# MFOA: What Have We Done for You Lately?

2019 Annual Conference

## An Ensemble Cast of MFOA Staff









# Serving Your Needs... Emerging Themes

Leveraging YOUR Learning Through Sharing Strengths, Capacity & **Areas of Expertise MFOA Strategic Plan** 



## **Your Management Team**

Policy Shira Babins Training
Krista Klesch

Executive Director Donna Herridge

Accounting & Corporate Services Heather B. Brown

Investment
Services
Colin Macdonald



# Policy



# **MFOA Policy**

Builds capacity and champions members' perspectives on municipal finance issues through:

## Sector Support and Engagement

Share information, connect and advise members

## Intergovernmental Relations

 Engage the government and other organizations publicly and behind the scenes

## Research and Analysis

Contribute to informed discussions.



## **Provincial Budget**

March 2019
MFOA releases a summary of the federal budget

#### Fall 2018

- MFOA releases a summary of the ON Fall Economic Statement
- MFOA releases a companion summary of legislative reforms

February

#### 2019

 MFOA submits a Prebudget Submissio n to the Province

#### April 11

#### 2019

- Provincial budget released
- MFOA releases a budget summary

### April 23

#### 2019

- MFOA releases an in-depth analysis of the provincial budget
   \*New
- > 1,000 unique views

## April 25 2019

MFOA
 hosts an
 online
 discussion
 forum on
 budget
 impacts
 \*New







# **Housing Supply Action Plan (Bill 108)**

Hosted two online discussion forums

Presented MFOA Position to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy

Created an online hub – close to 2000 unique views and counting

Developed a popular infographic

Coordinating a MFOA working group dealing the most pressing issues

Submissions on:

- Initial consultation
  - Bill 108
- Proposed reg changes

Participated in two MMAH technical groups

Published a line-by-line review of *Bill 108 More Homes, More Choice Act,* 2019

MFOA positions received endorsements by Councils and by the Boards of AMO & AMCTO





# Wastewater Development Charges





Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Office of the Minister 777 Bay Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

December 7, 2018

Dear Minister Clark,

In view of the launch of consultations with respect to the government's Housing Supply Action Plan, we are writing to respond to a recent proposal to eliminate water and wastewater development charges coming from a C.D Howe report titled *Hosing Homebuyers: Why Cities Should Not Pay for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure with Development Charges*.

"We listened when it comes to wastewater capital costs — they will remain 100-per-cent recoverable through development charges."

Minister Clark, 2019 AMO Conference





# Municipal Reporting Burden

#### 2016

MFOA works with:

City of Barrie, City of Brantford, Township of Gillies, City of Greater Sudbury, City of Hamilton, United Counties of Prescott & Russell, City of Toronto, County of Wellington

2017

MFOA Publishes a 'Report about Reporting'

#### 2018

MFOA invited to join MMAH Municipal Reporting Burden Working Group

#### 2019

MMAH working group members assist the Province to reduce the municipal reporting burden

2020+

MFOA to persist

94 reports eliminated and 27 simplified





# **Accounting and Financial Reporting**

## Highlights:

- MFOA's Accounting and Financial Reporting Committee collaborated with AMO to respond to PSAB's consultation on Nontraditional Pension Plans (i.e. OMERS)
- Championed and shared MFOA member's pursuit for clarification on changes to expense deductions for municipal officers





# **OMERS** Comprehensive Review

#### MFOA'S RESPONSE TO OMERS' COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

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MFOA'S RESPONSE TO OMERS' **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** REVIEW: AN EMPLOYER'S **PERSPECTIVE** 





## **Twitter**



#### MFOA @MFOAOntario · Apr 1

This is no joke, MFOA's twitter account is back in action! Follow us for current news in #localgov and municipal finance in Ontario. #onpoli



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MFOA @MFOAOntario · Aug 18

Always great to see MFOA members at @AMOPolicy annual conference! Be sure to check our booth in the trade show #AMOConf19



#### MFOA @MFOAOntario · May 31

Our submission on Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act is now availak

online. We believe there a development charges and concerns mfoa.on.ca/mfoa



Rob Ferguson 🔮 @robferguson1 · Jun 20

BREAKING: full story on Ford cabinet shuffle. Big make-up.



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- b) Tools to recover gro municipal residents hard and soft service (residents, business
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Ford scrambles to reboot Tory government with massive shuffle | The Star Premier Doug Ford replaces Vic Fedeli at Finance with Rod Phillips and demotes other underperforming ministers in a massive cabinet shuffle & thestar.com



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# **Policy Committee & Working Groups**

## **Standing Committees:**

- Accounting and Financial Reporting
- Policy and Research

## Working Group:

Community Benefits Charge (CBC)



## **Partnerships**





MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION













## What to Expect in 2020

 Continuing to support members and champion their views with the Province of Ontario

- Resources to help implement PSAB changes on:
  - Asset Retirement Obligations
  - Financial instruments (This includes Accounts Receivable, not just Investments)



# **Education and Training**



## **Education and Training**

Builds capacity and provides continuous professional development









Topics are prioritized based on your input



## **Benefits**

Now Available! e-Learning: learn at your own pace from your computer at a time and location that is convenient for you!

• First up... Municipal Finance 101 – A Fundamentals Course.

#### Staff

- Learn at your own pace
- Personalized learning plan
- Flexible around your schedule
- Save on travel time



### Municipality

- Onboard training readily available for new/existing staff
- Time savings
- Eliminate travel and accommodation costs



## 2018 Highlights

>125

Municipal staff registered for MF101 e-Learning

97%16

Reported high level of satisfaction with MF101



# Annual Conference Exclusive Promo Offer!





When 3 or more staff register from same municipality (members only)

Expires Monday, September 30, 2019

Register on our website

Contact Eunice Leung (Eunice@mfoa.on.ca) for any questions



# **Upcoming Training**

## Reserve and Reserve Funds workshops 101 & 201

### 101 Workshops:

Thursday, Oct 17 - Kingston Tuesday, Oct 22 - Brampton & Livestream Thursday, Oct 24 - London

### 201 Workshops:

Tuesday, Nov 5 - Kingston
Thursday, Nov 7 - Brampton & Livestream
Tuesday, Nov 12 - London



## **Upcoming Training**

## **Investment Basics 101 workshops**

Thursday, October 3 – London

Friday, October 11 - Orillia

Friday, November 1 - Peterborough

Friday, November 8 - Brockville

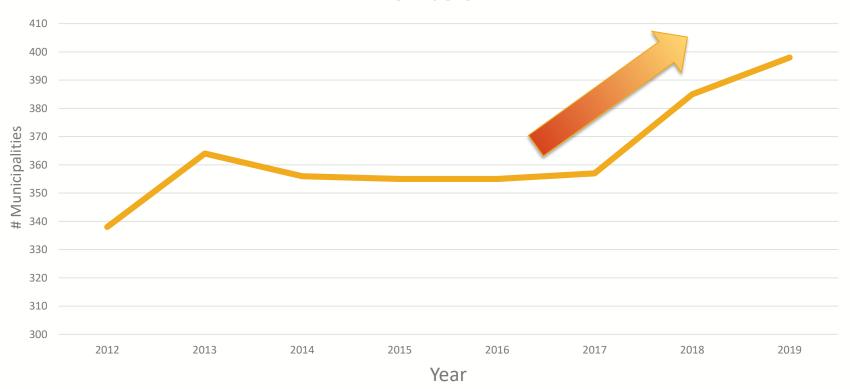


# Accounting and Corporate Services



# **MFOA Municipal Members**

#### **Members**







## Membership...Just the Facts

- Municipalities are member
  - ALL your municipal staff ARE MEMBERS!!!!

Many classes of memberships

Retirement membership are available



# **Asset Management**







#### **Asset Management Resources**

In partnership with Asset Management Ontario, the Asset Management Resources webpage is a central source for important documents, videos, and policies related to asset management. Based on the 12 sections of MFOA's asset management <u>Self-Assessment Tool (SAT)</u>, the resources on this page have been carefully selected to suit your municipality's asset management needs.

#### How to Use

To the right of your screen are all the documents available on our Resource page. Each resource includes a date of publication, author information, and a brief description. Click on the title to access the document. To filter the resources, select items on the left by checking off characteristics of the resource you are looking for. The results of your search will appear on the right.

#### **Subject Area**

MFOA Self-Assessment Tool Chapters

Introduction

#### Starting the asset management conversation with your municipal council

(2018-10-01)

This resource is a communication tool (presentation) that is ready to use as-is. It includes slides and speaking notes that can be personalized to you community's needs and a particular Show more

MFOA Article in June 2019 edition of Municipal World



# Strategic asset management policies

Champions, advisors, doers, and dreamers all required to keep your assets in a state of good repair





# Asset Management – Tools and Supports

ontario.ca/page/municipal-asset-management-planning#section-3



### Municipal asset managem

Get information, tools and support to devel

#### On this page

- 1. Asset management planning
- Key components of the municipal asset management planning regulation
- 3. Tips and best practices

#### Click here to visit the webpage

ontario.ca/page/municipal-asset-management-planning#section-3

#### Tools and supports

Developing asset management plans may be challenging for some municipalities, especially the smallest ones. We have tools and supports in place to help municipalities.

#### Community of Practice Activities

Communities of practice provide valuable opportunities to share best practices in the field of asset management. Asset Management Ontario has developed a successful community of practice network throughout Ontario. With our support, it is expanding its successful peer network to reach more municipalities and help them meet the requirements of the new regulation within the prescribed timelines. Community of practice initiatives include small group hands-on seminars, online forums, peer reviews, asset management planning readiness assessments, benchmarking, and other training opportunities.

#### Learn more about these initiatives.

#### Communities of Practice Guide

With our support, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) prepared a guide to provide practical recommendations intended to assist municipal staff in developing and maintaining their own communities of practice to best meet their needs.

Read more about the Asset Management Communities of Practice Guide.

#### Strategic Asset Management Policy Toolkit

The strategic asset management policy toolkit is available to all municipalities. It provides valuable guidance to help municipalities meet the requirements and recommendations set out in the regulation. It also provides additional context and highlights the main elements of each component to be included in a municipality's policy.

Read more about the Strategic Asset Management Policy Toolkit.

#### Asset Management Self-Assessment Tool

The online Asset Management Self-Assessment Tool and Maturity Framework supports municipalities in their evaluation of their asset management planning readiness. It also allows municipalities to explore potential approaches for moving to higher levels of maturity.

Read more about and access the Asset Management Self-Assessment Tool and Maturity Framework.

#### Asset Management Plan Assessments

In 2016, MFOA introduced a pilot project known as AMP It Up. The goal of this initiative was to improve the asset management plans and practices of small municipalities by sending expert teams into the field. We are collaborating with MFOA to expand the initiative to reach even more municipalities in a second phase known as AMP It Up 2.0.

## AMP It Up 2.0

## Funded by MOI & MFOA

- In-person expert Asset Management Plan assessment and localized action plan developed for each municipality (Municipal Action Plan)
- All municipalities under 25,000 population are eligible.
- 93 municipalities participated in AMP 1.0



## **Rollout**

- Group 1
   58 municipalities launched January 2019
- Group 2
   65 municipalities launched June 2019
- Group 3
   25+ municipalities set to launch end of September 2019
- Group 4
   100 municipalities still qualify need to sign up, launch and commence work with consultants by December 31, 2019



# **Direct AM Resources in Your** Municipality

- Population under 25,000
- Not already in AMP It Up
- Contact:

**Calvin Barrett** Calvin@mfoa.on.ca Rose@mfoa.on.ca

**Rose Carino** 



# Thinking About Retiring...





# **MFOA NEEDS YOU!!**







# **Temporary Finance Professionals**

A program to **link qualified municipal finance professionals** with municipalities looking to fill financial positions on a part-time or temporary basis.

- Employee and employer portal launched in 2018. Sign up today!
- If you are retiring in 2020 and considering consultant work, we want to hear from you.



# **Investment Services**



## **ONE Investment**



## Purpose:

- "facilitate investment by municipalities and public sector bodies in investment products and vehicles
- to make available, and lower the cost of, such products and services in a manner consistent with the investment objectives of such municipalities and public sector bodies."





## **NEW in 2018/19**

- Incorporated ONE Investment as a not-for-profit organization
- Obtained an Ontario Securities Commission exemption to be able to provide investment advice to clients
- Hired a CFA Charterholder (Keith Taylor) to provide investment advice and expertise to municipalities
- MFOA introduced a full-time resource to provide dedicated Municipal Finance expertise



# **New Service Delivery Model**





# **What to Expect in 2019/2020**

#### **Prudent Investor - NEW**

- A Prudent Investor turnkey solution in full compliance with the recently introduced legislation
- Two NEW funds to expand into investments not permitted under the legal list

#### **Legal List**

Redesigned custom quarterly investment reports

 Ongoing efforts to seek the best rates for our pooled accounts

