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On December 13, AMO and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies are hosting a webinar on voluntary mergers with Ministry of Health staff. See our [webpage for additional information](#).

Guest Column

Last Thursday, Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health launched the [9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline](#). 9-8-8 provides lifesaving mental health support via phone or text. Help spread the word about 9-8-8 with this [social media toolkit](#)

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Education Opportunities

The ROMA 2024 Conference program will address important issues facing rural municipalities in Ontario, including housing, economic development, responding to gender based violence, and risk management. [View the program](#) outline including a full list of topics and [register today](#).

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

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Municipal Wire*

Environmental Leadership Canada is recruiting environmental leaders (aged 18-30) for a Municipal Climate Internship in eastern Ontario with Lanark, Frontenac, and Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry. [Applications are due December 12, 2023](#).

The [Future of Aging Summit](#) in Toronto, May 15 - 17, 2024, will bring together policymakers, researchers, designers, planners, advocates, and others focused on supporting healthy aging, ending ageism and building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and get early bird pricing when you [register](#) by December 31.

ORFA's [Outdoor Ice Symposium](#) is a two-day event (January 23-24, 2024) focused on the opportunities and challenges of offering outdoor ice-skating experiences for communities. [Register](#) to join them in-person at The Bentway, Toronto or connect virtually!

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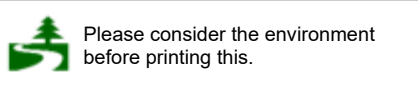
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Advocacy Update: **Province Announced Legislative Reconsiderations**

Following changes to Greenbelt legislation in the fall, the Ontario Government announced another series of legislative reconsiderations yesterday impacting the municipal sector.

These announcements follow many months of the sector expressing its concerns about the need for ongoing open dialogue and consultation between provincial and municipal governments. Specifically, as an association, we have raised our concerns with recent legislative changes and their impacts to municipal finances, increased administrative and operational burdens for months. Yesterday's announcements underlie the importance of municipal consultation with associations like ours before significant changes to legislation are made. It is expected that legislation will be introduced sometime in the new year to reflect yesterday's announcements.

We are also thinking about the municipal staff impacted by these decisions across the province, and in particular, those within the Region of Peel, who continue to demonstrate their dedication and professionalism in the face of so much uncertainty. Thank you for your commitment to serving your communities.

Region of Peel

Legislation will be introduced in the new year to recalibrate the mandate of the transition board, originally appointed through the *Hazel McCallion Act, 2023*, to look at how to improve and optimize services to build more housing in the Region of Peel. The rationale provided is that “full dissolution” is not in the best interest of rate payers and would potentially impact the Province’s goal of building homes.

In response to reporter’s questions, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, said that the Region of Peel would have an elected council going into the 2026 municipal elections. The Minister also suggested that the lessons learned from the review of Peel could apply to other regional governments.

However, it remains to be seen what actions the Province takes with Peel. The language used yesterday suggests that outcomes of the transitions board’s new mandate may determine whether different service or structural arrangements come to fruition (at least in Peel). In addition, the *Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy* continues its review of other regions and the County of Simcoe.

Minister Zoning Orders (MZOs)

In addition to the Region of Peel reversal, the Minister also announced that he would be revoking or amending several MZOs as part of the government’s approach to “using or losing it” including revoking or amending eight MZOs that are not related to housing. An additional 14 MZOs will have enhanced monitoring to determine whether they should be amended or revoked. Further, the Minister announced that he would be launching a consultation on how to review and approve future MZO requests to increase transparency.

Bill 23, More Homes, Built Faster Act

An additional measure announced yesterday was made in response to consultations with stakeholders including municipalities and *associations*. The Minister will be reviewing the impacts of the *More Homes, Built Faster Act, 2022*, which exempted or discounted development charges

on affordable housing, “attainable” housing, not-for-profit housing, inclusionary zoning units, and rental units.

The Minister did commit to keeping exemptions for not-for-profit and purpose-built rentals as part of its housing strategy. Consultations on the definition of attainable will continue in the coming months but the Minister indicated that for now, these exemptions will only apply to modular homes on demonstration sites such as surplus government lands to incentivize the building of these types of homes.

Additional consultations with municipalities will take place on development-related charges including:

- Phasing in development charge rates over five years for those development charge bylaws passed as of January 1, 2022
- The removal of development charge background studies as an eligible capital cost
- The planning application fee refund framework

Municipal Third-Party Audits

The Province is also cancelling the [third-party audits announced in May of this year](#). The consultation on the impacts of the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, will replace these audits.

We will continue to keep you, our members, informed of updates on these and other impactful legislative changes. As an Association, we are committed to working with the government to provide our members' operational knowledge, advice, and expertise.

For further details on these announcements, please see the Province’s news release (linked below).

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Education Opportunities

With just over a month until the ROMA 2024 Conference, the full slate of concurrent sessions is available. [View the program](#) and [register today](#).

The [webinar series](#) will unravel the intricacies of infrastructure asset management building on the experiences that AMO and Asset Management Ontario have learned working with nearly 100 municipalities in partnership with FCM's [Municipal Asset Management Program](#). The first webinar is on [Asset Hierarchy and Data Gaps](#) on January 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST. Click [here](#) for more details.

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[Traffic Engineer - City of Markham](#). Deadline: January 14, 2024.

[Administrative Monetary Penalty System \(AMPs\) Business Analyst / Policy Advisor - City of Markham](#). Deadline: January 7, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Erin](#). Deadline: January 10th, 2024.

[Executive Director, Digital Government & Service Innovation - Town of Midland](#). Deadline: January 2, 2024.

[Director, Seniors Services - Municipality of Chatham-Kent](#). Deadline: December 21, 2023.

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Introduction & Highlights

As another year wraps up and the Legislative Assembly starts its holiday break, we at AMCTO are reflecting on 2023. This year we were pulled in many directions, including advocating for a return to the provincial assessment cycle, supporting municipalities in the transition to strong mayors, continuing our work on the municipal reporting burden, promoting municipal financial sustainability, and researching and laying the foundation for exciting advocacy initiatives in the year to come.

Strong Mayors

Perhaps one of the biggest changes this year was the roll-out of strong mayor powers. There are now 46 municipalities with strong mayor powers. Notably, **four municipalities did not sign housing pledges** and were not included in the **updated regulation**. This change has brought about significant new challenges for administrators across the province, who have risen to the occasion by developing new processes, protocols, and politics.

We are beginning to see some impacts of this legislation at the local level including organizational repercussions. In addition to supporting municipalities through the strong mayor transition, we will continue to look for opportunities to advocate for the strengthening of municipal administration through clarifying roles and responsibilities between council and staff.

Municipal Modernization

Thanks to the dedication of our members, in 2023 we have made significant strides in advocating for updated municipal legislation through the work of our *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)* Working Group and *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* Working Group. We look forward to sharing a proactive legislative submission with government regarding *MFIPPA* modernization in early 2024 and finalizing our recommendations on the *MEA* early in the new year. We will also be considering how AMCTO can support efforts to modernize the *Provincial Offences Act*.

We continued engagement with Elections Ontario on the voters list transition. Responsibility for provision of the Primary List of Electors (PLEs) for municipal elections will transfer to Elections Ontario from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) on January 1, 2024. We will continue to work with both organizations to support our members through this transition. To learn more about their approach and to get onboarded with their municipal portal, please **reach out to Elections Ontario**.

Municipal Reporting Burden

Reducing the reporting burden continues to be an advocacy priority. This year, we were pleased to see some successes, such as **our feedback** on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's reporting regulation resulting in the roll-back of their request for historical data. Understanding that there is more work to be done, we are continuing to collect and analyze data to help better identify and understand the most common, problematic reporting requirements. Please continue to provide your feedback through our intake form (linked below).

SUBMIT YOUR CONCERNS

AMCTO's advocacy would not be possible without your support, feedback, and subject matter expertise. We encourage you to volunteer as part of our Roster of Municipal Advisors. This is a great way to advance important sector issues and have your voice heard.

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Policy Spotlight

Many municipalities across the province offered online voting during the 2022 municipal elections. With increasing costs of administering elections, more municipalities may be considering online voting in 2026 and beyond.

In consultation with municipalities, the **Digital Governance Standards Institute** has been drafting an online electoral voting standard that specifies technical design requirements for online voting services and best practices for election administrators.

The **Digital Governance Council** (formerly the CIO Strategy Council), that oversees the Institute, works “across public and private sectors to strengthen trust in Canada's digital economy by collaboratively identifying, prioritizing and acting on digital governance opportunities and challenges”. As part of this work, the Institute develops technology governance standards to help enable greater trust and confidence in Canada's digital systems.

According to the Institute, municipal election administrators can use the voluntary online electoral voting standard to assess their online voting service providers, as well as to inform requests for proposals if they are considering implementing online voting in their elections. It can also be used to help guide election administrators in the development of policies and procedures related to online voting.

While this standard is not government policy nor a requirement, it could be useful for Ontario municipalities looking to begin or improve online voting in their communities. As we prepare our *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* proactive submission, it is important for us to consider cross-jurisdictional work such as this which could improve the security and operational experience in local elections.

The Institute has launched a public review of its standard and is seeking comments until **February 28, 2024**. Feedback from our members would help ensure the standard is as useful as possible to those working on-the-ground and that local issues are taken into consideration.

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Policy Updates

Government Announces 2024 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) - The Government announced that it will be continuing to provide \$500 million in funding through the OMPF.

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Ontario and Toronto Announce New Deal - Premier Ford and Toronto Mayor, Olivia Chow, have released the details of their new deal, a result of 10 weeks of working group discussions. As part of this new deal, Ontario has agreed to provide the city with up to \$1.2 billion in provincial operating supports over three years as well as capital relief.

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Supreme Court of Canada Ruling for Municipalities – A recent decision from the Supreme Court of Canada may result in increased liability for municipalities undertaking important infrastructure and construction projects.

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Bills & Lawmaking

Bills Passed & Government Bills:

Bill 136, *Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023* (Royal Assent received December 6) - This *Act* amends the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* and other acts to restore lands previously removed from the Greenbelt, and ensures that future changes to the Greenbelt can only be made through legislation.

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Bill 139, *Less Red Tape, More Common Sense Act, 2023* (Royal Assent received December 4) - This *Act* represents the legislative component to the Government's fall 2023 red tape reduction package. Highlights include reducing paperwork demands for physicians, amending the *Ontario Heritage Act, 1990*, to make it easier for faith groups to alter their places of worship, and reviewing regulations under the *Nutrient Management Act, 2002*.

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Bill 141, Life Lease Act, 2023 (Referred to Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy) -

This Bill would enact a new act to make it easier to engage in life lease arrangements. If passed, this would define a life lease as a written tenancy agreement that involved payment of an entrance fee for a rental unit. The person who is first entitled to occupy the rental unit is granted a right of occupancy for life or for a fixed term of not less than 50 years. The act would set rules for how life lease arrangements would work in Ontario.

Bill 146, *Building a Strong Ontario Together Act (Budget Measures), 2023 (Royal Assent received December 4)* - This Act is the legislative component to the Fall Economic Statement introduced on November 2.

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Bill 149, Working for Workers Four Act, 2023 (Referred to Standing Committee on Social Policy) - If passed, this would make various changes to protect employees including requiring employers to discuss salary ranges in job postings and if artificial intelligence is used during the hiring process. It would also ban the use of Canadian work experience as a requirement in job postings or application forms.

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Bill 150, *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 (Royal Assent received December 6)* - This Act reverses official plan decisions for the Cities of Barrie, Belleville, Guelph, Hamilton, Ottawa and Peterborough, the Regions of Halton Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, and the County of Wellington. This winds back provincial changes to official plans and official plan amendments, including changes to urban boundaries.

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Bill 154, *New Deal for Toronto Act, 2023 (Royal Assent received December 6)* - This Act enacts the *Recovery Through Growth Act (City of Toronto), 2023*, and the *Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, 2023* to help implement the changes announced through the New Deal for Toronto.

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Bill 159, Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, 2023 (Ordered for Second Reading) - This Bill would amend the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* to allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations governing record-keeping

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with respect to dogs and prohibit the sale or transfer of dogs. It would also prohibit the operation of puppy mills.

Private Members Bills:

Bill 156, Homes You Can Afford in the Communities You Love Act, 2023 (Ordered for Second Reading) - This Bill introduced by Green Party Leader, Mike Schreiner, would make various amendments to the *Planning Act* to require official plans to contain policies authorizing the use of up to four residential units in settlement areas, and require the council of each local municipality to pass a bylaw to give effect to such policies. If passed, it would also require official plans to authorize midrise housing developments from 6-11 stories on major streets, including transit corridors.

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Resources

Advocacy & Policy Resources for Members - As an AMCTO member, you have access to additional policy tools and resources available on our website. Sign in to view the latest reports, guides, research papers and more.

Academic Research - Here you will find reports, datasets, papers, tools, resources and other research of interest. Our objective is to be a conduit for municipal research and the advancement of the municipal profession by bridging the important work done by academics, think-tanks, and other expert organizations and professionals. Our aim is to assist AMCTO members with enhancing their professional practice by incorporating evidence-based information with the latest research and analysis from Ontario, Canada and international sources.

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Curated Sector Research & Reports - In order to further support our members' and municipal professionals' knowledge and understanding of sector best practices, and in order to provide a look ahead at policy and public sector trends, we have put together the following curated list of academic research and reports. The goal of these tools and resources is to inform and educate. The content listed here does not represent AMCTO's specific advocacy or policy positions or constitute endorsements of any kind.

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AMCTO Thought Leadership - Here you will find several reports and position papers that demonstrate our municipal sector expertise and illustrate our members' breadth of knowledge and hands-on approaches to municipal government operations and administration. This includes recent papers and reports from students and recent graduates of our Executive Diploma in Municipal Management and Diploma in Municipal Administration programs.

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- AMO Hotel Release – Tuesday, January 9 at 10am.
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- Future of Aging Summit in May 2024.
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[Ontario's Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund](#) allows municipalities to nominate water infrastructure projects for funding (up to \$35 million). Applications and information webinars start early 2024. For details, e-mail HEWS@ontario.ca.

The Digital Governance Standards Institute has opened public review on [terminology](#) and planning application [data fields](#) that establishes consistency in data requirements for planning and development applications in Ontario.

IESO is [seeking feedback](#) on the proposed next round of procurements for energy projects including

requirements for municipal support prior to applications being submitted.

The Independent Electricity System Operator will host [two webinars on January 15 & 17, 2024](#) for municipalities and Indigenous communities to learn about Ontario's energy transition and new initiatives underway.

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[PSPNET](#) offers free online cognitive behavior therapy for Canadian public safety personnel (PSP) dealing with mood, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress. They provide therapist-guided and self-guided courses.

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Do not miss the opportunity to book your hotel of choice for AMO 2024 in Ottawa. Hotel bookings open 10am sharp on Tuesday, January 9. We encourage you to book online [here](#).

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Thinking of a low carbon retrofit but need a software to model your project? [RETScreen International](#) and LAS are offering a free municipal-focused webinar to showcase the latest version of RETScreen Expert. Space is limited so be sure to [register today](#). Attendees will receive a free 14-day RETScreen trial license.

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Advocacy Update: *MFIPPA* Modernization

As the largest voluntary municipal association in Ontario, it is our position that local governments are the most transparent order of government with openness at the core of their operations as the level of government closest to the people. We believe that through modernized legislation, municipalities continuously improve on transparency and accountability. With this in mind, we are proud to announce the release of an all-new submission and related toolkit to better support our members and municipal staff.

Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*

This submission represents a significant milestone as it advances our *Municipal Freedom and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA)* advocacy under the Legislation and Regulation category of our **Issue Profile**. This advocacy principle is about modernizing the legislative and regulatory environment to support and enable the work of municipal public servants, making it easier to understand, enforce and be innovative while ensuring policies and practices reflect current needs and situations and focus on outcomes.

Our submission highlights and provides examples of some of the biggest issues faced by administrators when it comes to administering the *Act*. The submission also recommends solutions to help ensure the next iteration of *MFIPPA* addresses new and emerging trends, provides much needed clarity, and promotes accountability and transparency.

Municipal administrators need legislation that:

- Supports effective local program delivery;
- Is responsive to current technology; and
- Reflects its original intent of open and accountable governance.

To initiate a more robust dialogue on *MFIPPA* modernization, we have sent the following letter and our submission to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Todd McCarthy, with the goal of this ultimately leading to much-needed legislative and regulatory updates.

READ OUR LETTER TO THE MINISTER

This work would not have been possible without the support of our *MFIPPA* Working Group. The Working Group, comprised of AMCTO members from across the province, reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated a suite of possible reforms to *MFIPPA* to support the creation of this proactive submission. We want to sincerely thank the AMCTO *MFIPPA* Working Group for their commitment to this project.

Get Involved: Download our Advocacy Toolkit

Since 2020, dozens of municipalities all over the province have passed resolutions in support of the review and reform of *MFIPPA*. These resolutions strengthen the collective voice of the municipal sector in calling for change. It is important that the government knows that municipalities are calling for relevant and up-to-date legislation and that they want to continue to be open and transparent levels of government. Thank you to the many AMCTO members who have taken initiative to spearhead these reform efforts.

To help support you, our members, and your municipalities in advancing this important advocacy work, we invite you to download the following toolkit that contains resources you can use within your own day-to-day work and share with council.

DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT

For municipalities who have not yet passed a resolution supporting *MFIPPA* reform, please use the draft council resolution template within our toolkit that calls for support of our submission recommendations.

If your municipality passes a resolution on *MFIPPA*, or if your municipality has already passed a resolution, but has not yet shared it with us, we ask that you please send a copy to our **Advocacy Team**. Awareness of municipal resolutions will help us strengthen the case that municipalities agree with the need for change.

Within the toolkit, you will also see a summary of **key messages** to help your municipality address any questions you may receive about support for *MFIPPA* modernization from members of council, the public, or your local media. We ask that you please also **inform us** if you or a member of your team is contacted by a member of the media – this will help us to continue tracking and monitoring our advocacy efforts.

We've also prepared a **short Issue at Glance briefing note** that summarizes some of the key issues with *MFIPPA* and AMCTO members' ideal solutions. This document can be used to as part of a council report, or to assist with talking about *MFIPPA* to local provincial representatives.

What's Next

We will be continuing to engage the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery to press for *MFIPPA* reform. This includes continuing to look for opportunities to collaborate, co-design and share promising practices and lessons learned from you, our members, to inform legislation, policies, programs and services.

Our team also looks forward to continuing the conversation on *MFIPPA* with Minister McCarthy and other representatives at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference later this month.

For more information on this submission, our toolkit or more of our advocacy efforts, **please contact us**.



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