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## Last Call to Speak up about What's Next Ontario !

Since the last update on June 24<sup>th</sup>, more meetings have been held and submissions received from all corners of the province. One final week remains to add your voice to developing the strategic plan for our community of communities. Make your voice heard; input is welcome up to **July 15, 2015**.

How do you add your voice? There are three easy steps: first, go to <http://whatsnextontario.amo.on.ca/> and read the Fiscal Overview or Discussion Guide documents. Step two, answer the questions at the end of either document. Step three, submit your reply to AMO in whichever format is most convenient for you. You may submit ideas through the website's discussion forum, online form, by email ( [whatsnext@amo.on.ca](mailto:whatsnext@amo.on.ca)), or by mail.

Generally speaking, together we face three choices for the path we could take. The first is the status quo which will include sector wide property tax increases of at least 8% per year for the next ten years. The second choice includes incremental improvements to the current revenue framework including Toronto taxation powers, OMPF improvements and reshaped provincial-municipal service and infrastructure funding. The third choice, the big and bold option, could be a new dedicated source of revenue for all municipalities, including some other incremental improvements. Your input is the first step to help us develop a clear vision for our shared future.

Questions on any of the above can be directed to Nick Ruder at [nruder@amo.on.ca](mailto:nruder@amo.on.ca) or 416.971.9856 ext. 411.

Thank you for working to make Ontario municipal governments stronger.

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