



# The Corporation of the Town of Blind River **REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

**RE:** AMCTO Zone 7 Meeting

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## **OBJECTIVE**

To provide council with an overview of AMCTO Zone 7 Meeting held in Little Current April 25 & 26

## **UPDATE**

The two-day meeting was very well attended from members of the Zone which spans from Wawa to Nippissing. There are two meetings held per year in the Spring and Fall, to discuss issues that municipal managers are facing.

Municipal Affairs and Housing were in attendance and provided updates from their ministry as well as a refresher on Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

MPAC was also in attendance and went over trailer assessments v. non assessments. This issue is relevant in Blind River and staff will be presenting a report and draft bylaw on this matter in the next few months.

The Ontario Fire Marshall's office provided an overview of the Community Risk Assessment that all municipalities must have in place by July 1, 2024. Mr. Belair will be presenting our Plan to the Protective Services Committee in June, and to Council June 17.

A key presentation that I was excited to hear and learn about is the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMP). This is a tool provided by the Province to assist municipalities in the collection of additional revenues, saving costs and time with having to attend court for Part 3 fines under the by-laws, and assist with addressing issues such as Property Standards. This too will be presented to council through the Protective Services Committee in the next few months. I was able to gain a lot of information and contacts from other municipalities who have already implemented this system that can assist us in rolling this out.

Friday's session was dedicated to Mental Health 101. This session was very well received and much needed for everyone. Mental health is something that we are all dealing with on a daily basis and having the tools to not only assist those who we work with, and serve, but for our own stress management and self-care.

## **REMARKS**

AMCTO is such a valuable association for municipal managers, clerks, and treasurers. The meetings help by assisting us in our roles, ensuring we are staying on top of key issues and the networking is invaluable.

This year completed my time as part of the Zone 7 executive; however, I now have a seat on the AMCTO Board of Directors. AMCTO is a must have designation in municipal management, recognized province wide by large and small municipalities. AMCTO's mission is to provide professional development, engagement opportunities, advocacy and leadership in the Ontario municipal sector. I am proud to have a seat at this table and to bring a northern perspective especially when it comes to the advocacy piece.

It should be noted that there is no cost to the municipality for my role on this board. All costs for travel are covered by the board.