



Program at a Glance

Sunday, January 29

10:00 am Registration Opens

1:00 pm Sunday Sessions Block A

- *ROMA Hears. ROMA Listens.* Sharing Best Practices
- From the Shadows to the Spotlight: Your Time as an Elected Partner (Spousal/Partner Session)
- What's Next with LAS: Focus Group Sessions
- Managing the Municipal Assessment Base

3:00 pm Coffee Break

3:30 pm Sunday Sessions Block B

- What's Next Ontario
- Bridging Communication Channels
- What's Next with LAS: Focus Group Sessions
- Social Media 101

5:00 pm Time with the Exhibitors

8:00 pm Welcome Reception

Monday, January 30

7:00 am Registration Opens & Breakfast

8:30 am O Canada and Welcome Remarks

8:45 am Opening Keynote: *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*
• Author, Doug Griffiths

9:35 am Remarks from ROMA Chair, Ron Holman

9:50 am Rural Economic Development: The Glass is not Empty
• Speaker: AL Lauzon, Acting Chair, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development

10:30 am Message from the Premier (invited)

10:45 am Coffee with the Exhibitors

11:15 am MicroSessions Block A

- The Future of Food in Rural Ontario
- Why You Should Care About Asset Management
- Ward vs At Large Elected Representatives – The Pros & Cons
- The Path and Trails to Healthy Rural Communities
- Shoreline Preservation and Restoration
- Sustainable Health Care in Rural Communities
- From CCACs to LHINs: What this means for Rural Communities
- Sequestering Boreal Carbon and Economic Development
- The Impact of the *Municipal Election Act* Changes
- The Ombudsman and Integrity Commissioners: Rules and Responsibilities
- Court Decisions Impacting Municipal Councils use of Social Media
- Growing Food Tourism in Rural Ontario
- The Impact of the *Waste Diversion Act* Changes

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Dessert with the Exhibitors

1:30 pm MicroSessions Block B (repeated from Block A)

- Sustainable Health Care in Rural Communities
- From CCACs to LHINs: What this means for Rural Communities
- Sequestering Boreal Carbon and Economic Development
- The Impact of the *Municipal Election Act* Changes
- The Ombudsman and Integrity Commissioners: Rules and Responsibilities
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1:30 pm MicroSessions Block C (90-minute sessions)

- Community Hubs: Making Them Work for You
- The Future Impact of Energy on Rural Ontario
- From Broadband to Satellite – The Future of Communication Infrastructure in Rural Ontario
- Connecting the Community and Economy with Trails

2:25 pm MicroSessions Block D

- Silent Downloads: The Increasing Social Service Cost to DSSABs
- Stone, Sand, Gravel – What's Coming Out of Ontario
- Rail Safety
- Your Youth as Your Municipal Champions
- Closing the Legislative Gaps between Zoning By-Laws and Provincial Legislation
- The Effect of Climate Change and Carbon Tax on Rural Ontario
- Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*
- Municipal Wastewater Assets – How to Make Small Rural Systems Efficient

3:00 pm Coffee Break with the Exhibitors

3:30 pm Patrick Brown, Leader of the Opposition (invited)

3:45 pm ROMA AGM

3:55 pm Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario NDP (invited)

4:10 pm Building Partnerships with First Nations

4:40 pm Ministers' Forum

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 am Registration Opens

8:00 am Sponsored Breakfast Sessions

- Details coming soon

9:00 am Bringing 'Rural' and 'Municipalities' Together

- Speakers: Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (invited) and Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs (invited)

9:45 am Question Box

- Presented by Fred Dean and a panel of experts

10:45 am Strengthening the Human Condition in Rural Ontario

11:10 am Closing Keynote: *How Rural Speaks to Cities*

- Rex Murphy

11:40 am Closing Remarks and Wrap Up Prize Draw

Things to Note:

Guestrooms

Negotiated room rates for the Conference are in effect until December 16, 2016. Book your room today and save!

- Traditional guest rooms, single and double rate: \$209.00 limited availability, almost sold out.
- Deluxe guest rooms, single and double: \$249.00

Please note the following:

- There is a booking policy in effect for all rooms: A one night non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If cancelled outside of 30 days of December 29th, there will be one night cancellation applicable. If cancelled within 30 days of December 29th, all nights on the booking will be charged.
- The negotiated room rate is available from January 25th to February 3rd, 2017

Book Online:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/AA26AD>

Or contact the hotel at 416.361.1000 or 866.716.8101 and use booking code ROMA 2017

Travel to Toronto

Discounted conference rates on Via Rail, Porter Airlines and Air Canada can be found on the ROMA.on.ca site.

Registration

Conference registration is open. Register via fax or e-mail using the form on page three, or log in at roma.on.ca for online registration.

Don't forget to reserve your guestroom today.

Full details at roma.on.ca

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, Province, Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fees

Please check registration type below.		Early Bird Rate (until Aug 12, 2016)		Regular Rate (until January 28, 2017)		On Site Rate (January 29 - 31, 2017)	
		Member	Non Member	Member	Non Member	Member	Non Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Registration	\$ 550	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$ 650	\$ 700
<input type="checkbox"/>	One Day - Monday	\$350	\$400	\$400	\$450	\$ 450	\$ 500
<input type="checkbox"/>	Half Day - Tuesday	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$300	\$ 300	\$ 350

Payment:

Completed forms with payment can be sent to ROMA via fax at 416.971.9372 or emailed to events@amo.on.ca or mailed to ROMA, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, ON, M5H 3C6

Please remit:

Registration Fee	\$
HST (13%)	\$
TOTAL TO BE REMITTED	\$

☐ Invoice Me (option only available to Member municipalities)

☐ Cheque made out to Rural Ontario Municipal Association

☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Credit Card # _____

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Signature _____

Name on Card _____

Things to Know:

- Rates listed do not include HST. Please ensure to include HST when submitting your payment.
- Confirmation will be sent after each registration, modifications or cancellation. Review your confirmation carefully for accuracy.
- All cancellations must be submitted in writing to ROMA via e-mail at events@amo.on.ca. Cancellations received prior to 4:30 pm ET, October 31, 2016 will be eligible for a refund less \$95.00 (plus HST) administration fee. Cancellations made after 4:30 pm are non-refundable. An alternate attendee name may be substituted at any time.

Additional Needs

Please list any dietary, accessibility or other needs:
