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Subject: Exciting Mainstage Panels at ROMA

A banner for the ROMA 2025 Rural Routes event. The left side is light blue with the text 'ROMA 2025 Rural Routes' in green and black. The right side features a colorful geometric pattern of overlapping squares in shades of green, yellow, and grey.

ROMA 2025 Rural Routes

ROMA 2025 Annual Conference

January 19 – 21, 2025

Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

A few highlights of 2025 ROMA Mainstage Programming

The mainstage programming at the 2025 ROMA Conference has been curated to address a number of the 2024-2025 advocacy priorities of the Board. Specifically, homelessness, rural health services and infrastructure. ROMA is also excited to profile AMO's Pre-Election Strategy at its upcoming event. See below for more details on some of this year's exciting plenary programming.

What Can Be Done to Help End Rural Homelessness?

Homelessness in rural areas is different from urban centres. An all-hands-on-deck approach is needed. Hear from experts about what can be done to help prevent, reduce, and ultimately end homelessness in community.

AMO Pre-Election Strategy

Communities across Ontario are struggling because of provincial decisions. Municipalities are calling for a commitment from all parties to make policy and funding choices that will improve the quality of life for Ontarians in communities across Ontario.

Innovations in Rural Health Services

Accessing health services in rural communities continues to be a challenge. This panel discussion will discuss emerging innovations in Ontario's health system and what they mean for rural Ontario.

What Can We do About Infrastructure Challenges in Rural Ontario

Funding for municipal core infrastructure will be a challenge in coming years, in particular water and wastewater, with municipalities experiencing pressures to invest to support growth, address aging infrastructure, and build for climate change.

Rural Routes Bonus Programming

[Two Keys to Municipal Success: Sustainability & Engagement](#) – Saturday January 18:
2:00pm-5:00pm

AMO is offering an in-person educational workshop focusing on strategies for planning your organization's financial sustainability and how to successfully communicate to and engage your community on your plan and efforts. AMO is offering a reduced rate for this session at \$275.00

[Full workshop details and registrations information.](#)

Beyond the Numbers: Building a Brave Culture for Asset Management Success -
Sunday, January 19: 8:30am-10:00am

Municipal councils play a pivotal role in balancing cost, risk, and service levels to achieve desired outcomes for their communities. What are the barriers to strategic, evidence-based decision-making that hinder effective planning? This free session explores how fostering psychological safety can address these challenges, creating a healthy and courageous organizational culture. Attendees will gain practical insights into developing a future-focused, strategic approach to sustainable service delivery. Participants will also gain insights into available resources or financial supports.

[ROMA Board of Director's Zone Meet ups](#): Sunday January 19: 10:30am-11:30am & 11:30am- 12:15pm

Join your ROMA Board of Director and Zone representative, for an update and conversation on ROMA's activities and priorities for 2024-2025.

These meet-ups are an opportunity to hear and be heard. Your Zone representative will walk you through ROMA's advocacy priorities and open the floor for feedback and discussion on issues that matter to you.

Find your Zone information [here](#).

Delegation Meetings at ROMA

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has launched the delegation forms to request your meetings at the 2025 ROMA Annual Conference.

Registered ROMA Conference delegates are eligible to request meetings with the provincial government.

[View full details for submitting a request for delegation.](#)

The deadline to submit your delegation request is **Wednesday, November 27, at 5:00pm EST.**

Registration information is [here](#). Accommodation information is [here](#).

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