

<b>Policy No:</b>	<b>AD – 006</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AND THE ESTABLISHED RESOLUTION PROCESS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO</b>

That the current policy with respect to resolutions received from other municipalities be exercised, being Option #1, if no direction from Council is provided; and

That, should Council wish to expedite the resolution process, Staff be directed to exercise Option #2.

Background

Correspondence has been received from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (A.M.O.) regarding resolutions that are submitted to it from municipalities.

The established process for resolutions is such that all resolutions, properly directed to A.M.O., are transmitted to the Resolutions Committee along with all relevant supplementary information. The Resolution Committee considers these resolutions and makes a recommendation for consideration at the A.M.O. Annual Conference in August. Resolutions approved at the Conference are then forwarded to the Provincial or Federal Government for consideration thereof.

The Association has encountered certain problems related to this process - primarily with respect to timing and lack of follow-up. Because resolutions are approved at the Annual Conference, the elapsed time between a municipality passing a resolution and the A.M.O. endorsing that resolution and submitting same to the Province can be more than 12 months. During that time, the situation may change to the extent that the resolution is redundant even before it is endorsed. Also, due to A.M.O.'s limited staff resources, they are finding it difficult to provide follow-up support to a large number of resolutions endorsed the same time to ensure that the Government takes the appropriate action on each resolution.

At the meeting of the A.M.O. Board of Directors on December 3, 1993, an alternate process was approved. Municipalities will now have a choice of processes as outlined in the two options below:

**Option #1**

The resolution can be subjected to the existing process of being referred to the Resolutions Committee and eventually to the Annual Conference in August for consideration; **or**

**Option #2**

The resolution can be dealt with more quickly by the municipality requesting that the Resolutions Committee immediately refer the resolution to the A.M.O. Board of Directors. If the resolution is endorsed by the Board, then the Association's position would immediately be conveyed to the Provincial or Federal Government, as appropriate, and staff would provide follow-up support where

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possible.

The following is the current policy (in part) with respect to resolutions received from other municipalities which was adopted by Council on September 7, 1993:

- "3) That those resolutions which are dealt with by Council not be circulated to other municipalities, but be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advising of Council's position."

Accordingly, should Council wish to have its resolutions immediately considered by the A.M.O. Board of Directors, then Staff should be directed to exercise **Option #2**. In the alternative, if no direction is provided by Council, then Staff will exercise **Option #1** and maintain the City's current policy respecting resolutions received from other municipalities.

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