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Good afternoon Mayors and CAOs,

I am following up on the email sent by AMO's Director of Policy, Monika Turner (May 26) to CAOs with local Indigenous Friendship Centres. The email concerned AMO's Indigenous relations work with the [Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centre](#) (OFFIC) and the potential of your municipality's participation in the signing of a local declaration between your municipality and Indigenous Friendship Centre.

Throughout the past year, AMO and the OFIFC have developed a joint *Declaration of Mutual Commitment and Friendship* (attached). The overall intent of the declaration is to highlight the ways that AMO and the OFIFC, on behalf of our respective communities, can work together to improve the quality of life of Indigenous people across Ontario's municipalities. This work has been supported by both the AMO Board of Directors and the AMO Indigenous Relations Task Force.

Both AMO and the OFIFC's Presidents will be signing this declaration at our upcoming virtual conference during August 17-19. Participation presents an opportunity for your municipality to be recognized around the good partnership work and leadership that municipalities and Friendship Centres are doing locally.

AMO wants to extend the invitation to your municipality to work through a similar declaration at a local level. Once agreed upon by both the Municipal Council and Friendship Centre Board, a local signing should take place. The OFIFC is reaching out to its Friendship Centres across the province around this work as well. Since May, a number of municipalities responded showing interest in participating in local signings, pending Council approval.

AMO is ready to acknowledge your municipality during the Conference if your declaration will be signed before Friday, July 24. Please advise by Friday, June 26. If you are interested but need some support, please call me.

AMO appreciates that municipalities are focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and related work. If your municipality is not able to participate in the declaration signing during this time we understand and would be willing to support this work at a later date.

Best regards and I look forward to supporting you further.

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