



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Sydney Martin, former Intern with the Municipality of Hastings Highlands, was presented with the 2018 OMAA Bursary Award at a Workshop for the Ontario Municipal Administrators' Association (OMAA) last week.

The \$5,000 OMAA Bursary Award is presented each year for the purposes of raising awareness regarding the significance of municipal careers, promoting the profession of municipal Chief Administrative Officer and to provide financial assistance for students who may be interested in a local government career.

Sydney is a 2015 graduate of North Hastings High School in Bancroft. Her interest in municipal government began with student jobs including working as a labourer for the Township of Faraday and as a Canteen Worker at the North Hastings Community Center. Just recently Sydney was employed as a summer Municipal Intern for the Municipality of Hastings Highlands under the mentorship of the CAO/Clerk and the Treasurer/Deputy CAO. Sydney is currently in her fourth year in the Honours Economics Program at Wilfred Laurier University.

*"On behalf of our OMAA Members I congratulate Sydney on her very impressive background and submission for the 2018 OMAA Bursary. This program is intended to support students who are interested in municipal careers and we can only hope that talent like Sydney will indeed join local government someday"* said OMAA President Glenn Schwendinger, CAO Perth East"

David Stewart, Treasurer/Deputy CAO for Hastings Highlands states *"Sydney is a deserving recipient of the award and certainly has a bright future ahead of her. This opportunity to network and meet professionals in the sector has been a terrific opportunity and I hope convinces her to pursue the sector as a post graduate"*

The Ontario Municipal Administrators Association has been in existence for 60 years as an organization devoted exclusively to supporting the Province of Ontario Chief Administrative Officer. The membership is comprised of individuals who exercise all-encompassing management responsibilities for their Municipal corporation. Collectively OMAA strives to enhance good governance by promoting leadership excellence and professional management in local government administration for municipalities throughout the province.

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2018 OMAA Bursary Award recipient. Sydney Martin from Hasting Highlands, is presented with a \$5,000 cheque by OMAA President Glenn Schwendinger, to support her future studies