

## **AMO Echoes Election Campaign Priorities Outlined by Federation of Canadian Municipalities**

Toronto, Ontario, September 18, 2008 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) today joined the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in challenging Federal Election candidates and party leaders to explain how they would work with municipalities to keep Canadian communities safe, secure, prosperous and healthy.

"Many local issues are too big and too complex for any single order of government to solve independently," said AMO President Peter Hume. "The federal government must work in partnership with provincial and municipal governments to make meaningful progress on infrastructure investment, transit, environmental protection, and housing. These issues demand national attention."

AMO and municipal governments in Ontario are looking for clear commitments on issues that affect Ontario communities. Key among them are stable, predictable infrastructure funding, federal investment in housing and homelessness programs, and fair treatment for Ontario in national programs including economic development, job training, immigration and Employment Insurance.

"AMO supports the questions FCM is asking during this election and we hope all Canadians will recognize the importance of asking these questions when they meet with local candidates," said Hume.

Further details about FCM's announcement and its 2008 Federal Election report, "Canada's Cities and Communities: Securing our Future," are available on FCM's website, [www.fcm.ca/en/election2008](http://www.fcm.ca/en/election2008) <<http://www.fcm.ca/en/election2008>> . FCM represents the interests of Canadian municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 445 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.