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- Ontario Professional Planners Institute launches Employer Readiness Course.
- Limited time Offer: Free RETScreen® Expert Trial and Support.
- AdvantAge Municipal Councillors webinar: The Current LTC Environment.

AMO Matters

AMO is now accepting applications for the [Director of Policy and Government Relations](#) role at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Closing Date: September 12, 2025.

Provincial Matters

The Ontario government is providing almost \$3 million through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community-based projects that support and restore the environment.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade is [accepting applications for project funding](#) that responds to US trade disruption.

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized [Rural Ontario Development](#) (ROD) Program. Applications are being accepted through four intakes with the first open from June 24 – September 24, 2025.

Federal Matters

The Government of Canada is offering up to \$10.3 million to support initiatives enhancing cyber resilience including innovation, knowledge sharing, and capacity building. [Applications are open](#) until September 25.

Education Opportunities

AMO is holding a forum for its members, key stakeholders and partners to provide a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and their impact on Ontario municipalities and business sector. Forum discussion and content will include identifying measures to address and mitigate these impacts. This future facing event is an opportunity to build new alliances and relationships across impacted sectors in support of strong and effective economic advocacy. [Register here](#).

We are pleased to be hosting the second annual AMO Healthy Democracy Forum October 18-19 at the [Westin Harbour Castle Hotel](#) in Toronto. This year's discussions will focus on strategies to encourage and increase voter turn out, candidate attraction and retention as well as promoting civility and confronting harassment in Ontario's municipalities. For more information and to register [click here](#).

LAS

Starting January 1, 2026 mercury containing lights will be prohibited. Be sure to include a [Facility Lighting upgrade](#) in your 2026 budget so you can keep your spaces lit. [Contact Christian](#) to learn how LAS can help.

Our Business Development Intern, Carter Gillies, summarized in a blog his experience working at AMO/LAS from May to August. [Read the article here](#).

Municipal Wire*

Looking for tools to support and invest in new hires? Register for OPPI's [Employer Readiness course](#). It includes an AMO supported employer handbook exploring HR best practices for retention and long-term success.

NRCan's RETScreen Division is offering a [free one-year trial licence](#) to new users who would like to download &/or link to EnergyStar Portfolio Manager (ESPM) data. Email retscreen@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca to subscribe. PLUS, for a limited time, free technical support for connecting RETScreen to ESPM is available by emailing Stephen Dixon at sdixon@knowenergy.com.

This [free AdvantAge webinar](#) on October 14 from 1-2pm will share insights related to long-term care governance and compliance for municipal councillors and their staff.

About AMO

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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