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**AMO Matters**

AMO is seeking our 2026 Policy Intern to support AMO's policy development, advocacy and strategic initiatives activities. If you want to provide leadership influencing public policy to advance municipal goals and priorities. Share with your networks, [applications close January 16th, 2026](#).

AMO is developing a public affairs campaign to showcase the people and impact behind municipal work across Ontario – and we want to feature your career profile. From frontline roles to leadership, we want to show what it takes, and who it is, that keeps municipalities running. If you're interested in getting involved or learning more, visit the [Impact Story Submission Guide](#) or email [workforce@amo.on.ca](mailto:workforce@amo.on.ca).

**Education Opportunities**

The ROMA 2026 Conference is the perfect way for Ontario's rural leaders to start the year and to join your colleagues for key education and advocacy opportunities. [Register](#) by 4:00PM EST Monday, January 12 to access regular registration rates and save yourself time on-site.

To be more confident in times of crisis and feel comfortable managing local, national, digital and social media to get your message heard, this one's for you. Join this 2 half-day course to learn how to manage all aspects of crisis communications during an emergency. [Register here to save your spot.](#)

Gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones. This 2 part, interactive workshop will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully. [Register here to save your spot.](#)

The [Lead Where You Live Resource](#) provides key information for anyone running in the 2026 municipal election. This guide will introduce you to some of the key steps in that process. It will also give you a sense of what life is like as an elected member of a municipal council.

If you missed *AMO's Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities* workshop registration, we are offering more dates to register. It's designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. It's offered at no charge in two streams: first time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026. [Full details and registration information here.](#)

AMO's [Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate](#) 90 minute free workshop provides useful insights and strategies to support you in getting your name on the ballot. While this workshop focuses on individuals from underrepresented communities, all are welcome to participate.

## **LAS**

Economic uncertainty, accelerating climate impacts, and the rapid evolution of technology are reshaping how organizations prepare for and respond to risk. Read what trends to follow in 2026 in our [latest blog by ClearRisk.](#)

The [LAS FOI and PIA service](#) offered through Vayle will help fulfill FOI requests by ensuring all requirements are covered as mandated by legislation and directives; and help guide your workflow through intake to approval.

The LAS endorsed Sewer & Water Line Warranty service, offered through SLWC, helps residential property owners avoid expensive repair costs for clogs, leaks, and breaks to the water and sewer lines running from their home to the municipal connection. [Learn how your municipality can offer this](#) optional service to your residents.

## **Municipal Wire\***

Dr. Dominika Wranik, Professor and Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University is conducting a 15–20 minute anonymous survey of Canadian public servants examining workplace experiences, motivation, and wellbeing during times of change. Participants may enter a \$300 prize draw. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to better understand how municipalities can more effectively attract and retain the next generation. If you've supervised a student – or know someone who has – please forward them this short, [anonymous survey](#) to share their experiences. If you have any questions, please contact [WGardiner@amo.on.ca](mailto:WGardiner@amo.on.ca).

## **Careers**

[Asset Management Analyst - City of Belleville](#). Closing Date: January 9, 2025.

[Chief Administrative Officer \(CAO\) - Municipality of Kincardine](#). Closing Date: January 17, 2025.

[Manager, Homelessness Services - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2026.

[Director, Community Partnerships, Policy and Business Intelligence - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: January 23, 2026.

[Legal and Real Estate Coordinator - King Township](#). Closing Date: January 22, 2026.

[Policy Coordinator - King Township](#). Closing Date: January 23, 2026.

[Procurement Specialist - King Township](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2026.

[Human Resources Assistant - King Township](#). Closing Date: January 23, 2026.

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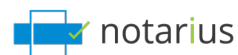
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