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- Help Property Owners Avoid Expense Service Line Repair Costs.
- Healthcare Procurement Made Easy.
- 2026 IPAC Leadership Summit & One-Year Membership.
- Free Intersectoral Action Training Series.
- Webinar on lead service line replacements.
- Careers.

### AMO Matters

We encourage all Council members and senior municipal employers to consider a leadership role on AMO's Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term. Please find preliminary information on this opportunity [on the AMO website](#). Further information will be released in spring 2026 when nominations open.

Don't miss your chance to register for a [free webinar](#) on March 3, 2026, and learn how to make the most of AMO's new public affairs and advertising campaign, '[Make Your Municipal Move](#)'. This session will walk you through how to leverage brand-new campaign assets and ready-made templates to drive local engagement through your own channels. For more information email: [WGardiner@amo.on.ca](mailto:WGardiner@amo.on.ca).

AMO has launched its Leading with Respect Handguides to provide practical, accessible tools for councils and staff to navigate conflict, foster good governance, and build vibrant, inclusive communities. Access [AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides here](#).

### **Provincial Matters**

Regulations under the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* came into effect of February 1 and The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has published a [Fact Sheet for Municipalities](#) about this [new framework](#).

The governments of Canada and Ontario are accepting applications from February 17 to March 17 for [new funding](#) to help local businesses grow international and domestic sales under the Market Diversification and Trade Resiliency Initiative.

### **Education Opportunities**

Registration is open for the AMO 2026 conference. [Register today](#).

AMO is offering programs designed to support aspiring candidates and returning elected officials. Whether you are considering your first run for office, seeking re-election, represent an underrepresented community, or a youth, we have a program tailored for you. Resources range from helping you make the decision to run or run again, to building your team, crafting your message, and getting out the vote, and includes the *Lead Where You Live* guide for key steps in the process. Register for workshops and access resources [here](#).

AMO has expanded their **Healthy Democracy Leadership Series**. AMO is offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples' thinking about running for municipal office in the October 2026 elections. These sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and running a campaign. [Register here](#).

Municipal leaders need to know what to say and do during a crisis. Join us March 11th & 12th for a two half-day course that will give you the tools frameworks, and confidence to lead your community through an emergency. [Secure Your Spot](#).

AMO's resource, [Turn Up the Turnout](#), complements other Healthy Democracy Project resources and research and is designed to equip elected officials, policymakers, civil society leaders, and citizens with evidence-based strategies and examples of efforts to increase voter turnout. If you want to drive up turnout in your municipality, take a look and find a strategy that fits your community.

Join your Ontario Small Urban colleagues for at the OSUM 2026, April 29 – May 1 in Parry Sound. [Click here](#) for registration and hotel details.

Gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones. This 2 part, interactive workshop will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully. [Register here to save your spot](#).

### **LAS**

Managing privacy risk has become increasingly important for Ontario municipalities, particularly with the growing use of AI-enabled technologies. [Reach out](#) to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Impact Assessments services partner, Vayle, [for more information](#).

The LAS endorsed [Sewer & Water Line Warranty service](#), offered through SLWC, helps residential property owners avoid expensive repair costs for clogs, leaks, and breaks to the water and sewer lines running from their home to the municipal connection. Learn how your municipality can offer this optional service to your residents.

Help your healthcare professional save time and money with the LAS HealthPRO Canada procurement service. Under this partnership municipalities can access high-quality, safe health-care related products and services. [Learn more here.](#)

### **Municipal Wire\***

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada is offering new professionals in the first seven years of their public sector career complimentary registration to the 2026 IPAC Leadership Summit and a one year IPAC membership at no cost. Learn from senior leaders, strengthen your leadership perspective, and connect with peers from across the public service. [Claim your free registration here.](#)

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Tamarack Institute are offering public health units, governments, and others a [virtual learning series](#) on strengthening collaboration to enhance well-being in Ontario.

On February 27, the Ontario Municipal Water Association is hosting a webinar on how municipalities can facilitate full lead service line replacements. [Register here.](#)

### **Careers**

[Director, Public Works - City of Kawartha.](#) Closing Date: March 8, 2026.

[Construction Projects Supervisor, Facility Maintenance and Development - County of Simcoe.](#) Closing Date: March 13, 2026.

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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