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To: Heads of Council and Councillors:

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The upcoming provincial election is an important time for Ontario municipalities and AMO. Key topics of concern have been summarized in AMO's Provincial Election Check List of **Top 12 Asks**. This "flashcard" outlines AMO's policy positions in priority areas and provides you with some of the messaging that the Association will be using this summer and throughout the election period. We would appreciate any assistance in helping us to 'get the word out' during your conversations with municipal colleagues, provincial candidates, the media, constituents and other municipal organizations or associations.

For example, AMO is seeking commitments to:

- Maintain (or accelerate) the 2008 Provincial Municipal Fiscal Service Delivery Review agreement to upload \$1.5 billion in social services and court security costs by 2018;
- Provide stable, predictable permanent infrastructure funding for roads and bridges;
- Permanently share Provincial Gas Tax revenue for municipal transit ;
- Make people and businesses more accountable for the waste management costs they create, so that property taxpayers are not saddled with them;
- Improve arbitration, to ensure that outcomes are more affordable, transparent and accountable; and
- Introduce insurance reforms that rationalize municipal liability and rein-in soaring insurance costs.

These are just a few of the priority municipal policies that need attention and support from all political parties.

This summer, AMO will launch 2011 Ontario Provincial Election pages on our website, www.amo.on.ca. These pages will present AMO's Top 12 Asks against the commitments that each provincial party makes, along with analysis of party platforms from a municipal government lens. Municipal policy backgrounders, links to relevant election sites, and other election updates will also be posted.

We will continue to provide you with Breaking News bulletins when there are major announcements by the political parties on municipal government issues and provide other updates via AMO's weekly Watch File. For the first time during an election we will also be sharing our views via social media, so do not forget to follow us on twitter, [@AMOPolicy](https://twitter.com/AMOPolicy).

Yours truly,



Peter Hume
President

