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***Everyone at AMO wishes you, your friends and family,  
and your community a happy and safe holiday season!***

### **In This Issue**

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- AMO office closure during the holidays.
- Renewal of Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan.
- Volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.
- Applications open: Rural Transit Solutions Fund.
- ROMA Conference 2024: Programming update.
- Free asset management webinar series.
- Happy holidays from the LAS team.
- IESO Procurement #2 - Feedback on proposed process.
- Public safety personnel mental health support.
- Join changemakers at the Future of Aging Summit next May.
- Data Standards for Planning and Development Applications: Terminology.
- Careers: AMO, Midland, Orillia, Halton and Thunder Bay.

### **AMO Matters**

AMO's new address:

*Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
155 University Ave, Suite 800  
Toronto, ON, M5H 3B7*

Telephone and fax remain the same. Please amend your records with our new address.

The AMO office will be closed December 25 through January 1, 2024 and will re-open on January 2. The next issue of the Watchfile will be on January 4, 2024.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is [seeking feedback](#) on the proposed renewal of the Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan.

The Ontario Fire Marshal is conducting an [online survey](#) for volunteer firefighters and fire chiefs to inform their understanding on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters.

### **Federal Matters**

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) (up to \$50,000). Visit their website for [webinars for potential applicants](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

One month until the ROMA 2024 Conference! Take a look at the full slate of concurrent sessions available. [View the program](#) and [register today](#).

The [webinar series](#) will unravel the intricacies of infrastructure asset management building on the experiences that AMO and Asset Management Ontario have learned working with nearly 100 municipalities in partnership with FCM's [Municipal Asset Management Program](#). The first webinar is on [Asset Hierarchy and Data Gaps](#) on January 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST. Click [here](#) for more details.

### **LAS**

From [all the staff at LAS](#), we want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and a safe and joyous new year. Thanks for all your support this past year - we look forward to [serving you](#) in 2024!

### **Municipal Wire\***

IESO is [seeking feedback](#) on the proposed next round of procurements for energy projects including requirements for municipal support prior to applications being submitted.

[PSPNET](#) offers free online cognitive behavior therapy for Canadian public safety personnel (PSP) dealing with mood, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress. They provide therapist-guided and self-guided courses.

The [Future of Aging Summit](#) in Toronto, May 15 - 17, 2024, will bring together policymakers, researchers, designers, planners, advocates, and others focused on supporting healthy aging, ending ageism and building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and get early bird pricing when you [register](#) by December 31.

The Digital Governance Standards Institute has opened public review on [terminology](#) that will be used to establish consistency in data requirements for planning and development applications in Ontario.

### **Careers**

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Closing Date: January 22, 2024

[Executive Director, Digital Government & Service Innovation - Town of Midland](#). Closing Date: January 2, 2024.

[Senior Financial Planning Analyst - City of Orillia](#). Closing Date: January 12, 2024

[Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health - Halton Region](#). Closing Date: January 15, 2024.

[Manager, Corporate Financial Services - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: January 21, 2024.

### 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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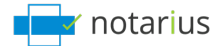
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