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Welcome to the new AMO Watchfile!

Today, more than 16 years and 853 issues after its launch in January 2010, we're pleased to introduce a refreshed design for AMO's weekly Watchfile.

It's built to be clear and easy to read, while maintaining the familiarity and key resources, events, and information you've come to expect.

2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Nominations

Are you interested in running for the AMO Board of Directors? Visit our website for the Board elections guide and nomination form.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Last Call: Delegation Meeting Requests Close May 21

Submit your request by Thursday, May 21, at 5 pm ET. Attendance at AMO Conference is required to participate in these meetings.

[Get the Request Form](#)

Provincial Matters

Last Chance to Share Input on OMPF Funding! Survey Closes May 19

Please complete a short 5-minute survey from the Ministry of Finance on how your municipality uses the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding. The survey was **emailed to municipal finance staff** from the OMPF team. Email subject: "Survey on

Use of 2025 OMPF Funding | Sondage sur l'utilisation du FPMO 2025". The survey closes on May 19, 2026

Events & Education

Apply for the 2026 PJ Marshall Awards by May 22

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.](#)

New Dates - AMO's Candidate Support Pre-Election Workshops

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering information sessions to support aspiring municipal candidates. Whether first-time, incumbent, underrepresented, or young leaders, these sessions meet you where you are and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today.](#)

MAY 25 - Recent Developments on OMERS Governance Webinar

AMO is working collaboratively with other plan sponsors and the OMERS Administration Corporation to establish the new OMERS Sponsors Council. [Join us for a free webinar](#) on May 25 with AMO and MEPCO on these developments and why they matter to municipal employers.

JUN 2 - Preparing for Bill 97 Changes Webinar, hosted by Vayle and AMO

Municipalities and Ontario public sector institutions are seeking clarity on how amendments to MFIPPA and FIPPA will impact FOI processes, timelines, and privacy obligations. [Register for the three-hour in-person or online session on June 2: Preparing for Bill 97 FOI & Privacy Changes.](#)

Watch the Recording - Mayor-CAO Relationship Series Webinar

Last week's session of the Mayor-CAO Relationship Series explored Upper Tier Leadership Dynamics, focusing on the political and administrative dimensions of the Warden-CAO relationship. You can [watch the recorded session here.](#)

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

LAS AMO Business Services

New Road Patrol Simplifies Maintenance

Introducing [Road Patrol](#): better monitoring to catch problems sooner. Using video capture and AI detection, a device in your vehicle continuously evaluates assets as you drive. MMS compliance made easy. [Contact Tanner to learn more](#).

New Invoicing Process for Canoe Purchases

If you make purchases through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), some invoices are now [sent via LBMX](#). Check there often to keep your Payables up to date. Not sure how to log in? Contact [Vicki Barton at Canoe](#) for more information.

Streamline your Risk and Claim Management Process

AMO/LAS Business Services, in partnership with ClearRisk Inc., offers a Risk and Claim Management System that is an accessible, agile, cloud-based solution that automates risk and claims data processing and informs enterprise-wide decision-making for your municipality. [Learn more](#).

Municipal Partners*

Nominations Open – 2026 OHRC Human Rights Awards

Nominations are open for the 2026 Daniel G. Hill Human Rights Awards, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing human rights in Ontario. [Submissions open until May 29](#).

Nominations Call: Medal of Distinction in Public Administration

Nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public servants, are [open until June 8](#).

IPC Transparency Challenge

The IPC's third Transparency Challenge is now open. [Submit your institution's innovative projects](#) advancing government openness and get showcased in Ontario's online Transparency gallery.

Nominate your project for an FCM Sustainable Communities Award

FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards recognize proven solutions that other communities can learn from and replicate. Each winning project will receive one complimentary full pass to the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2027. There, winners will be invited to present their work in a TED Talk-style presentation - with expert coaching in public speaking. Nominations close on June 28, 2026. [Explore the award categories and criteria](#).

Careers

[Housing Program Specialist - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 22, 2026.

[More Careers](#)

In Case You Missed It

AMO's Candidate Attraction Campaign passes 1 million impressions!

AMO's Healthy Democracy Campaign, [When You Believe, They Believe](#), has passed 1,000,000 impressions! Help continue to amplify this campaign as we work to motivate candidates and voters to participate in the 2026 municipal elections. Visit our site to [download the campaign toolkit](#) with everything you need to help share this important campaign.

[Read Past Issues](#)



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