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

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AMO Matters

We want to hear your story. AMO is developing a public affairs campaign to showcase the people and impact behind municipal work across Ontario – and we want to feature your job as an *Impact Story*. From frontline roles to leadership, we want to show Ontario what it takes, and who it is, that keeps communities safe, clean, connected and welcoming. If you're interested in getting involved, [contact us at workforce@amo.on.ca](mailto:workforce@amo.on.ca).

Please note that the AMO office will be closed from December 25, 2025 through January 1, 2026. The office will reopen on January 2, 2026. The next issue of the Watchfile will be sent on January 8, 2026.

Federal Matters

Build Canada Homes [released](#) an [Investment Policy Framework \(IPF\)](#) to guide investment decisions and housing development activities. Calls for project proposals can be submitted to the BCH [portal](#) on a continuous intake basis.

Education Opportunities

The annual AMO 2026 conference will be in Ottawa, August 16 – 19, 2026. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 10:00am EST as hotel bookings for the conference open. [Review the booking policies](#) and hotel information in advance.

The ROMA 2026 conference includes Sunday morning workshops designed with rural Ontario municipal leaders in mind, including generating revenues through sponsorship naming, NWMO's next site selection, asset management and how rural data can support your decision making process. [View the full program and register today!](#)

If you missed AMO's *Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities* workshop registration, we are offering more dates to register. It's designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. It's offered at no charge in two streams: first time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026. [Full details and registration information here.](#)

AMO's [Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate](#) 90 minute free workshop provides useful insights and strategies to support you in getting your name on the ballot. While this workshop focuses on individuals from underrepresented communities, all are welcome to participate.

LAS

Judy Dezell's year end message reflects on 2025. From celebrating our victories to learning from our challenges, the LAS team made progress towards their goals. [Read more here.](#)

LAS, in partnership with Intact Public Entities, has set the 2026 Risk Management webinar dates. [Register today](#) for the free sessions and attend live to ask questions.

The participants in our [Electricity and Natural Gas Procurement Programs](#) can budget their energy costs for 2026 with the new LAS hedge prices. If you're interested in learning if the program is right for your municipality, please reach out.

Municipal Wire*

The provincial government has recently suggested changes that could undermine the role of elected Ontario Public School Board trustees and centralize decision making at Queen's Park. OPSBA has responded with a [province-wide digital campaign](#) to remind Ontarians why local democracy matters in education. Visit [DemocracyIsNotOutdated.ca](#) to view the campaign and sign the petition.

Careers

[Senior Director, Strategic Initiatives - Town of Milton](#). Closing Date: January 3, 2026.

[Chief Information Officer - City of Welland](#). Closing Date: January 9th, 2026.

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