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sent via email

Minister Todd McCarthy
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
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Dear Minister McCarthy:

We are pleased to share with you our legislative submission: *Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*.

As your ministry knows well, this submission represents the culmination of over two years of dedication from AMCTO members who reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated possible reforms to *MFIPPA*. The submission highlights and provides examples of some of the biggest issues faced by municipal staff when it comes to administering the *Act*. We recommend solutions to help ensure that the next iteration of *MFIPPA* addresses new and emerging trends and provides much needed clarity, while promoting accountability and transparency.

Municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving. Municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery; is responsive to current technology; and reflects its original intent of open and accountable governance.

In the attached submission, you will find 20 recommendations that we believe will help the Province ensure that municipalities have the legislative framework they need to continue their strong record in demonstrating accountability and transparency, and to best serve members of the public.

We look forward to working with your ministry to move ahead with amending *MFIPPA* soon, and continuing to offer the expertise of our members in informing how to best implement changes made to this important legislation.



We look forward to meeting with you at the 2024 ROMA Conference later this month.

To discuss this submission and the ministry's next steps in more detail than we can cover during a delegation meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to David Arbuckle, Executive Director (darbuckle@amcto.com), who would be happy to arrange a meeting.

Yours truly,

[Originally Signed]

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