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**AMO Matters**

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

AMO's advocacy via the Municipal Resource, Recovery and Research Collaboration (M3RC) gained media attention. [A CBC article](#) quoted AMO on extended producer responsibility, while The Narwhal wrote a piece on Ontario landfills [citing AMO's research](#).

**Provincial Matters**

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the changes will reduce costs.

Municipalities are invited to submit a nomination for the [2024 Ontario Senior of the Year Award](#) by April 30.

[Inclusive Community Grants](#) funds projects that help local governments, not-for-profits, and Indigenous communities develop and implement local age-friendly community plans. Applications are due by May 22.

Show and tell us how your transparency project or program is modern and innovative, improves government transparency creatively, and has a solid positive impact for Ontarians. [Submissions](#) due May 31.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Applications to the Ministry of Infrastructure's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund [are open](#) until April 19, 2024. Review the program and application guidelines online.

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR sent a survey to municipalities on March 26. It closes April 23, 2024. Complete it to provide the province feedback on its asset management requirements and supports.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* for [comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to allow digital publication of public notices for certain land use and development charge by-laws where local newspapers are not available. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking input on barriers to the development of additional residential units. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to report municipal planning data, and to enhance the quality of the data provided. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

### **Federal Matters**

AMO and CMHC are hosting a technical session on April 30 to provide information and gather feedback from municipalities on a standard housing design catalogue. [Register over Zoom](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO's is offering two education opportunities focused on planning issues and strategies: [April 17 Foundations in Planning workshop](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal roles and responsibilities. Our [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning workshop](#) includes analysis of case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on

local planning matters.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

As AMO and municipalities await provincial direction, your Association has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in the development, communication, adherence, and issues management of codes of conducts. [Register for the April 25 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

## **LAS**

Our Electronic Meeting Management and Livestreaming Service partner conducted a survey that garnered over 500 responses from city/municipal clerks. [Read the results](#) in our latest blog.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

Is a road or sidewalk survey part of your Summer 2024 plans? [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Better data helps you make better decisions for your infrastructure.

## **Municipal Wire\***

Registrations for Canada's inaugural Basic Income Guarantee Forum are open. [BIG 2024](#) takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

## **Careers**

[Supervisor-Facilities Management - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: April 25, 2024.

[Administrator - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2024.

[Director of Planning and Development - Town of Petawawa](#). Closing Date: April 26, 2024.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). Closing Date: May 12, 2024.

[Director of Infrastructure Services & Town Engineer - Town of Erin](#). Closing Date: April 23, 2024.

[Manager, Works Operations - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 3, 2024.

[Director, Communications and Customer Experience - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 15, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of West Grey](#). Closing Date: May 14, 2024.

[Director of Operations and Human Resources - Municipality of Casselman](#). Closing Date: May 1, 2024.

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