

# Sunday, January 18

8:00am – 6:00pm

Registration Open, sponsored by Ontario Real Estate Association

**8:30am – 10:30am**

## **Workshops**

**1. Raising Corporate Sponsorship Revenues in Rural Municipalities, sponsored by The Partnership Group, Sponsorship Specialists**

Dominion Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

This workshop is designed for rural municipalities to better understand the opportunities in raising revenues outside of increased taxes or user fees. As the sponsorship and commercial naming rights landscape for rural municipalities differs from urban centres, this session will focus on the rural experience and your unique opportunities.

Join us to better understand the benefits, the drawbacks, the issues and the celebrations of corporate partnership and naming right deals in rural municipalities in Ontario.

If your rural municipality has ever considered getting into the “sponsorship and naming right” game or if you are already doing it and want to know more about it and the pros and cons or how to fix your existing program, this is the session for you.

- Brent Barootes, President and CEO, Partnership Group: Sponsorship Specialists

**2. Exercise Cold Front: Strengthening Provincial-Municipal Coordination During an Ice Storm**

Provincial Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Our municipalities are the first line of defense during any severe weather event. Exercise Cold Front will test how local governments collaborate with Ontario’s Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response under the province’s new one-window approach. In this tabletop exercise, we are focusing on activating provincial support and leveraging Ontario Corps resources to enhance municipal response capabilities during an ice storm scenario. Participants will explore strategies for seamless coordination, resource mobilization, and effective communication to ensure a resilient and unified emergency response.

**3. Shifting Citizenry, Shifting Services: What Council Must Plan for Now**

Dominion Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Our communities are changing. New populations bring new needs and expectations. Small and rural communities in Ontario are equally challenged with managing growth or depopulation, changing demographics, and insufficient affordable housing. Once municipal leaders gain a better understanding of the shifts taking place in their communities they can address these changing

needs through proactive infrastructure management, housing needs assessments, and integrated capital planning.

Join this session to share the challenges you face and learn about tools and strategies to address them.

- Erin Orr, Program Advisor, Infrastructure Asset Management, AMO
- Christina Benty, Strategic Leadership Solutions

#### 4. **Planning Canada’s Next Deep Geological Repository: Your Voice Matters, sponsored by NWMO**

Civic Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

The Nuclear Waste Management Organisation (NWMO) is beginning the process to identify a site for Canada’s second deep geological repository – a facility designed for the safe, long-term storage of intermediate- and high-level nuclear waste.

We know that strong communities are built on trust, transparency, and collaboration. That’s why we’re committed to listening to local voices from the very start. Over the next two years, we’ll be engaging with municipalities, Indigenous communities, industry, and other stakeholders to shape the site selection process. Your input will help guide how this project moves forward.

*Why should rural municipalities get involved?*

Rural municipalities play a vital role in shaping decisions that affect land use, infrastructure, and economic development. Your perspective matters.

Join this workshop to learn more about Canada’s second deep geological repository, review the draft site selection plan, and share your feedback. Together, we can ensure this process reflects the priorities and values of rural communities.

The site selection process is expected to launch in 2028 – now is the time to have your say.

#### 5. **HEARing Rural Voices: Data Municipalities Can Use Tomorrow**

Civic Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Rural Ontario needs better data to support effective planning, economic development, and climate adaptation. The HEAR Initiative (Health, Economics, Adaptation in Rural Communities Initiative) is designed to meet that need. In this interactive workshop, rural leaders will explore how HEAR’s new resident-level data will strengthen municipal decision-making, support funding and advocacy, and reflect the lived realities of rural communities across Ontario. Join us to help shape the future of rural data.

- Leith Deacon, Associate Professor & McCall MacBain Chair in Resilient Rural Communities, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development, University of Guelph

**11:30am – 12:30pm**

**Zone meetings/lunch**

Zones 1 and 2: Sheraton Hall E – F, Lower Concourse

Zones 3 and 4: Civic Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Zones 5 and 6: Dominion Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Zones 7 and 8: Civic Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Zones 9 and 10: Provincial Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**12:00pm – 6:15pm**     **Trade Show Open**

**1:00pm – 2:15pm**     **Concurrent Sessions**

**1. The Dirt on Cemeteries**

Dominion South, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Municipalities are responsible for abandoned cemeteries within their jurisdiction. There have been a growing number of rural municipalities who have had to take responsibility for cemeteries as local places of worship are sold, often without sufficient care and maintenance funds. This session will provide rural municipalities with information and insights on their responsibilities for cemeteries in their community.

Chair: Tanya Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay, ROMA Board Member

- Crystal Forrest, Chief Compliance Officer / Deputy Registrar, Bereavement Authority of Ontario
- Mark Richardson, President, Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals
- Sonia McLuckie, Cemetery Administrator, Greater Napanee

**2. Leveraging New Opportunities to Develop Housing in Rural Ontario**

Sheraton Hall E-F, Lower Concourse

Strategic methods and innovative ways can be used to leverage opportunities to grow rural communities and create new market and non-market housing for low- and moderate-income households. An opportunity to explore is working with Build Canada Homes to ensure that rural Ontario will benefit from this new federal housing initiative.

Chair: Nathan Townend, Warden, County of Lennox and Addington

- Brian Marks, Chief Administrative Officer Lead, Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association
- Connor Dorey, Chief Administrative Officer, Hastings County
- Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development, Bruce County

**3. Strengthening Rural Vitality through Arts and Culture**

Civic Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

This concurrent will explore how arts and culture can be a driving force for spurring social and economic development and return on investment in rural communities and will share on the ground experiences from rural municipalities.

Chair: Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills

- Janet Jarrell, Executive Director, Quinte Arts Council, Alliance of Arts Councils of Ontario (AACO)
- Jamie McKenzie-Naish, Operations Manager, Ontario Museum Association
- Neeky Dalir, Policy Analyst, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

#### 4. Rural Road Safety

Dominion Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Rural roads tend to be older, in poorer condition, and incorporate only basic road safety infrastructure. As a result, while rural Ontario is home to 17 per cent of the population, 55 per cent of the road fatalities occur on rural roads. This session hears from municipalities and experts on successful approaches to tackling this critical issue.

Chair: Mark Wilson, Councillor, City of Temiskaming Shores, ROMA Board Member

- Mike Pearsall, Consultant
- Heide Schlegl, Milton Traffic Manager, Ontario Traffic Council Board
- Scott Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads
- Jessica Jaremchuk, Vice-President, Risk Management Services, Intact Public Entities

*2:15pm – 2:45pm Coffee Break with Exhibitors, Sponsored by Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada*

Sheraton Hall, Lower Concourse

### **2:45pm – 5:00pm Plenary Program** **Grand Ballroom, Lower Concourse**

- 2:45 – 3:00pm Welcome and O Canada, Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra
- 3:00 – 3:30pm OMERS Governance Changes

The OMERS pension plan is important to municipalities, employees, and retirees. Bill 68 introduces changes to OMERS governance that mean municipalities have less of a voice in the pension plan that we fund and could lead to higher costs for municipalities. In this panel, learn more about what these changes mean for our pension plan and what we can do to advocate for an independent and accountable OMERS.

Moderator: Sabine Matheson, Principal, StrategyCorp

- Lynn Dollin, MEPCO Board Chair
- Scott Perkin, MEPCO Board Member,
- Keith Robicheau, President, Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario
- 3:30 – 4:00pm Opening Keynote: Chantal Hébert, sponsored by Bruce Power
- 4:00 – 4:10pm ROMA Chair, Christa Lowry
- 4:10 – 4:15pm AGM, Afshin Majidi, Secretary Treasurer
- 4:15 – 4:25pm The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- 4:25 – 5:10pm Ministers' Forum: Building Ontario: Finance, Infrastructure, and Economic Growth

5:15 – 6:15pm Welcome Reception, sponsored by Canadian Beverage Association and AirBnB, Sheraton Hall, Lower Concourse

## Monday, January 19

7:00am – 5:00pm Registration Open, sponsored by Ontario Real Estate Association

### **7:30am – 3:30pm Trade Show Open**

7:30am – 8:15am **Rural, Remote and Forgotten: Addressing the Health Human Resources Crisis in Seniors' Care, sponsored by AdvantAge Ontario**  
Provincial Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sheraton Centre

Lisa Levin, CEO of AdvantAge Ontario, and Jennifer Cornell, Director of LTC & Senior Services for Grey County and AO Board Chair, share urgent solutions to the health human resources crisis in northern and rural seniors' care. Learn how closing wage gaps, expanding local training, and providing housing, transportation, and childcare supports can help municipalities and partners stabilize care access and build a sustainable workforce.

7:30am – 8:15am **Breakfast**  
Sheraton Hall E-F

### **8:30am – 9:45am Plenary Program** **Grand Ballroom, Lower Concourse**

- 8:30 – 8:45am Chief Margaret Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- 8:45 – 9:30am Rural Infrastructure

Infrastructure investment is critical to supporting growing communities, however, funding constraints severely limit rural municipalities' ability to invest in and maintain infrastructure, exacerbated by their vast geographies and small populations. This session explores and addresses rural Ontario's unique infrastructure challenges.

- Ben Dachis, Vice President of Research and Outreach, Clean Prosperity
- Brooke Lambert, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Wellington North
- Bronwynne Wilton, Councillor, Township of Centre Wellington

- 9:30 – 9:35am Remarks from Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Lesley Gallinger, President & CEO
- 9:35 – 9:45am The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

9:45am – 10:15am *Coffee Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by ATS Traffic*

**10:15am – 11:30am**

**Concurrent Sessions**

1. **Best Practices from Rural Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans**  
Civic Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans must be renewed every four years. With many communities coming to the end of their first cycle, this session will share lessons learned, best practices, and discuss further support needed to strengthen community safety in rural Ontario.

Chair: Carma Williams, Councillor, Township of North Glengarry

- Sarah Hamulecki, Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Intergovernmental Relations, County of Oxford
- Rheann Quenneville, Data Analyst, Rural Ontario Institute
- Mélanie Bania, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Safer Communities

2. **Strategies for Managing Rural Land**  
Civic Ballroom South 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Rural municipalities cover 96% of Ontario's land area. Hear case studies from practitioners about how to incorporate measures to protect and manage this land into municipal policies and programs.

Chair: Steve McCabe, Councillor, Township of Wellington North, ROMA Board Member

- Rebecca Bellanger, Manager, Planning Services, Essex County
- Jeremy Funk, Fire Chief, Sioux Lookout
- Jessica Ferri, Manager, Land and Environment, CRH Canada Groups

3. **The Roadmap for Waste – Unpacking Where Rural Municipalities Fit**  
Dominion Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dive into the latest updates on the transition to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and the current challenges and trends of municipal waste management for rural municipalities. Hear from rural municipalities about innovative solutions to advance the circular economy in local communities.

Chair: Jamie McGrail, Councillor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ROMA Board Member

- Ashley De Souza, CEO, Waste To Resources Ontario
- Melissa Kovacs, Manager of Waste Services, County of Dufferin
- Ken Krcel, Director of Public Works & Environmental Services, City of Timmins

4. **Getting Accurate Information to Residents**  
Dominion Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Reduced civic knowledge, the decline in local journalism, and misinformation easily shared through social media are fueling incivility and toxic discourse. This session looks at strategies municipalities can use to get accurate information about municipal services and Council decisions seen and understood by residents.

Chair: Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake, ROMA Board Member

- Inori Roy, Associate Editor, The Local
- David Turkstra, Chief Strategy Officer, Village Media
- Kaitlin Keefer, Communications Officer, Municipality of Clarington
- Kate Ingram, Manager of Communications, Municipality of Port Hope

5. Indigenous and Municipal Relationships - Actioning AMOs IRAP in a Meaningful Way  
Provincial Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

First Nation Chiefs from across Ontario will share practical lessons on building strong, respectful municipal-Indigenous relationships. Delegates will learn concrete ways to implement AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan in their own communities to advance collaboration and reconciliation.

Chair: Melanie Pilon, Mayor, Municipality of Wawa, Chair, AMO Indigenous Advisory Council

- Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict, Chiefs of Ontario
- Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier, Temagami First Nation
- Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, Anishinabek Nation
- Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River
- Chief Ted Williams, Chippewas of Rama First Nation

**11:45am – 12:45pm**

### ***Learning Lunches***

1. **Enbridge, Back to Basics: Natural Gas, Economic Fundamentals, & Our Growth Path**  
Sheraton E-F, Lower Concourse

Working in collaboration, Enbridge and the Ontario Energy Association, will host a panel discussion that will examine how natural gas continues to underpin Ontario and Canada's economic fundamentals—supporting affordability, reliability, and competitiveness amid persistent economic pressures and uncertainty. It connects energy fundamentals to real-world outcomes, including housing delivery and infrastructure buildout, industrial productivity, and investment attraction. The conversation also traces how these dynamics show up locally, as energy costs and reliability influence construction timelines, business expansion decisions, and economic activity across communities.

2. **ONE Investment: Investment Dollar Earned, Tax Dollar Saved: The Opportunity to Finance Municipal Infrastructure**  
Chestnut, Mezzanine
3. **IESO, The New Intersection: Energy and Economic Policy**  
Provincial North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

From long-term planning to real-time grid operations, the IESO ensures electricity is reliable, affordable, and sustainable. With electricity demand forecasted to grow over the long term, new electricity infrastructure is poised to meet future energy needs while driving economic growth and attracting investment. Join the IESO, featuring the Minister of Energy and Mines and Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries, for more on the intersection of economic and energy policy to power growth.

**4. MPAC: Supporting rural decisions with trusted MPAC data**

Birchwood, Mezzanine

Rural municipalities face unique challenges – from managing growth and infrastructure to planning for long-term sustainability. This session explores how MPAC's data-driven products and services support informed, confident decision-making in rural Ontario. Through a brief presentation and facilitated table discussions, participants will share how MPAC's data and insights are used today, where they could add more value, and what effective partnership looks like moving forward.

**5. Hydro One: How Hydro One Restores Power After Outages**

Willow, Mezzanine

Join us for an informative session with Hydro One's Emergency Management team to learn more about our restoration approach and how we work year-round with local teams to prepare for, respond to, and recover from outage emergencies.

**6. Ontario Clean Water Agency: A Lunchtime Dive into Water Solutions**

Maple, Mezzanine

Make Every Drop of your Lunchtime Count!

Ready to turn your midday meal into a power-packed learning experience?

Join us for Lunch with OCWA, where municipal water ideas come together in a dynamic and engaging session with our experts.

Why Attend?

- **Get Inspired:** Hear from a lineup of industry experts sharing the latest ideas and practical tools for smarter management of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater assets.
- **Fuel Up & Level Up:** Enjoy lunch while soaking up bite-sized insights you can use right away for your current and future infrastructure projects.
- **Discover What's Possible:** OCWA is more than operations and maintenance – we're your partner for innovation and long-term success.

Don't Miss Out!

Discover what's possible and make your lunchtime matter. Our team will share valuable insights drawn from our extensive experience as the operating authority for municipalities across the province, helping you turn ideas into action and impacts

**12:45pm – 1:15pm**

**Dessert with Exhibitors**

**1:15pm – 2:30pm**

**Concurrent Sessions**

**1. Unpacking the Implications of a New Code of Conduct**

Dominion Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

A new standardized code of conduct and an integrity commissioner process will have implications for all municipally elected officials. Join this interactive session to learn perspectives and reflect on your own to inform your state of readiness for this change.

Chair: Dane Neilson, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Grey Highlands, ROMA Board Member

Moderator: Jim Pine, Principal, Jim Pine Consulting

- Michael Di Lullo, Chair, Ontario Municipal Administrators Association
- John Mascarin, Partner, Aird & Berlis LLP
- Pam Mood, Past President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Mayor of Yarmouth

## 2. **Applying the IRAP in Rural Contexts**

Civic Ballroom North, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

This session will discuss how ROMA members can apply AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan in their communities, through practical solutions relevant to rural contexts. The session will discuss how rural municipalities, Indigenous organizations, and neighbouring First Nations communities can collaborate to meet shared goals for economic development, service delivery, and community safety.

Chair: Melanie Pilon, Mayor, Municipality of Wawa, Chair, AMO Indigenous Advisory Council

- Sara Loft, Principal, Tawi:ne Consulting
- Olga Semenovych, Associate, Tawi:ne Consulting
- Eddy Robinson, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper
- Sean Longboat, Executive Director, Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres
- Bethany Johnson, Director, Strategy, Policy and Communications, Ontario Native Women's Association

## 3. **From Operating Pressures to Capital Plans: A Strategic Approach to Municipal Fiscal Sustainability**

Dominion Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Ontario's rural municipalities face unique fiscal pressures with a small tax base, aging infrastructure and limited revenue tools. Whether you're managing tight operating pressures, planning infrastructure investments or setting long-term financial goals, this session will provide practical guidance on balancing short-term realities with long-term resilience for your municipality.

Chair: Jennifer Murphy, Councillor, County of Renfrew, ROMA Board Member

- Craig Dyer, Principal, Craig Dyer Advisory Services

## 4. **Public Health Matters: A Strong Economy Supported by Healthy Communities**

Civic Ballroom South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Given global economic uncertainties, Ontario's local public health system is more important than ever to support Ontario's economy. Public health is a key driver of economic strength, as a healthy population leads to higher productivity, lower costs, and long-term prosperity. Come and learn

more about how public health plays a critical role in promoting a healthy economy through the implementation of evidence-based strategies and working in collaboration with local partners, to help keep our communities healthy and maintain a strong economy.

Chair: Natasha Salonen, Mayor, Township of Wilmot, ROMA Board Member

Moderator: Loretta Ryan, CEO, Association of Local Public Health Agencies

- Hsiu-Li Wang, Chair, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
- Doug Lawrance, Mayor, Sioux Lookout
- Andrew Pinto, Director, Upstream Lab, MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions, St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto

### **2:30pm – 3:00pm**      **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**

### **3:00pm – 5:00pm**      **Plenary Program** **Grand Ballroom, Lower Concourse**

- 3:00 – 3:10pm      Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition and Ontario NDP
- 3:10 – 3:20pm      Make Your Municipal Move: AMO's Municipal Careers Advertising Campaign  
Municipal workforce pressures are a shared and immediate challenge across Ontario. This short presentation introduces AMO's upcoming Municipal Careers *advertising* campaign, designed to raise awareness of municipal work and attract the next generation of community builders.  
Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, AMO
- 3:20 – 3:25pm      Remarks from Ontario Ombudsman
- 3:25 – 3:35pm      The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
- 3:35 – 4:05pm      Rural Inspiration Awards 2026
- 4:05 – 4:10pm      Remarks from IPE
- 4:10 – 4:20pm      Robin Jones, President, AMO
- 4:20 – 5:05pm      Ministers' Forum: Investing in People: Health, Social Housing and Social Services

5:00pm – 6:00pm      Province of Ontario Reception

## **Tuesday, January 20**

7:00am – 10:00am      Registration Open, sponsored by Ontario Real Estate Association

### **7:30am – 8:15am**      **Insight Breakfasts**

1. **OLTCA: Jobs, Families, and Care Close to Home: The Case for Rural Long-Term Care**  
Sheraton Hall E

Rural long-term care is essential to the strength and sustainability of Ontario's rural communities—supporting local employment, keeping families connected, and ensuring seniors can receive care close to home. In this session, the Ontario Long Term Care Association will present key provincial

and rural-specific data that demonstrate the role long-term care plays as both a care provider and an economic anchor. Rural leaders will gain insight into demographic trends, access challenges, seniors' expectations and the local impacts communities experience when long-term care capacity is strained or lost. This evidence-based discussion is designed to support informed local leadership and advocacy to protect and strengthen senior's care in rural Ontario.

## **2. Xplore Inc.: Bringing Faster Internet to Your Municipality, how can you help?**

Osgoode West, Lower Concourse

Attend our Breakfast Insight to learn how your municipality can fast-track connectivity and unlock the full potential of your community. Xplore is deploying fibre and 5G Ultra across rural Ontario delivering super fast speeds. Municipalities can work with us to accelerate deployments and bring reliable, high-speed internet to residents and businesses sooner.

## **3. Ontario 1Call, Unified Mapping of Underground Infrastructure in Ontario**

Sheraton Hall A, Lower Concourse

Ontario One Call is launching a province-wide strategy to unify underground infrastructure mapping, aimed at improving safety, efficiency, and supporting future growth. The initiative emphasizes collaboration, modernization, and advanced technology to streamline excavation and protect critical assets.

## **4. Ontario Regional Economic & Workforce Innovation Network (OREWIN): Colleges Ontario: Driving Workforce and Economic Resilience in Small, Northern and Rural Ontario**

Sheraton Hall B, Lower Concourse

Small, northern and rural communities are actively shaping their economic futures through community-driven partnerships with municipalities, colleges, and employers. In this brief panel discussion, municipal and college leaders will discuss how these partnerships help respond to local labour market needs, support local industries, and build workforce and economic resilience during periods of change.

The conversation will highlight how colleges in small, northern and rural regions act as community anchors by delivering flexible training, supporting local employers, and helping residents access opportunity close to home. It will also explore how the Ontario Regional Economic and Workforce Innovation Network, OREWIN, strengthens collaboration between colleges, municipalities, and industry to support regional resilience across Ontario.

## **5. LAS: From Experience to Action: A Rural Leaders Conversation**

Sheraton Hall C, Lower Concourse

Whether you're a seasoned pro or new to municipal life, Rural Leaders all have exceptional ideas on how we can improve our municipalities. Join LAS staff for a delicious breakfast and share your insights and knowledge – what have you learned? What do you wish you knew when you started? What burdens can LAS help you alleviate? This is your chance to have a say in future programs and services – together we can make our communities better.

**8:30am – 10:00am**

**Plenary Program  
Grand Ballroom, Lower Concourse**

- 8:30 – 9:15am            Leading the Way on Ontario’s Economic Resilience

In response to changing a changing trade landscape, all levels of government are looking for opportunities to unleash Ontario’s full potential and build our economic resilience. Learn how municipalities can lead the way in supporting key rural industries.

- Andrea Matrosovs, Warden, Grey County & Board Member, Great Lake Cities Initiative
- Ben Roberts, Interim Manager, Business Attraction and Investment, Town of Caledon
- Brock Dickinson, Assistant Director, Economic Development Program, University of Waterloo

- 9:15 – 9:25am            MPP Ted Tsu, Ontario Liberal Party
- 9:25 – 9:55am            2026 Municipal Election-We Need Your Leadership  
Pete Bombaci, Founder and CEO, GenWell
- 9:55 – 10:00am           Cheryl Fort, President, Good Roads

**10:00am – 10:15am      Coffee Break**

**10:15am – 11:30am      Plenary Program**

- 10:15 – 10:25am          HDP Public Affairs Campaign
- 10:25 – 10:35            Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario
- 10:35 – 11:30am          Access to Health in Rural Communities

Rural communities are disproportionately impacted by Ontario's health crisis. Despite being a provincial responsibility, rural municipal governments are developing solutions that meet the needs of their own communities. This session will showcase innovations built in rural Ontario, for rural Ontario that are making a difference in the health of rural Ontarians.

- Dr. Lynn Mikula, President & CEO, Peterborough Regional Health Centre
  - Heidi Lorenz, Mayor, Town of Gravenhurst
  - Dr. Jeffrey Remington, Primary Care Advisory Lead, Ontario Physician Recruitment Alliance
- 11:30am                    Wrap Up