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AMO is Hiring!

We're excited to be building out AMO's Communications Team and we're looking for two talented communications professionals to join us: Senior Communications Advisor and Strategic Communications Planner.

If you're a strong communicator, strategic thinker and collaborative teammate, apply or share with someone who might be a fit. Applications close September 11.

Apply Here

Cam Guthrie: Joining Local Leadership Foundations

Cam Guthrie will join Local Leadership Foundations as a lead facilitator, alongside Dr. Kate Graham, to provide participants with an experience-tested perspective on local government and council leadership.

Learn More

Get the AMO 2026 Conference Communications Toolkit

This toolkit makes it easy to showcase your municipality's priorities, initiatives, and conference participation across your social and local media channels. Find graphic templates and practical tips below.

Get the Guide

Provincial Matters

Municipal Energy Plan Grant Program Review

The Ministry of Energy and Mines is consulting on how to improve the Municipal Energy Plan grant program so municipalities can advance energy infrastructure initiatives. Comment by August 22.

Ministry of Natural Resources Project Evaluation Changes

The Ministry is seeking feedback on a new Project Evaluation Policy to replace the Class EA-RSFD by August 24, 2026. Register for the July 30 virtual information session to learn more.

Conservation Authorities Consultation

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is consulting on a mechanism to determine how many members participating municipalities appoint to regional conservation authorities. Respond by September 12.

Federal Matters

Community Infrastructure Funding Deadline Extended

Southern Ontario municipalities now have until August 6 to submit projects for community infrastructure funding from the Build Communities Strong Fund Local Impact Stream.

Rail Safety Improvement Funding

Municipalities are eligible to apply for federal funding to improve safety at high-risk rail crossings and along rail lines. Application deadlines are August 21 or September 4.

Antenna Siting Consultation Deadline Extended

The federal government's consultation on changes to how cell towers are sited has been extended to September 22. Click here for more information.

Events & Education

- **AUG 16 - 19 - 2026 AMO Annual Conference**

  The municipal voice is strongest when united, and the AMO Conference is where that strength meets direct access to decision-makers. On-site registration is available.

See the Full Event Calendar

LAS AMO Business Services

Digitize your Municipality

Visit the AMO-LAS Business Services' digital partners this Sunday and Monday at the AMO Conference tradeshow. Visit our website to learn more about these services.

Help your Community Work Better

AMO-LAS Business Services will be exhibiting at the AMO Conference. Visit our booth to learn more about our services, and drop off your business card for a chance to win a $200 donation for your community library.

Join Us for Breakfast on August 18 at the AMO Conference

Join the LAS-AMO Business Services team for an interactive breakfast workshop at the AMO Conference on August 18 in the Ontario Room at the Westin Hotel. Please complete this survey to help shape future programs. We'll share the results at the breakfast session.

Group Benefits for All Needs and Budgets

The AMO/LAS Group Benefits program offered by Mosey & Mosey helps reduce your employee group benefit costs. The plan offerings are customizable to your municipality's needs. For more information, you can visit their booth #325 at the AMO Conference.

Help Protect Homeowners from Sewer and Water Line Repair Costs

The AMO/LAS endorsed Sewer & Water Line Warranty service, offered through SLWC, helps residential property owners avoid expensive repair costs for clogs, leaks, and breaks to the water and sewer lines running from their home to the municipal connection. Look for their booth #719 at the AMO Conference.

We just can't wait to get on the road again...

Planning is underway for our fall road trips in southern Ontario. Keep an eye on your email for the opportunity to learn what's new at LAS and share feedback on some of the challenges you face. Contact Tanner or Christian to schedule your 1:1 visit.

We're Ready to Announce the All Risk Municipal Grant Winners

Don't miss the live announcement of the All Risk Municipal Grant recipients at the AMO Conference on August 17, and be sure to visit the Intact Public Entities (513) booth while you're there!

ONE Investment

Making the Right Municipal Investments

Municipal investors should have a thoughtful long-term investment strategy. Visit the ONE Investment booth at the AMO Conference to learn more.

MUNICIPAL PARTNERS*

National Homelessness Reduction Award Opportunity

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) is accepting nominations for awards to recognize efforts to reduce homelessness in communities. This includes a Municipal Leadership Award. The call closes August 20.

Careers

Senior Communications Advisor - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Closing Date: September 11, 2026.

Strategic Communications Planner - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Closing Date: September 11, 2026.

Supervisor, Homelessness and Outreach Services - Regional Municipality of Durham. Closing Date: August 11, 2026

Senior Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe. Closing Date: August 21, 2026

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal

AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act.* Read the AMO Policy Update.

Canada-Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program

On June 1, the federal and Ontario governments launched The Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program. Municipalities have until June 19, 2026 to submit projects for funding consideration. Read AMO's Policy Update for more information.

New Code of Conduct Bill Passes,

Bill 9, the Municipal Accountability Act, passed third reading, a significant achievement for the municipal sector. Read the AMO Policy Update.

Read More Past Issues



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