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AMO Policy Update – *Build Back Better* Extension and New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Build Back Better Pilot Extended in Municipal Recovery Assistance Program

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, announced today that the Province is providing an additional \$2 million to extend the Build Back Better pilot into 2023.

Build Back Better helps municipalities that require assistance to recover from flooding or other natural disasters to rebuild public infrastructure to a higher standard such as raising roads or increasing ditch sizes or other work to make communities more resilient. Build Back Better has been requested by municipal governments as a permanent change to the Municipal Recovery Assistance Program and AMO has long advocated for increased infrastructure funding for climate resilience.

Ontario Introduces New Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation

Coinciding with National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, the Ontario government introduced the *Combatting Human Trafficking Act*. The proposed new legislation and amendments to existing legislation will build upon the Province's \$307 million <u>Anti-</u>Human Trafficking Strategy.

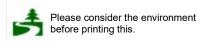
The proposed changes include two new acts – the *Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy Act*, 2021 and the *Accommodation Sector Registration of Guests Act*, 2021 – as well

as amendments to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*, 2017 and the *Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking Act*, 2017.

The proposed legislation will focus on protecting children and youth, supporting survivors, and providing law enforcement with additional tools to prevent and deter human trafficking. More information can be found here.

AMO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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