



EXECUTIVE

- Chair: Richard Pankratz, Region of Niagara (November 2022 – ~~November 2025~~ updated to October 2026 as per Fall 2024 meeting vote, to align the position terms. One more term possible)
- Vice-Chair: Franco Marchese, City of Thunder Bay (October 2023 – October 2026, *one more term possible*)
- Treasurer: Val Morgado, City of London (October 2023 - October 2026, *final term*)
- Secretary: Ashley Stevens, City of Ottawa (October 2023 - October 2026, *one more term possible*)

ELECTIONS

Next election will be October 2026

MEMBERSHIP

23 Municipalities and 116 Individuals as per December 31, 2024 Members List (see below)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

\$200.00

MEETINGS

- Spring: City of Oakville/Region of Halton, May 1-2, 2024 (Hybrid in-person and virtual)
- Summer: Region of Niagara/City of St. Catharines, July 24-25, 2024 (Hybrid in-person and virtual)
- Fall: District of Muskoka, October 9-10, 2024 (Hybrid in-person and virtual)

FINANCIALS

Account balance on January 9, 2025 = \$22,321.46

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Development of OFMA Website

- A need was identified for the re-creation of an OFMA website to replace the Google Drive as not all members had access and there were concerns with the archiving existing resources, membership information, and meeting documents.



- Research into platforms and designers was initiated in 2024. The Executive began discussions with a design company out of California through the web platform Wix.com. The design firm was not a good fit for the needs of the organization, so work resumed to find a more appropriate designer.
- A designer from London, ON was hired and work began to create the website which was to include a home page with general information (for attracting new members) about OFMA, introduction of the executive, and a list of members. In addition, a member only page was created (accessed through a password) which will have resources, contact information, and a discussion forum.
- An unexpected leave of absence delayed the launch of the website in 2024, however work is back on track to be completed early 2025.

LinkedIn group expanded to all members:

- To become a member of the LinkedIn group (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4113783/>), you must be connected to one of the Owners of the group (Richard Pankratz), and will then be invited to join the group.

Google Drive hosts all Association documents:

- To access the shared Google drive (<https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive>), you must have a Google account and send a request to the Administrator of the group (Richard Pankratz as Chair), and he will invite you to access the Group Shared files.
- This will be replaced by document management through the website, once members only area is complete and files are transferred.

GENERAL

- 2024 saw the continuation of in person meetings with increased participation and the ability to attend virtually (hybrid).
- It was discussed and agreed to reduce our formal meetings from three down to two. One meeting in the spring and one in the fall, with the elimination of the summer meeting (tends to have lower participation due to vacation season).
- It was also discussed that members are welcome to reach out to the group to suggest ADHOC meetings to discuss specific topics through out the year. "Hot topics" lately have included; Climate and energy, hybrid work, master accommodation planning, security...
- 2025 meeting schedule: Burlington will be hosting our spring meeting with London set to host in the Fall.
- New website has been drafted, and we are working through the final phase of implementation. We will continue to keep everyone updated on progress and will send out a formal update once the site has gone live.



- There are still a few members with outstanding fees. Please be sure to reach out Val with any questions or concerns you may have around your membership fees.

Members List as of December 31, 2024:

City of Barrie

Region of Durham

County of Elgin

Region of Halton

City of Hamilton

City of Kawartha Lakes

City of London

District Municipality of Muskoka

Region of Niagara

Norfolk County

City of Oakville

City of Ottawa

Region of Peel

Greater Sudbury

City of Thunder Bay

City of Toronto

Region of Waterloo

City of Windsor

Region of York

New for 2024:

City of St. Catharines

City of Welland

City of Burlington

City of Kitchener