

2020 ROMA CONFERENCE - PROGRAM

Rural Ontario: Moving Forward promises a dynamic and educational program. While the program continues to be developed, please see below for what you can expect at the conference this year.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

11:00am – 6:00pm	Registration Open to Delegates
1:00 – 6:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open
1:00 – 2:15pm	Concurrent Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Labour Force – Immigration/out migration 2. Sustainable Economic Development 3. Land Use Planning 4. Traffic Calming 5. Environmental Assessments 6. Cannabis
2:15 – 2:45pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
2:45 – 4:30pm	Plenary Programming
2:45 – 3:00pm	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Thompson, ROMA Chair • Chief Stacey LaForme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (invited)
3:00 – 3:20pm	ROMA Update and AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Thompson, ROMA Chair • Afshin Majidi, Secretary Treasurer
3:20 – 3:45pm	Rural Ontario Institute, Norman Ragetlie, Executive Director
3:45 – 4:30pm	Opening Keynote: Terry O'Reilly
4:30 – 6:00pm	ROMA Welcome Reception

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7:00am – 5:00pm	Registration Open to Delegates
7:30am – 3:00pm	Exhibit Hall Open

7:30 – 8:20am	Breakfast
8:35 – 9:45am	Plenary Programming
8:30 – 8:35am	Welcome
8:35 – 8:50am	The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs
8:50 – 9:30am	Pre-Budget Submission
9:30 – 9:45am	The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (invited)
9:45 – 10:15am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
10:15 - 11:45am	Concurrent Sessions: Community Connections <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadband: Bringing Connected Communities Alive 2. Issues in Rural Health Care
12:00-12:45pm	Sponsored Learning Lunches
12:45-1:15pm	Dessert with Exhibitors
1:15 – 2:30pm	Concurrent Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fostering Indigenous/Municipal Relationships 2. New Types of Housing 3. Mental Health 4. Waste Management 5. Preserving Home Values in a Time of Climate Change, Sponsored by Insurance Bureau of Canada
2:30-3:00pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
3:00-5:15pm	Plenary Programming
3:00 – 3:15pm	Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition
3:15 – 3:45pm	Conservation Authorities
3:45 – 4:00pm	AMO President, AMO Update
4:00 – 4:15pm	The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (invited)
4:15 – 5:15pm	Ministers' Forum
5:15-6:00pm	Ontario Reception

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:00-10:00am	Registration Open to Delegates
7:30-8:15am	Sponsored Learning Breakfasts
8:30 – 11:45am	Plenary Programming
8:30 – 9:15am	Rural Social Policy Panel
9:15 – 9:30	John Fraser, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
9:30 – 10:30am	Michael J. Smither Question Box Panel
10:30 – 10:45am	Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
10:45am-11:30am	Closing Keynote: Andrew Coyne
11:30am	Closing Remarks and Wrap Up Prize Draw

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