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Subject: FW: Resources for New Council Members, Funding Applications, and more.

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Info Session – Local Leadership Foundations

With elections underway and a new term of council ahead, municipalities across Ontario are beginning to think about how they can help incoming members of council get off to a strong start.

Local Leadership Foundations is a program designed to complement and reinforce your municipality's onboarding process, giving new and returning members of council practical insights from experienced municipal leaders and experts across the sector.

Join us on September 29 from 12-1pm for an overview of the program, a preview of materials, and an opportunity to get your questions answered.

Learn More

Federal Matters

Antenna Siting Consultation Deadline Extended

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

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.

Provincial Matters

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

Applications are now open until December 22 for the next round of the $500 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.

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!

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.

Events & Education

- **Sept 29 - Local Leadership Foundations Info Session**
  - Join us for an overview and preview of the program, and get your questions answered. Register here.
- **Nov 12 - Session 1 of Local Leadership Foundations**
  - Governing in practice: roles, responsibilities, and what good governance means at the local level. To register and learn more, click here.

See the Full Event Calendar

LAS AMO Business Services

Blog: How Municipalities Can Move Beyond Spreadsheets for Risk & Claims Management

At a certain point, moving beyond spreadsheets isn't just about saving administrative time. It's about giving staff and municipal leadership better information to understand risk, make informed decisions, and help prevent future losses.

Innovation in Action: All Risk Municipal Grant (ARMG) Projects Webinar

Join us on September 9 at 11:00am for a free webinar. Beyond highlighting the All Risk Municipal Grant winners, we'll showcase several other noteworthy initiatives that demonstrate the creativity and leadership of municipalities across the province. Register today.

Learning Opportunities for Municipal Senior Staff

Throughout the year, LAS - AMO Business Services offers learning opportunities for municipal senior staff. Check out our website for upcoming sessions.

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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.

Sewer Safety Week

Sewer Safety Week will take place September 14-18. A reminder to always call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 for a free sewer safety inspection. To learn more, visit Blocked Sewer and Cross Bore Safety | Enbridge Gas.

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.

Careers

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

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

See More Careers

In Case You Missed It

AMO Sends Letter to Prime Minister and Premier

AMO sent a letter on behalf of Ontario's municipal sector to federal and provincial leaders, showing support and highlighting shared priorities of building strong communities and adapting to economic uncertainty.

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.

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