plenary Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin Jones, Chair, ROMA • AGM • Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit • The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (invited) • <i>Closer to Home</i> Study and Strategic Plan Overview
9:45am – 10:15am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
10:15am – 11:45am	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to Gender Based Violence • Economic Development in Local Communities • Risk Management and Reducing Liability • Workforce Development
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Learning Lunches
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Dessert with Exhibitors
1:30pm – 2:45pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Lessons Learned with Energy Projects • Indigenous Partners: Unlocking the Power of Colla • Understanding Voluntary Public Health Unit Merge • Legal Challenges to Ontario's Drainage Act: New M
2:45pm – 3:15pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
3:15pm – 5:30pm	Plenary Programming

- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- **Access to Services in Rural Ontario: Closer to Home**
Building on its research and recommendations in (2019) *Rural Ontario in a Post Covid World*, the ROMA Board undertook extensive research into the issues and barriers that stand in the way of rural Ontarians accessing the services they need. ROMA's *Closer to Home* recommendations provide a comprehensive overview of the issues, innovation, and solutions for a healthier and sustainable rural Ontario.
- Colin Best, President, AMO
- The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministers' Forum

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Provincial Government Reception

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:00am – 10:00am

Registration Open

7:30am – 8:15am

Insight Breakfasts

8:30am – 10:15am

Plenary Programming

- Ontario Liberal Party
- Rural Ontario Institute
- Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
- **Experiences and Solutions for Rural and Remote Homelessness**
Visible homelessness and hidden homelessness are a concern in rural Ontario. A panel of experts will discuss the dimensions of and solutions to rural homelessness. The discussion is the exploration of mental health issues and how they are manifesting across rural Ontario.
- **AMO's Social and Economic Prosperity Review**
Municipalities are grappling with increasingly complex challenges from addressing homelessness to confronting the climate change, without the financial tools to solve

has called on the provincial government to update municipal fiscal partnership to support sustainable economic prosperity and quality of life.

10:15am – 10:30am

Coffee Break

10:30am – 12:00pm

Plenary Programming

- Michael J. Smither Question Box Panel
 - Closing Keynote: Althia Raj
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