

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Asset management planning can bring great benefits to municipalities across Ontario, including enhanced long-term financial planning and decision making as well as meeting potential eligibility requirements for senior government funding. However, many municipalities are challenged with limited resources, training, and experience in this field of practice.

AMP it Up 1.0 and 2.0

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Infrastructure provided funding to assist MFOA in delivering resources for expert assistance to aid Ontario municipalities with asset management planning from 2016-2021.

The objective was to help municipalities progress with their asset management planning. AMP It Up 1.0 provided assistance to 93 municipalities and AMP it Up 2.0 provided assistance to 195 additional municipalities with a population size under 25,000 across all regions in Ontario. MFOA engaged consulting teams that deliver in-person expert asset management plan assessments to help municipalities evaluate their plans and to develop localized Municipal Action Plans to improve them. MFOA developed materials included a Guide to Asset Management Planning and establishing Communities of Practice. An online Self Assessment Tool provides all municipalities in Ontario the ability to evaluate their individual progress compared to their peers.

What's next?- Enhancing Municipal Capacity to Implement Asset Management Plans -- AMP it Up 3.0

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Project 1 - Coaching and Assisting Municipalities - individual help for up to 100 small municipalities (population under 5,000) - applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis (30 hours consulting assistance per municipality)

Project 2 - Group Workshops to Assist Municipalities in achieving compliance with the Regulation - MFOA will engage consulting services to develop expert teams that will develop and deliver workshops on various topics that will enable municipalities to complete the work required to comply with the Regulation. (Open to all municipalities)

Project 3 - Cohort-Based Working Groups

Given the nature and scope of asset management, it is our belief that municipalities progressing together and learning from each other can be an important tool for sharing resources, best practices and common approaches. It has significant potential for helping small municipalities with resource issues by sharing work and knowledge among members based on consultant research and support. A group of municipalities will work with an individual consultant with monthly meetings and follow up on various asset management topics for up to 24 months.

MFOA will be sending out more information SOON, please watch your inbox for more details.

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Your Toolkit to Asset Management

Our goal is to provide training, tools and policies that will assist municipalities in improving their AMP, incorporating all requirements under the Regulation, and moving over time to the goal of long term financial planning. MFOA has already provided important elements of such a strategy through its [multi-year asset management training framework](#), and various programs, guides, tools, tips, templates, checklists and report cards provided to date.

Asset Management Communities of Practice Guide: This Guide, prepared by MFOA with the support of the Government of Ontario, provides practical recommendations for the development of asset management communities of practice. The Guide is intended to assist municipal staff in developing and maintaining their own communities of practice to best meet their needs.
(https://mfoa.on.ca//MFOA/Main/MFOA_Policy_Projects/Asset_Management_Communities_of_Practice_Guide.aspx)

Asset Management Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) and Maturity Framework: With MFOA's 2018 updated SAT and Maturity Framework, municipalities can identify their current levels of maturity for each asset management area and potential approaches for moving to higher levels of maturity over time. The updated SAT and Maturity Framework includes modified questions, improved functionality, and it is consistent with the requirements of O. Reg. 588/17 (under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act*). (https://mfoa.on.ca/MFOA/Main/MFOA_Policy_Projects/AM_SAT.aspx) or (<http://mfoa-amp.ca/>)

Strategic Asset Management Policy Toolkit: All municipalities were required to adopt strategic AM policies by January 1, 2019 and update them at least every five years from that date. In light of the specific requirements within the proposed AM regulation, MFOA developed a Strategic Asset Management policy toolkit and templates for use by the municipal sector. This project was funded in part by the Government of Ontario.
(https://mfoa.on.ca/MFOA/Main/MFOA_Policy_Projects/Strategic_Asset_Management_Policy_Toolkit.aspx)

MFOA's Asset Management Roadmap 2.0

MFOA has developed a 'multi-year road map' that will help municipalities plan their training needs to better understand the key elements and best practices of implementing a comprehensive asset management system, and take the next step in becoming compliant with O. Reg 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure ("the AM Regulation").
(https://www.mfoa.on.ca/mfoa/main/pdfs/Asset_Management_Roadmap.pdf)

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