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**AMO Matters**

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario that implement new and innovative ways to make public services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

**Provincial Matters**

MSAA is [proposing a new regulation](#) that would prescribe entities that could contribute towards a Seniors Active Living Centre program's operational cost. The deadline for comments is March 22, 2024.

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.

Ontario's electrification and energy transition panel has released its [final report](#) outlining recommendations for long-term energy planning.

On February 9, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), [will present](#)

[information](#) related to energy project siting.

The province announced at the 2024 ROMA Conference that they are opening a new intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program. [Intake is open](#) until February 21.

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.

### **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 more information.

### **Education Opportunities**

[Registration is now open](#) for the AMO 2024 Conference, August 18 - 21 in Ottawa. Early bird rates are in effect until March 18. All elected officials must select a caucus to participate in the AMO Board elections.

Connect with over 2,000 AMO Conference delegates as an exhibitor. View the exhibitor package and application form [here](#).

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 [February 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

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 [February 28 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

Build your understanding on the historical and contemporary roots of anti-semitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships. Register for the [February 22 anti-semitism](#) workshop and [March 6 anti-islamophobia](#) workshop today.

Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials is one of AMO's most popular training offerings. This course helps you understand and navigate why relationships are or become challenging. Join your colleagues at the [March workshop](#) to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. Attendees are invited to register for the [April Advanced Strategies workshop](#).

Don't miss out on [spring workshops](#), space is limited: Cyber Security, Advanced Councillor Training, Managing Communications through Crisis, Indigenous Community Awareness, Foundations in Planning, Advanced Land Use Planning and Competing Rights.

### **LAS**

With the July 1, 2024 Energy Reporting deadline less than 5 months away, it's time to update your 5-year Conservation Plan. LAS is here to help with a limited time energy consulting service. Don't wait til the last minute - [contact us](#) to get started.

Is your municipality ready to accelerate its workflows and make more time to connect with its citizens in 2024? Our [latest blog](#) suggests four tips to streamline operations and improve transparency to benefit your municipality's workers and citizens.

Our Occupational Health and Safety Management program partner will host a legal council webinar on February 29 and March 26. Learn OHS due diligence and legal responsibilities. [Registration](#) is free.

### **Municipal Wire\***

On February 14, Energy Storage Canada [will host a webinar](#) on fire safety measures for battery storage technology including a Q&A session.

The [Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment](#) (CCFWE) released [calls to action for municipalities](#) to address economic abuse in gender-based violence strategies. For more information contact [Michaela Mayer](#).

The International Town and Gown Association and Town and Gown Association of Ontario [launched a](#)

[survey](#) seeking input from municipal leaders on Canada's student housing crisis. Participate by March 5.

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation has [released resources for municipalities](#) on basement flooding, extreme heat and wildfire protection to be shared through municipal websites and tax notices.

The Condominium Authority of Ontario's [2024 Winter Information Kit](#) offers useful and shareable tips to help Ontario condo residents navigate the ins and out of condo living this season.

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](#).

## Careers

[Digital Communications Intern - AMO](#). Closing date: February 23, 2024

[Manager, Parks Capital Planning & Management - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: February 12, 2024.

[Planner III - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: February 19, 2024.

[Director of Corporate Services/Deputy Treasurer - County of Renfrew](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2024.

[Senior Policy Analyst, Bilingual \(English/French\) - Ministry of the Attorney General](#). Closing Date: Feb 16, 2024

[Senior Planner - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). Closing date: February 28, 2024

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing date: February 28, 2024

[Temporary Senior Systems Analyst - Town of Whitby](#). Closing Date: February 13, 2024.

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