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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.

Provincial Matters

As Ontario flood season arrives, MNRF has circulated a [fact sheet](#) with [roles and responsibilities](#) to assist municipalities in flood preparedness (French versions [1](#) & [2](#)). Information is also available [online](#).

The Ministry of Energy is considering [changes to the Ontario Energy Board Act](#) that would require broader consultation by the OEB (including with municipalities) and increase the leave to consult threshold. Submissions due by April 7.

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.

Federal Matters

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes is [consulting on proposed changes](#) for the 2025 national codes. Feedback collected will also serve as [consultation for Ontario's 2026/27 Building Code](#). Submissions due April 14.

Education Opportunities

AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials is an invaluable resource for AMO members and your councils. Learn how to move from conflict to collaboration in the [June 26 - 27 Navigating Conflict workshop](#). If you have completed this training already, take your skills to the next level at the [April 9 - 10 Advanced Strategies to Navigating Conflict 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 [April 24 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](#).

Join your small urban colleagues May 1 - 3 for discussion, examination and advocacy on matters unique to your communities and to hear provincial leaders. [View the full program](#) and [register today](#).

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The Canoe Procurement Group [Spring Webinar Series](#) starts in one week. Join our colleagues at Canoe on April 11 at 11am as they discuss their experience helping governments prepare for natural disasters like floods and fires. [Register here to attend](#).

'You can't manage what you can't measure'. Measurement & Verification is the missing link that plays a crucial role in energy projects. Join SaveONenergy with us on April 18 at 2:30pm to explore how to

monitor and assess your project outcomes. [Register here today.](#)

Employee group benefits plans are an important part of any employee's compensation package, but when is the best time to review and renew your current plan? [Read more in our latest blog](#) by our Group Benefits Program partner.

Who is responsible for damaged sewer and water lines running from residential properties, and what options are available? Our Sewer and Waterline Warranty Program webinar will cover this and more. [Register to attend](#) or to receive a recording.

Municipal Wire*

The OEB's decision has a direct impact on our ability to provide affordable and reliable energy to Ontario homes and businesses. Learn more here. [Natural Gas Matters | Enbridge Gas.](#)

Efficiency Canada's [Municipal Guides](#) contain everything you need to leverage the 2020 model codes to enhance building performance, drive decarbonization, and amplify local benefits in climate action initiatives.

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 Invasive Species Centre with support from Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry opens the [Invasive Species Action Fund](#) intake. The fund assists municipalities in combating priority species. Apply by April 11.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, 2024 will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

Join the [Affordable Housing Summit & Skilled Trades Fair](#) from May 23-26 with over 10,000 policymakers, prospective housing project owners and the off-site modular industry to accelerate actionable, affordable housing projects.

Careers

[Director of Finance & Operations - Walkerton Clean Water Agency.](#) Closing date: Apr 19, 2024

[Senior Accounting Clerk - County of Simcoe.](#) Closing Date: April 18, 2024

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

[Associate Solicitor, Municipal Law - City of Guelph.](#) Closing Date: April 15, 2024.

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