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AMO Matters

Nominations are now open for the 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Election. If you're considering running or want to encourage someone else to step forward, [visit the AMO Elections Webpage](#) for more information on offices open for election, eligibility requirements, and nomination requirements. The nomination ends Monday, June 22, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (ET). Email questions to amoelections@amo.on.ca.

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO has launched a candidate attraction and voter turnout campaign: If You Believe. They Believe. In the Get Started section of the website you can view a first-of-its-kind catalogue of candidate resources for every phase of the campaign journey. [Please explore the resources and share with your networks!](#)

[Register for two upcoming webinars](#) from AMO's CCBF team to learn how to leverage existing data to support housing growth and affordability.

Through its Healthy Democracy and Workforce Development Projects, AMO has developed practical tools to help councils and staff manage conflict and foster a culture of civility. Our [Leading with Respect Handguides](#) offer resources over a series of seven key municipal areas of leadership. This week, we are profiling the [Professional Development and Education Handguide](#), which highlights professional development and education as key strategies to ensure good governance and organizational stability.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have released their [guidance materials for the 2026 municipal elections](#) including the Voter's Guide, Candidate's Guide and Third-Party Advertiser's Guide.

Education Opportunities

Want to request a 1:1 with The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)? The [Municipal Delegation Request Form](#) for this year's AMO Conference is now available! Note that the deadline to submit your request is May 21 at 5 pm EST, and you must be registered for the [AMO 2026 Conference](#) to participate in your delegation meeting. Questions about the process? Email delegations@ontario.ca.

The PJ Marshall Awards recognize Ontario municipalities that have found smarter, creative or more cost-effective ways to deliver public services with tangible results. Applications are due by Friday, May 22, 2026 and the awards will be announced at the AMO 2026 Conference, held August 16 -19, 2026, in the City of Ottawa. For [more information and to apply, click here](#).

Learn how [AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan](#) provides a framework for local reconciliation, and hear directly from First Nations and municipal leaders about a best-practice case study on how they built trust, achieved significant wins, and established a roadmap for collaboration at the [OSUM 2026 Conference April 29 – May 1](#).

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials in their journey toward municipal office. Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today](#).

In partnership with the Public Services Health & Safety Association, AMO is pleased to offer its members an interactive workshop focused on Preventing Escalated Behaviours. This session introduces practical, person-centred strategies to help recognize early signs of escalation, strengthen communication, and confidently and professionally respond to difficult situations. [Register for the two-part May 7 and May 28 workshop now](#).

LAS

The winter has been long and cold, and your roads show the effects. The LAS [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) and [Work Order Software](#) are just to the ticket to get you back in shape. [Contact Tanner](#) for more info.

Build your community faster with an online permitting process for both staff and the construction community. Learn how to accept, review, and issue building permits online with easy communication through the [Electronic Permitting Service](#).

Streamline your document signing process with secure and authentic online digital signatures through the [Electronic Signature service](#) offered by program partner, Notarius. Learn more.

The All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. [Submit your ideas by May 1](#) for a chance to receive \$10,000 towards your project.

Municipal Wire*

Ontario's premier geothermal conference featuring expert insights, emerging technologies, and collaborative networking. Learn best practices, connect with industry leaders, and find what drives results. [AMO members save 20% off registration](#).

Careers

[Program Specialist, Employment Service System - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2026.

[Project Management Coordinator / Coordonnateur de la gestion des projets; coordonnatrice de la gestion des projets - Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming / Ministère du Tourisme, de la Culture et des Jeux](#). Closing Date: May 6, 2026.

[Bilingual \(French/English\) Court Clerk/Monitor-Transcriber - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 16, 2026.

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