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AMO Matters

The Navigating Economic Headwinds webinar will present Oxford Economics' economic outlook, focusing on how global and Canadian macro-economic trends impact Ontario municipalities. Aimed at municipal elected officials. [Register over Zoom](#).

Provincial Matters

The [Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone \(EASE\) Grant](#) awards up to \$60,000 for projects that improve accessibility for people with disabilities and older adults. EASE Grants will provide municipalities, non-profit organizations and Indigenous governing bodies funding for capital projects and retrofits that help older adults and people with disabilities participate in community life. Application closing date: August 14, 2025.

The provincial government is soliciting feedback on electricity transmission projects including the [Greenstone](#) Line, [Windsor to Lakeshore](#) Line, [Bowmanville to GTA](#) Line, [Orangeville to Barrie](#) Line, and [Barrie to Sudbury](#) Lines.

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.

Learn at this July 24 webinar - Understanding Ontario's Excess Soil Regulation - developed for municipalities, co-hosted by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. [Register here.](#)

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness is [accepting nominations](#) for the 2025 Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizing individuals, businesses and organizations driving excellence in Ontario's agri-food sector.

Education Opportunities

Registration for Who's Safe: Understanding Responsibility and Liability for Health and Safety on Construction Projects and Countering Hate, Social Polarization and Extremism in Ontario Municipalities is required. We want to know if there is interest in participating in these important conversations. [Register today if so!](#)

AMO's [Guide to Delegation Meetings](#) outlines best practices to help AMO members get the most out of your delegation meetings. You will find advice on the full delegation process, from submitting your request for a delegation, preparing, participating and following-up after your successful meeting.

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.](#)

Subject matter experts will guide you through risks, opportunities and your responsibilities in a number of fall education workshops - planning matters, indigenous community competency, managing communications in crisis and planning for cybersecurity - elected municipal officials are answerable to. [Check out the line up](#) and register today.

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If a municipality were shopping for a new group benefits provider or wanted to compare rates, the process isn't a simple 24-hour turnaround. [Read more to understand the process and the value.](#)

2024 was a strong year for ONE Investment, with over \$4.3 billion in assets managed for ~190 municipalities and local boards. Learn more about what we offer in our [2024 annual report](#).

Careers

[Director of Financial Services/City Treasurer](#) - City of St. Thomas. Closing Date: August 6, 2025.

About AMO

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