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### AMO COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

Over the last few weeks, AMO has been hosting webinars to support members in

communications during COVID-19 and guidance for council meetings with electronic attendance. These are now [available here](#).

### **AMO Matters**

AMO is finalising a discussion paper on the establishment of new OPP Detachment Boards. Members are invited to [register to have a sneak peek](#) at the paper through a webinar presentation on April 24, starting at 11:00 am with Matthew Wilson, AMO Senior Advisor.

Check out AMO's webpage for the [latest news](#) on broadband and cellular connectivity. Any questions on the material can be directed to [Amber Crawford](#).

Diabetes Canada has written an open letter to Canada's mayors and municipalities requesting your help to clear garbage and soiled textiles from their donation bin sites. For more information [click here](#).

WSIB is offering a financial relief package to help alleviate burden from COVID-19. Both Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 employers will benefit from this automatically. For additional information, [click here](#).

The deadline to submit an application for the [PJ Marshall Award](#) has been extended to Friday, May 29, 2020. Please review updated requirements.

With the COVID-19 emergency, waste management operations have been a priority to ensure continued vital collections for the health and well-being of Ontarians. However, the move of all waste diversion programs towards full producer responsibility continue. AMO applauds the government's commitment as these programs will create Ontario jobs and help our economic recovery. The government has committed to deliver a draft Blue Box regulation in summer 2020. At the same time, we have a new Batteries Regulation and development of programs for Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste. Given this, AMO staff have revamped their website to provide the [latest updates](#). For more information, contact [Dave Gordon](#) (Senior Advisor) or [Amber Crawford](#) (Policy Advisor).

### **Provincial Matters**

Working with the [OCSA](#), the government launched a new [Ontario Community Support Program](#) to expand existing Meals on Wheels services to reach low-income seniors, and people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. The program will also develop the capacity of community organizations to help deliver medication and other essentials. Local 211 services will provide information and referral. For more information on government initiatives to serve vulnerable residents, see the [Ontario Newsroom](#).

A new section to the *Planning Act* (Sec. 70.11) was enacted to help municipal government manage/suspend the planning process while focusing on COVID-19. The [Guidance](#) on how to implement the new [Sec. 70.11](#) of the *Planning Act* and [O.Reg. 149/20](#) has now been posted on the ERO.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has extended the [consultation period](#) on the proposal to implement administrative penalties (APs) under the

*Consumer Protection Act, 2002 (CPA) by four weeks, to May 25, 2020.*

### **Eye on Events**

eSCRIBE, AMO's partner of cloud-based meeting management solutions for public sector boards and councils, has unveiled eSCRIBE Lite. [Register for a webinar](#) on April 29 at noon and learn how this solution can help municipalities with under 20,000 people cross the digital divide.

In person or online, AMO 2020 will connect municipal leaders to the information they need most. Planning is well underway for August 16-19 in Ottawa, but we are also planning for a contingency approach that would transform AMO 2020 into a virtual conference if need be. An update will be provided to AMO members soon. Contact [Poonam Ruparelia](#) with questions. Visit the AMO [website](#) for updates, details and registration information.

Recognizing how quickly things are changing in the environment of COVID-19, and in appreciation of our valued exhibitors, AMO is extending the exhibitor cancellation deadline. Exhibitor information can be [found here](#).

Over the past few weeks, AMO and Redbrick Communications have been supporting members on communications through COVID19. Additional resources are now available for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. [Register now](#).

### **LAS**

LAS's Home and Auto Insurance Program partner, Cowan Group, keeps you updated with the [latest information](#) on personal insurance news and resources related to COVID19.

Just because we're social distancing doesn't mean we can't learn! In partnership with Stephen Dixon (TdS Dixon), LAS still offers the [same great energy workshops](#) you've come to expect, now ONLINE! These can even include virtual energy hunts! Up to 75% incentive available through the IESO. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to discover the possibilities!

We are working with our Group Buying partner, Grainger, to ensure PPE is available to all municipalities. Be sure to check out our new [COVID-19 Update Page](#) for this and other important information from our Group Buying vendors. [Contact us](#) for more information.

Webinar April 29 @ 11am –Gasboy/Gilbarco, one of many [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) vendors, is hosting a webinar on Fuel Reconciliation and Fuel Audits using Gasboy/Ekos. Interested? [Contact us](#) for registration information.

Webinar April 30 @ 10am – Our Procurement webinar has been rescheduled to next week: Group buying saves time and money, though there are a number of rules that need to be followed. Grab a coffee and join us to learn all about the procurement for our popular [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). [Register here](#).

### **ONE Investment**

Two important webinars hosted by ONE, in conjunction with our external investment

managers, discuss in detail how COVID-19 has impacted the ONE Legal List Portfolios. To watch, click [ONE Investment website](#) or [ONE YouTube channel](#).

### **Municipal Wire**

The Township of Limerick [resolution](#) encourages all organizations within the mandate of Ontario municipalities to lower their respective flags to half mast in honour of those who have been lost and to support the residents of Colchester County.

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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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