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AMO Matters

The Navigating Economic Headwinds webinar will present Oxford Economics' economic outlook, focusing on how global and Canadian macro-economic trends impact Ontario municipalities. Aimed at municipal elected officials. [Register over Zoom](#).

Provincial Matters

The provincial government is soliciting feedback on electricity transmission projects including the [Greenstone](#) Line, [Windsor to Lakeshore](#) Line, [Bowmanville to GTA](#) Line, [Orangeville to Barrie](#) Line, and [Barrie to Sudbury](#) Lines.

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\) Program](#). Applications are being accepted through four intakes with the first open until September 24, 2025.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness is [accepting nominations](#) for the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations driving excellence in Ontario's agri-food sector.

The [EASE Grant](#) offers up to \$60,000 in funding for small capital projects that improve Ontario communities' accessibility and enhance quality of life for people with disabilities and older adults.

Learn at this July 24 webinar - Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation - developed for municipalities, co-hosted by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. [Register here](#).

Education Opportunities

Help inform AMO's strategy to combat the incivility and harassment experienced by elected officials and municipal staff in Ontario. Join us for a solutions workshop concerning the mistreatment of elected officials and municipal staff. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

The Who's Safe: Understanding Responsibility and Liability for Health and Safety on Construction Projects workshop will review recent health and safety legal developments when and how owners can be liable for health and safety, breaches of responsibility and so much more. [Register for AMO 2025 today](#). Check out the [conference program](#).

Subject matter experts will guide you through risks, opportunities and your responsibilities in a number of primary areas - planning matters, indigenous community competency, managing communications in crisis and planning for cybersecurity - elected municipal officials are answerable to. [Check out the line up](#) and register today.

AMO's [Guide to Delegation Meetings](#) outlines best practices to help AMO members get the most out of your delegation meetings. You will find advice on the full delegation process, from submitting your request for a delegation, preparing, participating and following-up after your successful meeting.

AMO is holding a forum for its members, key stakeholders and partners to provide a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and their impact on Ontario municipalities and business sector. Forum discussion and content will include identifying measures to address and mitigate these impacts. This future facing event is an opportunity to build new alliances and relationships across impacted sectors in support of strong and effective economic advocacy. [Register here](#).

We are pleased to be hosting the second annual AMO Healthy Democracy Forum October 18-19 at the [Westin Harbour Castle Hotel](#) in Toronto. This year's discussions will focus on strategies to encourage and increase voter turn out, candidate attraction and retention as well as promoting civility and confronting harassment in Ontario's municipalities. For more information and to register [click here](#).

LAS

Ontario's Bill 194 mandates public sector compliance in privacy, cybersecurity, and AI. Municipalities must build funding cases to meet new requirements. [Read more in our latest blog](#) written by our CIMOM program partner.

LAS continues to provide programs and services, with 90% of Ontario's 444 municipalities leveraging one or more LAS offering in 2024! For more information, please [read our 2024 Annual Report](#).

Proper training is essential to identify energy savings opportunities and reduce cost in your municipal facilities. Take advantage of [LAS's Energy Workshops & Treasure Hunt](#) to build your team and meet your energy conservation goals. [Contact Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal.

Regulations around PCB-containing lighting ballasts come into effect December 31, 2025. The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) will help your municipality stay in compliance with this new mandate. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more information.

Municipal Wire*

The [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service \(CRIS\)](#) is launching a specialized call for projects to support wildfire resilient public buildings across Canada. Local governments and First Nations with populations under or around 30,000 people are [invited to submit public buildings design or retrofit projects](#) to receive up to \$20,000 of free expert consulting service through the CRIS, funded by the Government of Canada. Deadline: August 31, 2025.

Prepare for Circular Economy Month 2025! Join your peers across Canada in Circular Innovation Council's municipalities-only meeting. [Register](#) to get inspired, share ideas, and network at the July 23 webinar.

Careers

[Director/Chief of Paramedic Services](#) - County of Brant. Closing date: July 30, 2025.

[Superintendent Systems Programming \(Systems Integration\)](#) - City of Toronto. Closing date: August 01, 2025.

[General Manager of Community Services](#) - City of Greater Sudbury. Closing date: August 6, 2025.

[Project Manager, Policy Planning](#) - Township of King. Closing Date: July 30, 2025.

[Manager, Homelessness Services](#) - City of Kingston. Closing Date: August 4, 2025.

[Deputy Chief Administrative Officer](#) - City of Guelph. Closing Date: August 5, 2025.

[Chief Administrative Officer](#) - Township of South Stormont. Closing Date: August 25, 2025.

[Finance Coordinator](#) - City of Kawartha Lakes. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

[Finance Clerk, Tax/Water](#) - King Township. Closing Date: July 31, 2025.

[Strategic Policy Coordinator](#) - King Township. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

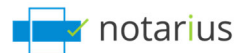
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