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AMO Matters

MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) - provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports and identifies multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

Guest Column*

Many elected officials are taking a stand against harassment and toxic behaviour. Learn about [Elect Respect](#), a grassroots initiative calling for a renewed commitment to respect in democracy.

Provincial Matters

Unlock streamlined and cost-effective procurement with [Supply Ontario's Enterprise-wide VOR Program](#). Ontario municipalities have access to pre-qualified vendors for cost-effective goods and services under standardized terms, conditions, and pricing.

The Ontario government is providing almost \$3 million through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community-based projects that support and restore the environment.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade is [accepting applications for project funding](#) that responds to US trade disruption.

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.

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.

The [EASE Grant](#) offers up to \$60,000 in funding for small capital projects that improve Ontario communities' accessibility and enhance quality of life for people with disabilities and older adults.

Education Opportunities

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](#).

LAS

LAS partners with private sector businesses to deliver the programs and services that help Ontario municipalities work better. [Visit them at the AMO Conference](#) Sunday afternoon and all-day Monday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the three selected recipients of the [LAS IPE All Risk Municipal Grant](#) at the AMO Conference on Monday, August 18.

In a digital municipality, constituents increasingly expect their local government to provide better, more accessible services. [Read how your municipality can deliver exceptional value](#) to your community by adopting an all-in-one CRM solution.

Municipal Wire*

Public Health Ontario and Ontario Dietitians in Public Health released a report on [Food Insecurity & Food Affordability](#) in Ontario. The report highlights rising food insecurity, particularly among households receiving social assistance.

AMO is pleased to support OPPI in developing a [series of free workshops](#), offered both in person and virtually, to address the shortage of planners in Ontario. Registration will open late August, so stay tuned.

NRCan's RETScreen Division is offering a [free one-year trial licence](#) to new users who would like to download &/or link to EnergyStar Portfolio Manager (ESPM) data. Email retscreen@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca to subscribe. PLUS, for a limited time, free technical support for connecting RETScreen to ESPM is available by emailing Stephen Dixon at sdixon@knowenergy.com.

Energy Storage Canada and the Energy Safety Response Group have [published new guidance](#) answering common questions and myths about BESS systems. This resource can help municipalities considering hosting projects under the LT2 energy procurement.

Careers

[Director of Finance/Treasurer](#) - Loyalist Township. Closing Date: August 31, 2025.

[Planner/Aménageur](#) - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement. Closing Date: August 29, 2025.

[Director of Public Works and Environmental Services](#) - City of Quinte West. Closing Date: September 7, 2025.

[Town Clerk](#) - Town of Innisfil. Closing Date: August 18, 2025.

[General Manager of Corporate Services/Legal](#) - Township of Ramara. Closing Date: September 12, 2025.

[Executive Director of Pollution Control/Deputy City Engineer](#) - City of Windsor. Closing Date: September 12, 2025.

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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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