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Subject: FW: Meet the new AMO Board, Letter to PM on Economic Uncertainty, and more

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AMO 2026-2028 Board of Directors

AMO's 2026-2028 Board of Directors has been elected. Thank you to the dedicated municipal leaders who have stepped forward to represent Ontario's municipalities and help guide AMO's advocacy and priorities over the next two years.

Meet the Board

AMO Letter to Prime Minister and Premier

AMO sent a letter on behalf of Ontario's municipal sector to federal and provincial

Reserve Local Leadership Foundations Seats, Assign Later

Clerks and CAOs can reserve seats now for AMO and IOG's Local Leadership

leaders, showing support and highlighting shared priorities of building strong communities and adapting to economic uncertainty.

Read the Letter

Foundations program and assign participants after the election. Give incoming council members the tools to start their term strong.

Reserve Seats Now

Federal Matters

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.

Provincial Matters

Rural Ontario Development Program

A new application window for the Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Program is open until October 1. This provides funding to attract investment, strengthen workforce capacity and build long-term growth in rural communities.

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.

High-Speed Internet Access

The province has updated its municipal guidance on how to deliver high-speed internet projects faster, and its map of service available and in-progress projects. See how your community is represented!

Strengthen Emergency Preparedness: Apply now for Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG)!

The Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response (MEPR) has launched the 2026-2027 round of the CEPG, helping strengthen local emergency preparedness and response capacity across Ontario. Municipalities with populations under 100,000 residents

(Statistics Canada 2021 Census data), not previously funded, are eligible. Applications close October 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Events & Education

- **Sept 29 - Local Leadership Foundations Info Session**
  - We're holding an ask-us-anything information session on September 29 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Join AMO and the Institute on Governance for an overview of the program, a preview of the materials and an opportunity to get your questions answered.

See the Full Event Calendar

LAS AMO Business Services

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.

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Building Officials Training for Housing Permit Approvals

Help your building officials approve high-performance housing faster. This 12-hour online course provides the technical tools to review complex projects in-house, reducing delays and permit backlogs. Only $150 per person.

2026 Western Ontario Municipal Conference in Guelph

Registration is now open for the 2026 Western Ontario Municipal Conference (WOMC), taking place October 16, 2026, at the Delta Guelph Conference Centre in Guelph.

Ontario Bike Summit

The Ontario Bike Summit returns to Toronto Sept 22–24, convening public and industry leaders to showcase North American best practices in cycling infrastructure, policy, tourism, and community planning.

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.

Communications & Public Affairs Specialist - Middlesex-London Paramedic Service. Closing Date: September 4, 2026.

Co-ordinator of Solid Waste - City of Greater Sudbury. Closing Date: August 26, 2026.

Director of Communications - City of Brantford. Closing Date: September 3, 2026.

Director of Development - Town of Hanover. Closing Date: September 4, 2026.

Director, Economic Development and Tourism - Regional Municipality of Durham. Closing Date: August 24, 2026.

Director, Long-Term Financial Planning and Asset Management - The District Municipality of Muskoka. Closing Date: September 10, 2026

Housing Operations Supervisor - County of Lanark. Closing Date: September 7, 2026.

Manager, Sewage Collection - City of Windsor. Closing Date: September 28, 2026.

Senior Accountant - City of Orillia. Closing Date: September 3, 2026.

Sr Project Engineer, Water & Wastewater - County of Simcoe. Closing Date: September 13, 2026

See More Careers

In Case You Missed It

Key Takeaways from the 2026 AMO Conference

More than 3,600 municipal leaders, government representatives, sector partners and stakeholders from 444 municipalities came together in Ottawa for four days of conversations, advocacy, learning and collaboration. Read about it here.

Read More Past Issues



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