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This training is for councillors with a good foundation in land use training and are ready to dive into strategic decision making. Engage in case studies and real life examples that are analyzed and understood through instructor lead instruction and group discussion. Register for the November 7 [Advanced](#) land use training.

AMO's Health and Safety Program Management partner, [4S Consulting](#), is hosting a webinar on November 14 at 8:30am ET on the double rebate offering from WSIB for municipal health and safety programs. [Register and learn](#) more on how to create sustainable health and safety programs.

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Our [Occupational Health and Safety digital program](#) partner has won the AVETTA Best Safety Industry Provider Award. 4S Consulting Services navigates the complex landscape of workplace safety, helping to integrate it into the workflow of your business.

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Municipal Wire*

Construction and manufacturing businesses can [get up to \\$20,000 for hiring new apprentices!](#) The program, delivered by Colleges and Institutes Canada, helps employers build a strong workforce and meet labour shortages.

The [University of Waterloo](#) is hosting [info sessions](#) on the process to recruit student

talent. Consider hiring a co-op student to support your municipality's succession planning!

Fleming College is seeking municipal environmental land-use planning and management projects to be implemented by students in the Environmental Land Management program. Contact Emily Markovic to discuss partnership opportunities.

Careers

Business Development Manager - Local Authority Services (LAS). Responsible for building a strategic partnership program for AMO to cultivate business relationships between third parties and AMO that leverage the value of AMO's position in the Ontario's market, provide benefits for municipalities. Apply to hr@amo.on.ca by November 22.

Truck & Coach/Automotive Technician - City of Thunder Bay. Participates in the development and implementation of all repair and preventative maintenance programs. Apply online by November 14.

Power Engineer - City of Thunder Bay. Responsible for monitoring ice or facility rentals and performs maintenance. Apply online by November 30.

Animal Services Officer - Town of Milton. Responsible for monitoring compliance of the Town's by-laws related to animal control. Apply online by December 1.

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Updates on our advocacy initiatives

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Advocacy Update

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November 7, 2023

Advocacy Update: 2023 Fall Economic Statement

On Thursday, November 2, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, introduced the **2023 Fall Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Building a Strong Ontario Together**, known as the fall economic statement. The Government focused on two themes: **Building Ontario** and **Working for You**.

While many of the commitments contained in the fall economic statement were previously announced, we are happy to see the Government make continued investments in infrastructure, including the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund. While welcome, this funding is likely insufficient to support the water infrastructure needs to build the housing targets the Province has set. We look forward to hearing more about the proposal to launch the Ontario Infrastructure Bank,

as well as the details of the Building Faster Fund. As an Association, we continue to advocate for the expansion of funding sources that appropriately address the infrastructure gap. Unfortunately, we were disappointed to see that the fall economic statement does not contain an update on the government's commitment to make municipalities whole following its **changes to development charges made through Bill 23**.

Other highlights with particular relevance to the municipal sector include:

Building Ontario

- Launching the **Ontario Infrastructure Bank**, a new arms-length, board-governed agency responsible for attracting public-sector pension plans and other trusted institutional investors to participate in large-scale critical infrastructure projects, with proposed initial funding of \$3 billion.
- \$200 million over three years in a new **Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund**, for the repair, rehabilitation and expansion of a variety of municipal water infrastructure projects.
- \$185 billion over 10 years, including \$20.7 billion in 2023–24, toward **Ontario's Plan to Build**, the Province's capital plan, to build highways, roads, transit, hospitals, long-term care homes, schools, child care spaces, broadband and other critical infrastructure.
- Making progress towards creating 86,000 new, high-quality, affordable **child care spaces** by 2026.

Working for You

- Extending the current **gas and fuel tax rate cuts** through June 30, 2024.
- Encouraging construction of **new purpose-built rental housing** by taking steps to remove the full eight per cent provincial portion of the Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on qualifying projects.
- Supporting **skills development and training**, with more than \$1 billion invested over three years in the Skilled Trades Strategy, as well as \$860 million in the Training Stream and \$224 million in the Capital Stream of the Skills Development Fund.
 - This includes \$32.4 million over the next three years to support up to 6,500 **paid research internships** for undergraduate and graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows through Mitacs.
- Investing \$25 million over three years in the **Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program** through the 2023 Budget, expanding the **Ontario Bridge Training** program with a \$3 million investment in 2023–24 to help skilled newcomers start working in their trained fields faster, and removing Canadian work experience requirements for certain regulated professions to make it easier for newcomers to work in the professions they trained for.
- Building at least **1.5 million homes by 2031** through targeted incentives to municipalities, including the Building Faster Fund, strong mayor powers and the Streamline Development Approval Fund.

The Government is now projecting a \$5.6 billion deficit in 2023-24 based on updated economic and revenue information and higher contingencies to mitigate near-term risks. A deficit of \$5.3 billion is forecasted in 2024-25, followed by a surplus of \$0.5 billion in 2025-26.

We will continue to advocate for predictable long-term funding supports that are reflective of the value and cost of the services municipalities are expected to deliver. We will also continue to monitor and track your needs as members and municipal professionals when it comes to reducing the municipal reporting burden. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to [complete our intake form](#) to provide your feedback on the most problematic reports - our goal is to use your real-life examples to help solidify and advance our advocacy efforts. We thank you in advance for providing your feedback and for your ongoing support.

For more information or to discuss further, [please contact us](#).



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LAS

The LAS Natural Gas Procurement Program has [secured prices for the new term](#) that are lower than current utility rates. [Contact us](#) if you would like a report comparing your rates to our hedged price.

The [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment](#) service is a great tool for managing some of your most important assets. Better data and the tools for planning will save you money and improve service levels. Contact [Tanner](#) for a quote to include in your 2024 budget.

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[Senior Economist - Region of Durham](#). [Apply online](#) by November 26.

[Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Township of Asphodel-Norwood](#). Apply to recruitment@antownship.ca by November 17.

[Municipal Treasurer - Township of Asphodel-Norwood](#). Apply to recruitment@antownship.ca by November 27.

Chief Administrative Officer - Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board. Apply to jocelyn.nielson@rrdssab.ca by December 6.

Director, Indigenous Relations - City of Hamilton. Apply online by November 22.

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ONE

It's municipal budget time and many of you focused on your 2024 finances, and making every dollar count is important. Over the long term, the growth from equity investments can help fund capital projects and municipal needs. [Register for the November 30 webinar](#) to learn more.

LAS

LAS' turn-key Facility Lighting Service has been helping municipalities upgrade to LED lights for several years. Join our webinar on **November 22 at 10:00am** to hear West Lincoln and Georgina Township share their experience with this cutting edge program. Don't wait - [register today](#).

[Join us November 30](#) for a ClearRisk webinar to review their comprehensive risk management information system to streamline management and analysis of claims, incidents, policies, exposures, assets and more.

The [LAS/Canoe Procurement Group](#) Fall webinar series is coming to a close! Join us on November 23 for a presentation by Navistar on their plans for a sustainable transportation future - [register here](#). On December 7 we'll hear from Aerospace and Deep Trekker, two new vendors in the Uncrewed Vehicles category - [register here](#).

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Municipal Wire*

A naturally occurring retirement community (NORC) is a regular residential building that has become home to a high density of older adults. Could NORCs help older adults age in place? In this [webinar](#), November 28, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EST you will learn why they matter. This [webinar](#) will be of interest to policymakers, administrators and clinicians who provide care to older adults in health care or social service settings in Ontario.

Limited spots remain available for a free and confidential Workplace Disability Management Assessment. For details and an application form, visit the National Institute of Disability Management and Research [website](#).

[Sign up](#) for Enbridge Gas' Integrated Resource Planning Fall webinars to learn more about the IRP process, system needs, and potential projects that have been identified in your region.

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Federal Matters

The federal government published *The Role, Management, and Impacts of Plastics in Organics Waste Diversion Programs (FR)* in Canada to support municipal decision making on the inclusion of plastics such in organics recycling programs.

Education Opportunities

Register for the ROMA 2024 Conference to learn about hot topics impacting rural communities. Plenary stage programming includes panels discussions about *The Future of Feeding Ontario and Experiences and Solutions for Rural and Remote Homelessness*.

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Mark April 30 - May 2 in your calendar for the OSUM 2024 Conference in Orillia. Check back here as details are confirmed.

LAS

Nine out of 10 municipalities say that budgets have not increased to cope with the Freedom of Information demand. To learn more, read our Freedom of Information Solutions partner's guest blog.

Don't get caught in the dark as the government phases out fluorescent and other mercury containing lights. The LAS Facility Lighting Service is your easy-button to environmentally-friendly, efficient LED upgrades. Contact Christian Tham to find out more and get started today.

ClearRisk will be hosting our training webinar in one week! Come join us November 30

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RTOERO's inaugural Future of Aging Summit, held in Toronto from May 15 to 17, 2024, unites global experts and thought leaders across numerous sectors to improve our later years.

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Director Regulatory Compliance Enforcement - City of Toronto. Apply by: November 30.

Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe. Apply by: December 8

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