



Join OMSSA and AMO

October 28, 2008

at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel
London, Ontario

About CRST:

This year's conference is located in the heart of Ontario representing a mix of rural, as well as small and large urban perspectives.

AMO's CRST Conference offers an intimate and hospitable experience in the midst of central Ontario's fall colours. Attended by elected and administrative officials from upper tier municipalities throughout Ontario, this unique conference represents a large percentage of the Ontario municipal market and its collective buying power of over 15 billion dollars annually. With an expected audience of 200 delegates, Provincial representatives, speakers and other participants.

Registration and Accommodation:

Register online at the AMO website at www.amo.on.ca or use the attached registration form to sign up for the whole conference or just for the Joint Forum.

To take advantage of accommodation at the Four Points Sheraton please contact Reservations at (519) 681-0600 or e-mail the Jan Griffith, Reservations Manager at janicegriffith@fourpointslondon.com

*OMSSA and AMO present a
Joint Forum on Municipal Roles in Poverty
Reduction in Ontario*

In Spring 2008, the Province of Ontario convened the Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction, led by the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services. The Committee was charged with developing a focused poverty reduction strategy by the end of 2008.

OMSSA and AMO support the government's objectives on poverty reduction. We recognize that giving people the tools they need to reach their full potential means stronger communities for everyone.

OMSSA and AMO also believe that municipalities and CMSM/DSSABs are key to a successful poverty reduction strategy in Ontario. CMSM/DSSABs and municipalities are already on the front line of addressing poverty through the programs and services they provide to low-income and vulnerable individuals. They have experience building and managing the community coalitions necessary to fight poverty at the local level.

This Forum is a feature of AMO's 2008 Counties, Region and Single Tier Municipalities and District Social Services Administration Boards Conference, hosted by the City of London and the County of Middlesex. The Forum will highlight the CMSM/DSSAB role in the effort to reduce poverty in Ontario.

Features of our Forum include:

- Address by the Honourable Deb Mathews, Minister of Children and Youth Services (invited)
- A discussion of OMSSA and AMO's joint paper on the municipal role in poverty reduction
- Showcase of CMSM/DSSAB initiatives to reduce poverty at the local level
- An opportunity for members to network and exchange ideas regarding local efforts at poverty reduction, including a "town hall"-style presentation of exhibits.

We hope that as many OMSSA members as possible will join our colleagues at AMO in this opportunity for discussion and information sharing across communities and human services sectors in Ontario.