

2018 ROMA Conference

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About ROMA

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) is the most effective and representative voice for rural municipal government in Ontario. Working through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), ROMA advocates for provincial policies and programs that support the vitality and long-term prosperity of Ontario's rural communities.

ROMA's Board members come from across Ontario and are elected by participants at the annual conference. Several Executive Members of the Board are members of the Rural Caucus on AMO's Board of Directors, ensuring rural priorities are reflected in AMO policy positions and negotiations.

ROMA has a seat at municipal-provincial discussions through AMO's Memorandum of Understanding with the Province. ROMA also sits on nine different provincial working groups on matters ranging from education and nuclear waste to the greenbelt.

The 2018 ROMA Conference

This will be ROMA's second standalone conference and the last large municipal gathering before the provincial election. The forum shines a spotlight on the pressing challenges and emerging opportunities facing Ontario's rural communities.

More than 1,000 participants from rural Ontario municipalities and other organizations will participate in the 2018 ROMA Conference from January 21 to January 23 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel.

Highlights

- Featured presenters include Premier Kathleen Wynne, Patrick Brown, leader of the Ontario PC Party and Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath.
- The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Jeff Leal and Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro are also on the program.
- Ministers and Parliamentary Assistants will take part in an open forum discussion.
- More than four dozen plenary sessions and workshops will be held during the conference, reflecting the breadth of rural municipal concerns, from environmental matters and property taxes to rural health care and economic development.
- Municipal staff and officials will take part in more than 300 delegation meetings with provincial officials.

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