

## MEMBER COMMUNICATION

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### Report of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review Released

Today the Province of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Toronto released a consensus report that will help reduce cost pressures for municipalities and property taxpayers. The Report completes the work of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review that was announced by Premier McGuinty at the 2006 AMO Conference.

#### Key Elements of the Agreement:

- Ontario Works benefits costs (including employment assistance) will be fully uploaded beginning in 2010-2018. This is in addition to the already announced upload of Ontario Drug Benefits and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
- The cost of court security, including prisoner transfer, will also be uploaded to the Province, starting in 2012 to a maximum of \$125 million a year by 2018.
- When all these uploads are completed, the Review will result in a net benefit to municipalities of more than \$1.5 billion a year compared to 2007.
- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) social programs component will continue to respond to changing social assistance costs and will decline in response to cost decreases.
- "OMPF" mitigation funding will be extended for 2009 based on 2007 allocations, at a cost to the province of \$70 million – with detailed allocation information available later in 2008.
- A joint provincial municipal review of options for road and bridge funding responsibility, including roads and bridges downloaded in the 1990s.
- A range of social policy initiatives including the consolidation of more than 20 housing and homelessness programs into an outcomes-based housing service managed at the municipal level.

The report also quantified Ontario's municipal infrastructure deficit for the first time ever, with an estimated \$6 billion a year in additional infrastructure investment needed over the next 10 years to close the gap.

The Review Report, announcement and additional information related to the Review and its extensive research efforts is available on the [AMO's website](#). AMO extends its thanks to the 60 staff from municipalities from across the province who participated on Review working tables.

*This information is available in the Policy Issues section of the AMO website at [www.amo.on.ca](http://www.amo.on.ca).*