



Mississippi
Mills

Office of the Mayor

Partnership and Advocacy Update Q3
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Advocacy Update – 2024 Q3 Update

34 Victoria Street

- Request for delegation regarding 34 Victoria Project with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing was denied. Project was submitted to recent Lanark County call for RFP. Application was not successful.
- **Next Steps**
 - Continue applying for grant opportunities. Seek opportunity with Federal Minister of Housing.

Affordable Home Ownership Project

- Met with representatives from Habitat for Humanity Ottawa to discuss how we can work together. The Ottawa Chapter takes in a large area surrounding the City of Ottawa. Needs and goals of the organization were shared and what makes a successful building project.
- **Next Steps**
 - Follow-up meeting with further details to be shared and understanding of the opportunity.

2 Industrial Drive

- Successful delegation at AMO with Minister Surma, who provided clarity of process and timeline regarding the disposition of 2 Industrial Drive and committed to following up with the Solicitor General as a potential supporting ministry in order to consider facility transfer.
- The minister confirmed the possibility of leasing the building, or a portion of the building, as a temporary measure.
- Minister also confirmed willingness for a follow-up meeting regarding MM's Development & Growth Plans and the infrastructure/capital demands as a result.
- **Next Steps**
 - Staff to investigate temporary lease options; staff to continue with business case development with support of provincial staff; follow up meeting with Minister to be arranged through John Jordan's office regarding Master Planning.

Abattoir Feasibility Study

- Successful delegation with Minister Flack at AMO who provided recommendations for follow up with certain local stakeholders and advice on potential ownership structure. Encouraged to tie into Grow Ontario/buy local.
- **Next Steps**
 - Meet with local stakeholders and keep the ministry informed of the next steps.

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Food Security & Low Income Earners

- Met with Associate Minister Williams, Ministry of Women's Social & Economic Opportunity, and Parliamentary Assistant Jess Slack at AMO to discuss the role the municipality can play in encouraging opportunities to support women's access to training and support. The Associate Minister highlighted the importance of partnering with existing organizations that may have the capacity to offer training and a new funding program recently announced as part of the provincial response to IPV.
- **Next Steps**
 - Follow up with Interval House, United Way, others in the sector encourage and help facilitate successful grant applications for locally offered training programs Making ARU's Work

Making ARU's Work

- AMO Delegation to discuss affordable and attainable housing matters was denied. Updates sought by and provided to MPP John Jordan.
- **Next Steps**
 - Continue to seek opportunities to discuss goals and challenges with MMAH.

Childcare

- Mayor Lowry asked Minister Dunlop, Ministry of Education, at AMO Ministers' Forum regarding CWELCC (\$10/day daycare) and expressed the concern that the program is providing access to affordable childcare to some families while many others do not have access. Specifically, what are plans to increase capacity in the childcare system?
- Minister Dunlop, new to the portfolio, indicated she would be meeting with the Federal Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development and would appreciate feedback on issues being experienced as a result of CWELCC.
- **Next Steps**
 - Follow-up letters demonstrating high needs that are unmet in MM to both Minister Dunlop and Minister Sudds were sent.

Economic Development

- Met with Associate Minister Tangri at AMO to provide comments on merit of creating/enhancing programs that leverage digital tools to help rural, agricultural, agri-tourisms businesses grow their businesses.
- The Associate Minister asked about the local economy and opportunities next to Ottawa and referenced that the comment period is open for the Small Business Success Program.
- **Next Steps**
 - Review Program and provide comments through MPP John Jordan's Office.

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City of Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe/
Rural Councillors of Ottawa

- Abattoir Feasibility Study shared with Rural Councillors.

• Next Steps

- Attend Ottawa Rural Summit upcoming in Q3

MP and MPP Dialogue

- Regular contact continues with MPP John Jordan and his staff through summer and fall to provide updates on advocacy plan and receive information and advice from his office.
- Attended meetings facilitated by MPP with Minister Thompson, Ministry of Rural Affairs, to provide update on local rural matters and update on abattoir feasibility study.
- Attended local tour facilitated by MPP with two stops in Almonte by Minister Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, highlighting Vodkow's manufacturing facility and the MRPC hydro generating plant.

• Next Steps

- Continued regular communication with MPP and his office

Housing Summit in collaboration with Learning Again in Almonte and Lanark, Leeds, Homebuilders Association

- Potential opportunity to participate in a community-led Housing Summit to create visions for future of Mississippi Mills.

• Next Steps

- TBD

Ontario Medical Association

- Met with Craig DuHamel, Executive vice-president of Advocacy, Communications, and Marketing of Ontario Medical Association, during the AMO conference.

• Next Steps

- Arrange to meet with the new AGH President/CEO, and a representative from Ottawa Valley Health Team to understand short and longer-term plans/goals
- Secure follow-up meeting with OMA