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MAYOR DEMCHUK ATTENDS 2017 AMO CONFERENCE

GANANOQUE – Mayor Erika Demchuk will join more than 1,900 participants at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) 2017 Conference in Ottawa from August 13 to 16.

For more than a century, Ontario's largest municipal conference has brought together municipal, provincial and federal officials to work collectively to overcome municipal challenges and plan for the future.

Canada's Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Ontario's Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and both opposition leaders are featured speakers and several additional provincial ministers will participate in the conference.

The annual conference is a chance for municipal officials to discuss and move forward on shared challenges, to learn, and to create new opportunities that can benefit their communities. In addition to the conference program, municipal staff and officials will take part in municipal delegation meetings with provincial and federal ministries. In partnership with the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus, Mayor Demchuk will be meeting with Mr. Yvan Baker, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance on Monday August 14, 2017 and the Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development & Growth on Tuesday August 15, 2017.

Key session topics include the need for new and modern approaches to funding municipal government, changes to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), infrastructure and transit, climate change, new waste legislation and changes to the Blue Box program, marijuana legalization, the digital and sharing economy, affordable housing, police modernization, and much more. These province-wide matters have local implications for our community.

Program information is available online at www.amo.on.ca.

Conference news releases, fact sheets and presentations from a number of key speakers will be posted on AMO's website throughout the duration of the conference at www.amo.on.ca.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 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.

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