

## **Today's Changes to Provincial Cabinet**

Today Premier Kathleen Wynne appointed new Ministers to Cabinet and made changes to some portfolios in her second Cabinet shuffle since the June 2014 provincial election.

This mini Cabinet shuffle was anticipated after the December 16<sup>th</sup> departure of former Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister David Oraziotti. At that time, Premier Wynne appointed the Minister of Labour, the Honourable Kevin Flynn, to be the interim Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

AMO would like to congratulate the Honourable Marie-France Lalonde on her appointment as the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS). Minister Lalonde will also retain her responsibility for Francophone Affairs.

We look forward to working with the new MCSCS Minister Lalonde and her staff on significant municipal issues such as policing modernization and the anticipated *Police Services Act* amendments, the recently announced changes to provincial policing grants and the treatment of property counts in the OPP billing model.

Other Cabinet appointments and portfolio changes today included:

Hon. Dipika Damerla - Minister of Senior Affairs

Hon. Jeff Leal - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Responsible for Small Business

Hon. Tracy MacCharles - Minister of Government and Consumer Affairs and Minister Responsible for Accessibility

Hon. Indira Naidoo-Harris - Minister of Women's Issues and Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care.

With the Ontario Legislature returning for its Spring sitting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, the newly shuffled Cabinet Ministers have some time to be briefed on their portfolios. The ROMA Ministers' Forum is on January 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be ministerial delegations at the upcoming ROMA Conference.