



Committee of the whole report

Meeting date:	November 24, 2020
Title:	2021 ROMA delegations
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Recommendation

That report CAO – 2021 ROMA delegations be received; and

That committee provides input on Appendix 1 – delegation suggestions; and

That committee present additional delegation topics for submission.

Executive summary

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) is hosting its annual conference from January 25 – 26, 2021 in a virtual format. As in previous years, this year's conference provides opportunities to connect with colleagues and the provincial government in addition to hosting learning forums and keynote addresses. Municipalities can submit requests to meet with provincial ministers and staff to raise awareness on local matters and discuss opportunities. Delegation requests are due Monday, November 30, 2020.

Background and discussion

The theme of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference is “connecting rural Ontario”. The 2021 conference is described as a “robust two-day program that addresses topical and important issues facing rural municipalities”. West Grey has delegated in the past on topics ranging from rural economic development, infrastructure maintenance funding programs, and revising grant criteria to align with rural realities.

The delegation requests for the 2021 conference are due by online submission by Monday, November 30, 2020. Appendix 1 lists delegation topics collected as of the writing of this report. Staff requests council reviews and comments on the attached and provides any additional suggestions.



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Legal and legislated requirements

Not applicable.

Financial and resource implications

Not applicable.

Staffing implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

West Grey senior management team

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a better future

Goal: Vibrant community

Strategy: Investigate innovative solutions to current infrastructure challenges

Pillar: Build a better future

Goal: Invest in business

Strategy: Employ economic develop initiatives (such as enhanced partnerships)

Attachments

Appendix 1 – ROMA delegation suggestions

Respectfully submitted:

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