



**Report of the
Secretary-Treasurer
On Nominations to the
2014 - 2016
AMO Board of Directors**



June 26, 2014

To: Member Municipalities

It is my pleasure to submit a copy of my report on the candidates standing for election for the 2014 – 2016 AMO Board of Directors, as confirmed by the Returning Officer. The Returning Officer has confirmed candidates against the nomination requirements and processes.

Elections will be held on:

Monday, August 18, 2014
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Convention Centre, London, Ontario

All elected officials from member municipalities in good standing with the Association are eligible to vote. **Please note that voting delegates have until *4:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014* to identify or change their caucus. After this date, absolutely no changes are permitted to the voting delegates list. This rule is strictly enforced.**

Summary:

Elections of representatives for a two-year term will be held for the following positions, subject to any withdrawals:

- Northern Caucus, Northwest (2 elected officials)
- Regional and Single Tier Caucus (6 elected officials)
- Small Urban Caucus (4 elected officials)

The following positions have been acclaimed:

- President (1 elected official)
- Secretary-Treasurer (1 staff official)
- County Caucus (3 elected officials, 1 staff official)
- Large Urban Caucus (5 elected officials, 1 staff official)
- Northern Caucus, Northeast (2 elected officials)
- Rural Caucus (4 elected officials, 1 staff official)
- Small Urban Caucus (1 staff official)

Respectfully submitted,
Grant Hopcroft, Secretary-Treasurer, AMO
Director of Intergovernmental & Community Liaison, City of London

**2014 NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES**

PRESIDENT

	REQUIRED	NOMINATED
Elected Officials	1	1
TOTAL	1	1

Elected Officials Nominations:

Gary McNamara Mayor, Town of Tecumseh *Acclaimed*

SECRETARY-TREASURER

	REQUIRED	NOMINATED
Staff Officials	1	1
TOTAL	1	1

Staff Officials Nominations:

Elizabeth Savill CAO, County of Northumberland *Acclaimed*

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L'Association française des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO)

Appointment:

Clermont Lapointe President, AFMO and Mayor, Township of McGarry

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COUNTY CAUCUS

	<i>REQUIRED</i>	<i>NOMINATED</i>
Appointed Officials	2	2
Elected Officials	3	2
Staff Officials	1	1
TOTAL	6	5

Appointed Officials:

Todd Case	Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Warden, County of Lambton
Jean Paul St. Pierre	Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Warden, United Counties of Prescott- Russell

Elected Officials Nominations:

Duncan McKinlay	Councillor, County of Grey	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Doug Reycraft	Councillor, County of Middlesex	<i>Acclaimed</i>

1 vacancy – to be filled by the 2014 - 2016 Board of Directors (as directed by AMO Bylaw No. 2)

Staff Official Nominations:

Scott Wilson	CAO, County of Wellington	<i>Acclaimed</i>
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LARGE URBAN CAUCUS

	<i>REQUIRED</i>	<i>NOMINATED</i>
Appointed Officials	1	1
Elected Officials	5	5
Staff Officials	1	1
TOTAL	7	7

Appointed Officials:

Jeff Lehman Chair, Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario and
Mayor, City of Barrie

Elected Officials Nominations:

Diane Freeman	Councillor, City of Waterloo	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Chris Friel	Mayor, City of Brantford	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Mark Gerretsen	Mayor, City of Kingston	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Rick Goldring	Mayor, City of Burlington	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Lou Turco	Councillor, City of Sault Ste. Marie	<i>Acclaimed</i>

Staff Official Nominations:

Deborah Reader	Government Relations, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton	<i>Acclaimed</i>
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NORTHERN CAUCUS

	<i>REQUIRED</i>	<i>NOMINATED</i>
Appointed Officials	2	2
Elected Officials	4	5
TOTAL	6	7

Appointed Officials:

Dave Canfield President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and
Mayor, City of Kenora

Alan Spacek President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and
Mayor, Town of Kapuskasing

Elected Officials Nominations:

Mac Bain	Councillor, City of North Bay (N.E.)	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Michael J.J. Doody	Councillor, City of Timmins (N.E.)	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Armand Giguere	Councillor, Municipality of Greenstone (N.W.)	<i>Election Required</i>
Ron Nelson	Mayor, Township of O'Connor (N.W.)	<i>Election Required</i>
Phil Vinet	Mayor, Municipality of Red Lake (N.W)	<i>Election Required</i>

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RURAL CAUCUS

	<i>REQUIRED</i>	<i>NOMINATED</i>
Appointed Officials	1	1
Elected Officials	4	3
Staff Officials	1	1
TOTAL	6	5

Appointed Officials:

Ron Eddy Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association and
 Mayor, County of Brant

Elected Officials Nominations:

Ronald Holman	Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Bill Vrebosch	Mayor, Municipality of East Ferris	<i>Acclaimed</i>
Chris White	Mayor, Township of Guelph/Eramosa	<i>Acclaimed</i>

1 vacancy – to be filled by the 2014 - 2016 Board of Directors (as directed by AMO Bylaw No. 2)

Staff Official Nominations:

Chris Wray	CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa	<i>Acclaimed</i>
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SMALL URBAN CAUCUS

	<i>REQUIRED</i>	<i>NOMINATED</i>
Appointed Officials	1	1
Elected Officials	4	5
Staff Officials	1	1
TOTAL	6	7

Appointed Officials:

Lynn Dollin Chair, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities and
Councillor, Town of Innisfil

Elected Officials Nominations:

Gail Ardiel	Councillor, Town of the Blue Mountains	<i>Election Required</i>
Jim Collard	Councillor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	<i>Election Required</i>
Robert Foster	Councillor, Town of Lincoln	<i>Election Required</i>
Jamie McGarvey	Mayor, Town of Parry Sound	<i>Election Required</i>
Graydon Smith	Mayor, Town of Bracebridge	<i>Election Required</i>

Staff Official Position:

Larry McCabe Clerk-CAO, Town of Goderich *Acclaimed*

From: [Vokes, Sharon](#)
To: [Warder, Tara](#)
Cc: [Group: Senior Management Team](#)
Subject: FW: AMO Report to Members - Accountability Act
Date: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 4:52:49 PM

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

July 8, 2014

Accountability Act Introduced Today

The Premier's commitment to introduce new rules on transparency and accountability for the Province again captures other parts of the broader public sector, including municipal governments.

In response to the Association's letter to all the party leaders during the election, the Liberal Party stated with respect to the *Accountability Act*, that: "Ontario Liberals remain committed to expanding accountability in the public sector. If we form another government, we will work with AMO and the entire Broader Public Service to identify the best ways to expand accountability and give Ontarians confidence in their public service".

AMO President Russ Powers wants the Association's membership to know that AMO is very concerned that it has not been given any opportunity to work with the government prior to the Act's reintroduction. A request for an urgent meeting has been sent to the Premier. "This government has an outstanding track record of pre-consulting and getting input and feedback, so this is an extremely surprising and disappointing situation" says the AMO President.

We have been advised that this re-introduced Bill has been amended to address another area but apparently there is no change to the municipal government section. If the Bill introduced today is identical to the one previously introduced, then:

- A municipal government must appoint a municipal Ombudsman, no matter its size and if it does not, then the Provincial Ombudsman becomes the municipal Ombudsman by default. The *Municipal Act* currently describes the function of an Ombudsman (S.223.13.(1)) as reporting to a council on an investigation of any decision or recommendation made or act done or omitted in the course of the administration of the municipality. Investigations can be triggered by individuals or by the designated Ombudsman.
- Even if there is a municipally appointed local ombudsman, the Ontario Ombudsman would have the jurisdiction to investigate complaint(s) after a municipal Ombudsman has completed and reported on a complaint of maladministration or decides a complaint has no merit and dismisses it. In practice, this means an investigation undertaken by an independent ombudsman is not necessarily the last stop. It would also permit the Ontario Ombudsman to undertake a systemic investigation where she/he believes there is a more universal maladministration issue than in just one municipality.
- In terms of closed meeting investigations, there is no change to the appointment

of an investigator. In other words, the current default model continues such that if no one is appointed by the Council then the provincial Ombudsman has jurisdiction. However, as above for maladministration complaints, there will be an 'appeal' process to the Provincial Ombudsman.

- For those municipal governments who do not appoint and by default fall under the services of the Ontario Ombudsman, there is no ability to have a review of his/her decision. In other words, there is no ability to have the decision of the Ontario Ombudsman reviewed.
- The Bill also does not scope in anyway the review of a municipal ombudsman or closed meeting investigation.
- There is no change to the legislative function of either an ombudsman or closed meeting investigation. The law continues to require that the function of these positions be independent and impartial; to maintain confidentiality and have credible investigative processes.
- In terms of application to local boards, AMO was advised that the original Bill would not capture police services boards, library boards, boards of health, boards of long-term care and Children's Aid Societies and municipal corporations created under S. 203 of the *Municipal Act*.

This means that these entities would remain out of the jurisdiction of any closed meeting investigator or ombudsman. At the time the Ontario Ombudsman had been promoting that his Office would have jurisdiction for these boards. AMO received written confirmation in the spring from the Minister of the day that Ontario's Ombudsman would not oversee them. We assume that this has not changed; however, we do not have a copy of the Bill nor its intended regulations to ascertain this.

The additional oversight approach contained in this Bill suggests that all the closed meeting investigators – all learned professionals, including lawyers, are not trusted. Yet, there has been no evidence provided by the government that in its eyes the system is not functioning to meet the existing Acts' provisions for independence and impartiality, confidentiality and a credible investigative process.

Again, we call on the Province to engage in active discussion with us before this legislation proceeds any further.

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