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**AMO Matters**

Nominations are open for the 2026–2028 AMO Board of Directors Election and will close on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (ET). If you are considering running, or wish to encourage a colleague to step forward, please visit the [AMO Board Elections webpage](#) for details on positions open for election, eligibility criteria, and nomination requirements. Questions can be directed to [amoelections@amo.on.ca](mailto:amoelections@amo.on.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.](#)

AMO's [If You Believe. They Believe.](#) candidate attraction and voter turnout [campaign video](#) has reached more than 70,000 views across multiple platforms. Don't miss out - help spread the word about this Healthy Democracy Project campaign, [use our Campaign Toolkit](#) to keep the momentum rolling.

Helping people understand the roles of local government and elected officials has never been more important. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project, AMO members and educators can access a [suite of civic education resources](#), including a [guide for how to coordinate an excellent classroom visit](#). Our classroom surveys show that 75% of students who met with their elected officials agreed that the visit improved their understanding of municipal government.

## Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is inviting municipalities to express interest in implementing the [water and wastewater public corporation service model](#) by August 13.

Less than two months until the [annual BPS energy reporting deadline](#). Be sure to report your annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions to the province by July 1.

## Education Opportunities

Newly elected councillors face big decisions, legal obligations and a steep learning curve from day one. AMO and public sector education experts, Institute on Governance, are building a new, highly practical learning program to give Ontario's municipal elected officials the strongest possible start to the upcoming term. [For more information, join the waitlist](#).

Want to request a 1:1 with a provincial ministry at the AMO Conference? 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](mailto:delegations@ontario.ca).

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](#).

Join AMO's CCBF team on May 7th from 1-3 pm for a webinar on how to write a Housing Needs Assessment. Read more [here](#), and [click here to register](#).

## LAS

LAS offers an easy way to identify energy savings and reduce costs in your buildings. Check out our [Energy Workshops](#) featuring Stephen Dixon. [Book your session](#) for the summer. Eligible for IESO incentives.

[Federal regulations](#) require a gradual phase-out of linear fluorescent lamps. LAS's [Facility Lighting Service](#) provides a complete turn-key solution for your lighting upgrades. [Contact us today](#) for a free budget proposal.

## Municipal Wire\*

The Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant awards up to \$60,000 for small capital projects for people with disabilities and older adults. Applications are open until May 7 at [Ontario.ca/EaseGrant](https://Ontario.ca/EaseGrant).

The deadline to apply for the next intake of the AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program - is next Friday, May 8, 2026. This program offers municipalities a cost-effective way to identify, advance, and address innovation or research challenges by partnering with a post-secondary student interested in a career in local government. To learn more or to submit an application, [Click Here](#).

## Careers

[Director of Development Services - Township of South Frontenac](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2026.

[Manager, Community Planning - Municipality of Lakeshore](#). Closing Date: May 17, 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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