

## Request for Decision

### Nomination to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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### Resolution

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury endorses the nomination of Councillor Deb McIntosh to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors for the 2020-2022 term as a Director of the Regional & Single Tier Caucus;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury assumes any costs associated with Councillor Deb McIntosh attending AMO Board meetings, as outlined in the report entitled "Nomination to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario", from the Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives, Communication and Citizen Services, presented at the City Council meeting on June 9, 2020.

### Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report refers to operational matters.

### Report Summary

This report provides information about the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's mandate, Board of Directors Structure, meeting commitments and costs to support Councillor McIntosh's request for Council's endorsement of her nomination to the AMO Board of Directors for the 2020-2022 term.

### Financial Implications

AMO will reimburse travel expenses in excess of \$300.00 per meeting for AMO Board of Directors, AMO Executive Committee meetings and MOU meetings which are generally held in the City of Toronto or the President or Secretary-Treasurer's municipality. Travel expenses refer to airfare, train fare, car mileage, public transit and parking costs, and shall not apply to AMO Board of Directors/Executive meetings that are held prior to or following the AMO Annual Conference or Symposiums. For Northern Ontario Executive Committee and Board members, AMO will reimburse a maximum of three days of accommodation and meal expenses.

#### Signed By

##### **Report Prepared By**

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##### **Financial Implications**

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##### **Recommended by the Department**

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Any expenses incurred to attend the Board of Directors' meetings, which are not reimbursed by AMO, would be funded through the Council Travel Account. The most recent Board of Directors meetings of March 26th and 27th were held virtually as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as will the June meetings and August conference. As a result, no travel costs were or will be incurred to attend those meetings. The cost of registration for the August virtual conference is \$600 plus HST. It is unclear how future Board meetings will be conducted moving forward. The cost for Councillor McIntosh to attend the Board meetings in 2019 was about \$2,800.00 so should in person meetings resume, the costs for future years should not greatly exceed that amount.

## **Nomination to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

### **Background:**

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) works to make municipal governments stronger and more effective. Through AMO, Ontario's 444 municipalities work together to achieve shared goals and meet common challenges. Through policy development, cost-saving programs, conferences and training opportunities, AMO provides municipal officials with tools to succeed, and programs to help maximize taxpayer dollars.

The governing body of the Association is the Board of Directors, elected every two years at the Association's Annual Meeting. The Board comprises of 43 elected and non-elected municipal representatives which meets six times per year.

Councillor McIntosh currently serves on the AMO Board of Directors on the Regional and Single Tier Caucus, and wishes to continue to represent the City of Greater Sudbury in that capacity. As such, she must seek re-election to the Board and must obtain a Council resolution of support for her nomination.

Board meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday in September, November, January, March and June and on the Saturday and Sunday in advance of the AMO Annual Conference in August. Board meetings are normally held in Toronto with the exception of the June meeting which has been held in the President's or Secretary-Treasurer's home municipality, and the AMO conference which has been held in Ottawa.

The City of Greater Sudbury would be responsible for any costs associated with Councillor McIntosh attending the Board of Directors' meetings and Annual Conference. As a result of the pandemic, Board meetings as well as the Annual Conference are currently being held virtually. It is unclear how future meetings will be held at this time.

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Councillor McIntosh seeks Council's endorsement of her nomination and participation on the Board of Directors of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario as a Director on the Regional & Single Tier Caucus for the 2020-2022 term.