### 2015 Western University Local Government Alumni Conference

# Back to the Future: Exploring What's Ahead for Local Government

Panel on "Smart Infrastructure"

# "Building Our Tomorrow: The Future of Ontario's Infrastructure"

Presentation by Michael Fenn

Four Points Sheraton, London ON November 6, 2015: 1:30PM to 2:30PM

### Build the 'right' infrastructure for the future

- "A good hockey player plays where the puck is. A great hockey player plays where the puck is going to be". Walter Gretsky, to his son, Wayne.
- Anticipate "megatrends"
  - Pace and scale of technological change
  - Urbanization, globalization, convergence & connectivity
  - Social and demographic trends domestic & global
  - Economic and workforce trends
  - Environmental and energy trends
  - Political and fiscal trends

# **Building our Tomorrow:** Future of Ontario's Infrastructure



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### Building Our Tomorrow: The Future of Ontario's Infrastructure

How the impact of megatrends and rise of new infrastructure will change the province (and Canada)

# Build the 'right' infrastructure for the future

### The impacts of 'megatrends'...

- ✓ Distances, elapsed times and scale will all shrink
- ✓ Functions will converge
- ✓ Margins will be squeezed
- ✓ Individual customization will be possible and expected
- ✓ Global impacts will become local impacts
- ✓ Climate change will be accepted, if not always its consequences
- ✓ Demographics will alter society's priorities
- ✓ Consumer-driven urban designs
- 'Short-term' thinking; impact of NIMBY and BANANA

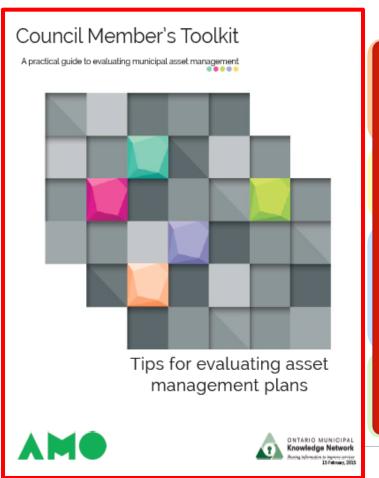
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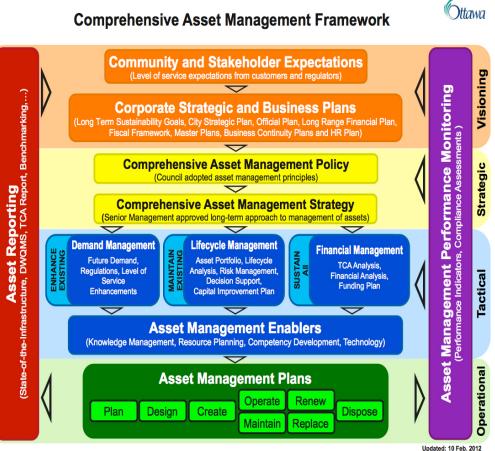
- Impacts by sector
  - Transportation
    - Automation, energy efficiency, high-speed, land-use
  - Light infrastructure
    - Shorter life-cycle, adaptable, innovation in materials and techniques, repurposing, proof-of-concept applications
  - Healthcare and post-secondary
    - In-home applications to chronic disease and distance education
    - Fewer hospitals and college campuses?
  - New infrastructure and past infrastructure
    - The future isn't what it used to be: climate change
- Develop key assumptions
- Linking economic strategy and infrastructure

## **Funding and financing**

- Asset management
  - Targeting investments vs. formulae / deferred maintenance
  - Full-cycle costing / water, wastewater, stormwater
  - User-pay and tolling; metering water
- Public Pension Fund Investments
  - Infrastructure and Government Business Enterprises
    - Teranet and Bruce Power
    - Wellington Co. bridges; Missouri and Pennsylvania bridges
    - OMERS: High-speed rail, British Ports, European utilities
    - Teachers, CPP, OMERS, HOOP, Caisse de Depot
      - Mandate to invest in infrastructure in Canada?

# **Asset management frameworks**

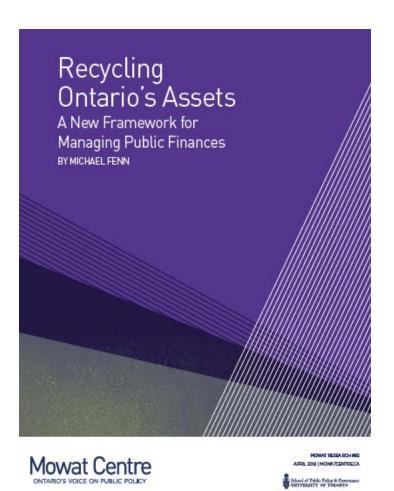




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## **Funding and financing**

- Making infrastructure "investment ready"
  - Scale and Bundling
  - Reasonable, risk-adjusted returns
  - 'Greenfields' vs. ongoing
  - 'Pipelines' of projects & assets / SOP vs. one-offs
- Leveraging 'legacy' and current public assets
  - Using your assets: infrastructure banks and trusts
  - Asset recycling policies / programs and P3s
  - Green Bonds, ESR investing, Social Impact Bonds,
     Community Benefit Agreements









# Unlocking Ontario's Advantages:

Building new infrastructure on the foundation of existing public assets

# Thank you! Smart Infrastructure Panel

#### **Smart Infrastructure Panel**

Moderator: Dan Mathieson, Mayor, City of Stratford

#### **Presenters:**

- Ashleigh Weeden Communications & Community Engagement, County of Grey, SWIFT;
- Ron Gordon Smart + Connected Communities Business Development Manager, Cisco;
- Michael Fenn President, Fenn Advisory Services & Senior Advisor, StrategyCorp

http://www.rccao.com/news/files/09 10 futureofinfrastructure.pdf (Media release for Future of Infrastructure report)

http://www.rccao.com/news/files/RCCAO Future-of-Infrastructure Sept2015.pdf (Full Report)

http://www.rccao.com/news/files/sept-appendix-D.pdf (Appendix 'D' — other futurists)

#### Public Asset Recyclng:

http://www.rccao.com/news/files/RCCAO Infrastructure-Investment-Study Dec2014.pdf (RCCAO Asset Recycling Study)

http://mowatcentre.ca/wp-content/uploads/publications/85-recycling-ontarios-assets.pdf (Mowat Study)

#### Municipalities at an Inflection Point:

http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/imfg/uploads/275/1560imfg no.17onlinefullcolourr3final.pdf (Munk Municipal Study)

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### Asset Management in Ontario Municipalities:

http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Asset-Management/OMKN-Toolkit-Questions-Municipal-Asset-Management.aspx http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Asset-Management/OMKN-Toolkit-Tips-Municipal-Asset-Management-2015.aspx

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