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AMO Conference Update: 14 Workshops That You Don't Have to Choose From

You don't have to choose because you can see every one of the 14 concurrent workshop sessions this year.

Workshops or "concurrent" sessions have always been a key feature of the AMO Conference, and this year is no different. We have put together 14 unique workshop sessions, featuring more than 40 speakers and panelists.

Here's how it works.

Each panel discussion will be taped in advance and will be broadcast on the program schedule in one of three time slots – one time slot each day. It will be broadcast within the virtual conference environment along with a live Q&A with the panelists. (In other years, because everything was live, you had to pick just one to attend in each time slot.) Now, you can participate in one session in each timeslot and view ALL of the others at your leisure in the "on-demand" section of the virtual conference.

So that is one big difference this year – you can access every concurrent session rather than choosing just three. If you are tied up in a delegation meeting, you won't miss a thing because everything will be available to view on-demand. And registered delegates can view the on-demand material for 30 days after the conference. [Register Today!](#)

Here is the latest list of workshops at the 2020 Conference that you don't need to choose from:

- **COVID-19 Response: Early Lessons from the Municipal Front-Lines:** Unique front-line perspectives on the response to the COVID-19

emergency. What worked well, what didn't, and reflections on community resiliency.

- **Transforming Long-Term Care in Ontario: An Opportunity too Important to Miss:** Changes are needed in delivery, design, funding and governance. Early lessons and best practices that should inform the continuing emergency response.
- **The COVID-19 Recovery: Municipal Services and Local Economic Recovery:** How investments in local services, such as housing and childcare can help drive the recovery for our residents, businesses and communities.
- **Legal Strategies to Address Racism and Racial Discrimination:** As employers, municipalities are required to proactively address and eradicate racism and racial discrimination. It requires leaders to orient themselves toward positive change; educate themselves on the nuances of race, racial discrimination, and equity; and maintain awareness of the legal consequences of a failure to address racism. This interactive presentation will equip you to respond to tough questions related to racism, racial discrimination and related legal obligations; and apply a human rights lens to issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and beyond.
- **From Concept to Reality – Transition to Full Producer Responsibility:** Learn what the draft new rules say, and what it means for your community.
- **Fighting Climate Change by Cutting Food Waste:** How reducing food waste and optimizing your local food supply system can play an important role in climate change efforts.
- **Building Strong Indigenous Relationships in your Community:** Learn how, together, we can be effective in providing the “wrap-around” service delivery model and positive outcomes for Indigenous people in our communities.
- **The Green Recovery: The Municipal Role in Climate Change:** Learn about air pollution levels in Canadian cities, implications for health and the environment and what actions municipalities can take to invest in active and electric vehicle transportation.
- **The Future of 911:** Next Generation 911 aims to improve public emergency communication services to include text, images, video and data which will impact how the public connects with municipally-run emergency services. Learn what's in store for the future of 911 in a wireless world.
- **The Undeniable Need for Broadband Connectivity in a Pandemic and Post-Pandemic World:** Learn how municipalities have responded to connectivity challenges during the pandemic. The panel will also provide considerations for Councils who are looking to improve connectivity in their communities.
- **An Economic Perspective on Immigration and Youth Retention in a COVID-19 World:** Explore the importance of immigration and youth retention in promoting workforce and economic development in small, rural and northern municipalities.
- **Coding Your Way Through Data and Digital Governance: Practical and Strategic Advice:** Learn about public policy challenges around smart cities, data governance and digital infrastructure, how the Government of Ontario is responding to data and digital challenges, and the experience and lessons learned by the City of Stratford regarding data governance and engagement with technology providers.

- **MPAC:** Learn how MPAC is charting its path forward and reaffirming its business model to support municipalities without any service disruptions. Find out how MPAC will come out of this crisis a more agile and resilient organization.
- **Hydro One: Our Business is You:** As Ontario continues to safely reopen, Hydro One is here to support your municipality. Join Hydro One to learn how as an essential service they are committed to powering families, businesses, communities, and the infrastructure needed to grow and prosper.

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