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## Advocacy Update: 2024 Provincial Budget

On Tuesday, March 26, Minister Bethlenfalvy introduced the [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#).

Similar to the 2023 budget, this year's budget has two core pillars: Building Ontario, which includes actions to drive economic growth by investing in infrastructure and manufacturing; and Working for You, which includes keeping taxes and fees low while investing in training for workers and public services.

Some investments that may be of interest to our members and the municipal sector include:

- \$1 billion over three years for the application-based [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#) to fund critical infrastructure projects such as roads and water infrastructure that support housing growth.
- An additional investment of \$625 million over three years for the [Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund](#) to help municipalities repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure needed to build more homes. Municipalities must apply for this funding by **April 19, 2024**.
- Investing \$200 million over three years for the new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund to support new facilities and revitalize existing venues.
- Introducing \$30 million over the next three years for the application-based Fire Protection Grant to support municipal fire services infrastructure and equipment.
- Launching the application-based Ontario Transit Investment Fund to provide \$5 million

annually to deliver local and intercommunity transportation projects, particularly in rural areas.

- **Extending reduction of the gas tax** by 5.7 cents per litre and fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- Extending authority for single and upper-tier municipalities to impose a tax on vacant homes, along with a new provincial policy framework for implementation.
- Providing municipalities the option to offer a reduced municipal property tax rate on new multi-residential rental properties.

In our **2024 Pre-Budget Submission**, we called on the Province to provide financial support for municipal budget shortfalls due to reductions in development charges and other financial impacts resulting from Bill 23. While this year's budget investments are meant to respond to our calls and those of other municipal organizations to make municipalities whole, this funding is likely insufficient to fully cover the cost of growth.

Through this budget, the government makes a number of multi-year investments and expands select funding opportunities, however there is no consideration for new funding arrangements or the Social and Economic Prosperity Review proposed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Earlier this year, we joined our colleagues at AMO in **calling for the review**, for a new approach to the provincial-municipal relationship that adjusts long-standing structural problems and a framework that promotes the stability and sustainability of municipal finances province-wide.

We were also hoping to see a commitment to supporting municipal efficiency and modernization through reduction of the municipal reporting burden and a re-start of the Municipal Modernization Program and Audit and Accountability Fund.

We will continue to monitor the budget bill, which includes details on the Building Ontario Fund, a previously announced \$3 billion **infrastructure bank**, as it goes through the Legislative Assembly for potential impacts to our members. We will also be continuing to work with other associations like AMO to push forward the need for a joint review of municipal finance and government action on items to 'make municipalities whole' among fulfilling other policy commitments.

For more information, **please contact us**.



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The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario and the Canadian Urban Institute are offering [two streams of funding](#) for initiatives to support main streets in southern Ontario. Apply by March 31.

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their [website](#) for more information.

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## Municipal Wire\*

Elliot Lake was named as a Top 4 Finalist for Kraft Hockeyville, the only Ontario community to be in this year's contest and they are looking for all of Ontario's support for votes! On March 29 and 30, please visit [Kraft Hockeyville](#) and vote for Elliot Lake. There is no limit to how many votes you can cast so don't miss your chance to vote!

The [Ontario Bike Summit](#) (OBS) is Canada's largest cycling and active transportation conference. OBS brings together municipal and industry leaders, policy makers, and advocates from communities across the province to share their expertise and best practices, in an effort to make Ontario more bicycle friendly.

World Animal Protection is asking municipalities to support and adopt a [resolution to restrict the keeping of exotic wild animals](#) in Ontario.

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A [recording is available of a March 26 webinar](#) with representatives from IESO, MECP, MNR, OMAFRA and MMAH to discuss how municipalities can address siting considerations for energy projects.

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**Careers**

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Who is responsible for damaged sewer and water lines running from residential properties, and what options are available? Our Sewer and Waterline Warranty Program webinar will cover this and more. [Register to attend](#) or to receive a recording.

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Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

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With the July 1, 2024 Energy Reporting deadline less than 3 months away, the focus is on 5-year Conservation Plans. LAS is here to help with a limited time energy consulting service. Don't wait til the last minute - [contact us](#) to get started before it's too late.

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Congratulations to Elliot Lake! Crowned [2024 Kraft Hockeyville](#), Elliot Lake will receive the opportunity to host an NHL® Pre-Season game and \$250,000 for upgrades to Centennial Arena.

Are you from a small or medium-sized municipality with perspectives on local climate initiatives? If yes, share your thoughts here [EN](#) | [FR](#) by April 15. Insights inform supports for carbon resilience.

Registrations for Canada's inaugural Basic Income Guarantee Forum are open. [BIG 2024](#) takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

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[Manager, Public Works Operations \(Forestry and Sanitation\) - City of Peterborough](#). Closing date: April 26, 2024 at 12:00 pm.

[Manager, People & Inclusivity - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: April 20, 2024.

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Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

April 17, 2024

### **Advocacy Update: Province Introduces Bill 185 *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024***

On April 10, 2024, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Legislative Affairs, Hon. Paul Calandra introduced Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*. Presented as part of a red tape reduction package, its stated intent is to streamline approvals and help build more homes and infrastructure faster. The omnibus bill proposes legislative amendments related to development charges (DCs), planning, line fences and more, many of which directly affect municipal fiscal sustainability, service delivery, and staffing.

#### **Development Charges**

Some of these changes come in response to our [submission to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy](#) regarding Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. AMCTO is supportive of the government's efforts to address housing supply and measures to improve local and provincial processes, and we have kept pressure on the Province to recognize the financial and administrative impacts on municipalities. In our submission we asked for amendments to Bill 23 to ensure that municipalities can continue to provide hard and soft services to their communities without incurring significant financial impact. Through Bill 185, the Province proposes to remove the five-year phase-in for development charges (DCs), reinstate studies as an eligible DC cost, reduce the DC freeze timeframe from two years to 18 months, and streamline the process for municipalities to extend existing DC bylaws – helping municipalities ensure growth pays for growth.

## Public Notice Requirements

Public notice requirements is another issue we, on behalf of members, raised with the Province earlier this year in a letter to Minister Calandra and at our Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) delegation with the Minister of Red Tape Reduction. Dozens of municipalities have flagged that current legislation on public notice requirements is increasingly difficult and potentially costly, even more so due to the recent closure of various newspaper print publications. We are pleased to see some clarification on this in the *Planning Act* and the *Development Charges Act*, such as allowing municipalities to give notice of new planning decisions on their website where no local newspaper is available. We know the notice issue goes beyond publication and includes concerns around mailing as well. The Province is **consulting on proposed changes** with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Line Fences Act

In addition to the above, the Province intends to allow notices to be sent electronically when it comes to the *Line Fences Act*, along with other proposed modernization amendments such as removing the requirement for municipalities to provide stenographic services during appeals hearings. We previously submitted comments on the proposed repeal of the *Line Fences Act* due to the administrative burden to municipalities. The Province is **consulting on proposed changes** with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Producer Pays

Within the red tape reduction package, the Province is further considering changes to producer responsibility regulations for recycling related to reporting requirements, clarifying rules, how producers and producer responsibility organizations (PROs) establish and operate collection networks, and more. Throughout the transition to the producer responsible model, we saw much of the financial responsibilities related to collection, material management, promotion, education, and reporting shift from municipalities to producers, reducing the financial and administrative burden on municipalities. Changes that remove producer responsibility would be of concern as they could have adverse impacts on municipalities.

Also on our radar is that under certain circumstances, municipalities are currently considered producers, such as when it comes to paper usage which has potentially burdensome reporting requirements attached to it. This is an area where we are continuing to gather information, data and feedback from members to better understand the problem and necessary solutions. We look forward to working collaboratively with other municipal associations on this issue. Share your feedback on this and other burdensome reporting through our intake form below.

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## Other Administrative and Reporting Burden

We are also further examining other proposed changes to the reporting burden such as changes to municipal planning data reporting. In 2023, [we submitted comments](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing about Municipal Reporting on Planning Matters. In this, we shared our concern that if approved, this would add more burden on municipalities. Our recommendations included asking the Province to work with the municipal sector to ensure the right data is collected, removing the requirement of five years of historical data, reducing the frequency of reporting to one or two times a year, among others. The Province is [consulting on proposed changes](#) with a deadline of May 10, 2024.

## Next Steps

Our team is considering making submissions on these items, but we need your help and support to do so. If you have comments on the above proposals, please complete our feedback form (linked in the button above) or [contact us](#) directly to share your ideas, comments, or concerns by **Monday, April 29**.

We will continue to monitor the proposed changes for impacts to municipalities and opportunities for consultation. The above-noted proposed amendments within Bill 185 are those most relevant to our Association's proactive advocacy work, however, the other changes announced also affect municipalities. A more extensive list of Bill 185's changes can be found on [our blog](#).



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### **AMO Matters**

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

AMO's advocacy via the Municipal Resource, Recovery and Research Collaboration (M3RC) gained media attention. [A CBC article](#) quoted AMO on extended producer responsibility, while The Narwhal wrote a piece on Ontario landfills [citing AMO's research](#).

### **Provincial Matters**

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the changes will reduce costs.

Municipalities are invited to submit a nomination for the [2024 Ontario Senior of the Year Award](#) by April 30.

[Inclusive Community Grants](#) funds projects that help local governments, not-for-profits, and Indigenous communities develop and implement local age-friendly community plans. Applications are due by May 22.

Show and tell us how your transparency project or program is modern and innovative, improves government transparency creatively, and has a solid positive impact for Ontarians. [Submissions](#) due May 31.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Applications to the Ministry of Infrastructure's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund [are open](#) until April 19, 2024. Review the program and application guidelines online.

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR sent a survey to municipalities on March 26. It closes April 23, 2024. Complete it to provide the province feedback on its asset management requirements and supports.

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AMO and CMHC are hosting a technical session on April 30 to provide information and gather feedback from municipalities on a standard housing design catalogue. [Register over Zoom](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO's is offering two education opportunities focused on planning issues and strategies: [April 17 Foundations in Planning workshop](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal roles and responsibilities. Our [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning workshop](#) includes analysis of case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning matters.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

As AMO and municipalities await provincial direction, your Association has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in the development, communication, adherence, and issues management of codes of conducts. [Register for the April 25 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

### **LAS**

Our Electronic Meeting Management and Livestreaming Service partner conducted a survey that garnered over 500 responses from city/municipal clerks. [Read the results](#) in our latest blog.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how

they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

Is a road or sidewalk survey part of your Summer 2024 plans? [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Better data helps you make better decisions for your infrastructure.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Registrations for Canada's inaugural Basic Income Guarantee Forum are open. [BIG 2024](#) takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

### **Careers**

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[Administrator - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2024.

[Director of Planning and Development - Town of Petawawa](#). Closing Date: April 26, 2024.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). Closing Date: May 12, 2024.

[Director of Infrastructure Services & Town Engineer - Town of Erin](#). Closing Date: April 23, 2024.

[Manager, Works Operations - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 3, 2024.

[Director, Communications and Customer Experience - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 15, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of West Grey](#). Closing Date: May 14, 2024.

[Director of Operations and Human Resources - Municipality of Casselman](#). Closing Date: May 1, 2024.

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## Introduction & Highlights

Centering municipalities as key government partners in our Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference delegations with the Province, in media events, and with the release of new submissions, the AMCTO policy and government relations team has been proactively engaging on several items. This includes advocating for reforms to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act (MFIPPA)* and the *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)*, strengthening municipal codes of conduct, and supporting a review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework. As summer break for the Legislative Assembly draws near, we know there is still much to be done, having yet to see the province follow through to the extent needed.

One of our top priorities is reducing the administrative and reporting burden while ensuring necessary transparency and accountability for municipalities. We will continue to work collaboratively on this issue as we look to understand where there is consensus from members on the most burdensome reports as well as more details on the problems and solutions. To bring clear examples of municipal reporting burden to the Province, we encourage members to continue to share feedback and submit reports and regulations that are problematic:

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

The Province's proposed Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* proposes legislative amendments related to development charges (DCs), planning, line fences, and more, many of which directly affect municipal fiscal sustainability, service delivery, and staffing. Our team is considering making submissions on these items, but we need your help and support to do so. If you have comments on these proposals, [contact us by email](#) to share your ideas, comments, or concerns by **Monday, April 29**.

### **MFIPPA Modernization**

Earlier this year, we released an all-new submission to the Province in support of our members and municipal staff, [Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(MFIPPA\)](#).

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.

Our submission outlines 20 recommendations that we believe will help the Province ensure that municipalities have the right tools and resources they need to best serve members of the public and demonstrate accountability and transparency.

This submission highlights the calls of over a dozen of municipalities across the province that have passed resolutions since 2020 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 this is still a pressing area for review so that municipal administrators have the proper support through relevant and up-to-date legislation to continue to be open and transparent levels of government. Thank you to the many AMCTO members who have taken the initiative to spearhead these reform efforts.

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If you haven't already, please forward any council resolutions calling for *MFIPPA* reform or endorsing AMCTO's recommendations [to us by email](#) as we are tracking these. The more we receive, the more we can demonstrate that there is momentum for change.

### **MEA Modernization**

With the help of our *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* Working Group, earlier this month we released our formal submission, [Modernizing the Municipal Elections Act for the 21st Century](#). This is another area for legislative reform in need of improvement ahead of the 2026 and 2030 municipal elections.

Municipal administrators need legislation that:

- Strengthens public trust and electoral integrity;
- Enhances accountability and transparency while making compliance and enforcement easier; and
- Ensures permissive legislation that reduces administrative complexity.

The goal of this submission and related toolkit is to have the Province make priority updates to the *Act* in consultation with the sector. We would like to see a full review and rewrite of the *MEA* including the adoption of some of our longer-term submission recommendations. This toolkit also includes a template council resolution that you can use to help advocate for changes within your community.

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Responsibility for the provision of the Preliminary List of Electors (PLEs) for municipal elections transferred from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to Elections Ontario on January 1, 2024. This is a significant step in improving municipal election administration and the quality of the voters' list. We continue to engage Elections Ontario and MPAC to support members through this transition.

### Research Assistant Opportunity

In the fallout of last year's expansion of the *Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act*, we continue to see impacts of this legislation at the local level including organizational repercussions. In addition to supporting municipalities through the strong mayor transition, we continue to look for opportunities to advocate for the strengthening of municipal administration through clarifying roles and responsibilities between council and staff.

To support us in this work, we are hiring a Research Assistant to help inform our continued advocacy and to provide members with key insights into municipal chief administrative officer (CAO) roles and responsibilities in various models. This research will also identify and outline lessons learned from local strong mayor systems of other jurisdictions for the Ontario context. If you or someone you know is an AMCTO Student or New Professional member with interest and experience in conducting jurisdictional scans, SWOT analysis, qualitative and quantitative research, we encourage you to consider this opportunity.

Expressions of interest will be accepted until the deadline of **May 10, 2024**.

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### Policy Spotlight

World Animal Protection (WAP), is asking municipalities to support and adopt a resolution calling on the Province to provide a regime to restrict the keeping of exotic wild animals in Ontario.

According to WAP, Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits, and other captive wildlife operations than any other province. World Animal Protection has a long history of working on roadside zoos and other captive wildlife issues throughout Canada. They were invited by the Ontario government to be members of the Provincial Animal Welfare Advisory Table in 2007 and again in 2020.

Ontario is the only province that does not license or control the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals. Anyone can keep a tiger, lion, venomous snake, or other dangerous animals in their home or start a zoo without professional training, adequate financing, or appropriate facilities. Without a provincial approach to these issues, municipalities are left to regulate the matter posing a financial and resource risk. Enforcement is an issue as municipalities that have bylaws are increasingly facing challenges from unregulated zoo-type facilities and wild animal owners who have sought bylaw exemptions or have attempted to open zoo-type facilities and brought in

prohibited wild animal species.

The Ontario government must resolve longstanding captive wildlife issues by restricting the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals, and licence zoos. Provincial government action will support municipalities and guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy to protect citizens and captive wildlife alike.

Supported by AMCTO and other municipal associations, WAP launched a campaign with materials for you to brief your council, seek support, and help advocate to the Province. While your municipality may not be currently impacted by roadside zoos, it is very easy for them to pick up and move into your community. We encourage you to consider bringing the issue before your council proactively to support municipalities across Ontario.

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## Policy Updates

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**2024 Federal Budget** - On Tuesday, April 16 Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, released Budget 2024: Fairness for Every Generation.

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**Regulatory Registry Postings: Bill 185 *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*** - Presented as part of a red tape reduction package, Bill 185 intends to streamline approvals and help build more homes and infrastructure faster. The Province is seeking comments on several proposed legislative amendments and regulatory proposals coming forward as part of the package.

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**2024 Provincial Budget** - On Tuesday, March 26, the Province introduced the 2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario, primarily comprised of actions to drive economic growth by investing in infrastructure and manufacturing and keeping taxes and fees low while investing in training for workers and public services.

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**Province Introduces Omnibus Bill – *Get It Done Act*** - The proposed legislation, Bill 162, focuses on infrastructure and affordability amending several pieces of legislation with impacts to municipal planning, infrastructure and fine collection.

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**AMCTO Supports AMO's Call for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review** - On February 23, the AMCTO Board of Directors passed a resolution to support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) request to the Government of Ontario for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review.

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**AMCTO Supports the Women of Ontario Say No (WOSN) Campaign** - We joined members of WOSN at a press conference

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with opposition party leaders reiterating a call to the Province to prioritize the issue of workplace safety and holding municipally-elected politicians accountable.

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**Response from Provincial Staff on Implementing Strong Mayor Legislation** – We posed questions and considerations to the Province for implementing ‘strong mayor powers’ and brought the respective information to our members and other affected municipalities.

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## Bills & Lawmaking

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### *Bills Passed & Government Bills:*

**Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* (Second Reading Ordered referred to Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs)** - On April 10, 2024, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Paul Calandra introduced the omnibus Bill proposing legislative amendments to various acts such as the *Development Charges Act, Planning Act, Line Fences Act* and more.

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**Bill 180, *Building a Better Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2024* (Second Reading Consideration of a Bill in Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs)** - Minister Bethlenfalvy introduced the 2024 budget amending several pieces of legislation including the *Building Ontario Fund Act, Fuel Tax Act, Gasoline Tax Act, Pension Benefits Act* and more.

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**Bill 171, *Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act, 2024* (Second Reading Consideration of a Bill in Standing Committee on the Interior)** - Enacts the *Veterinarian Professionals Act, 2024*, and amends or repeals various acts. Intended to enable improved access to veterinary care, if passed, the legislation would create a formal scope of practice for veterinary technicians, new requirements for continuing education, modify the complaints resolution process, increase penalties for actions that could harm animals, and modify representation on the council of the regulatory college.

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**Bill 165, *Keeping Energy Costs Down Act, 2024* (Second Reading Ordered for Third Reading)** - The Bill makes various amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. If passed, the legislation would give the province authority to reverse the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decision to require residential customers and small businesses to pay the cost of new natural

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gas connections upfront as opposed to over 40 years.

**Bill 162, *Get It Done Act, 2024 (Second Reading Ordered for Third Reading)*** - The omnibus Bill introduced by Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, focuses on infrastructure and affordability amending several pieces of legislation such as the *Environmental Assessment Act* and *Official Plan Adjustments Act*.

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**Bill 159, *Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, 2024 - (Second Reading Ordered referred to Standing Committee on Justice Policy)*** - This Bill would amend the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* to allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations governing record-keeping with respect to dogs, and prohibit the sale or transfer of dogs. It would also prohibit the operation of puppy mills.

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*Private Members Bills:*

**Bill 184, *Supporting Mobility, Affordability and Reliable Transportation in Ontario Act, 2024 (First Reading Ordered for Second Reading)*** - Introduced by Andrea Hazell of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Bill proposes to amend several acts including the *Metrolinx Act*, *Public Transportation and Highway Maintenance Improvement Act* and *Shortline Railways Act*.

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**Bill 173, *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024 (Second Reading Ordered referred to Standing Committee on Justice Policy)*** - Brought forward by members of the New Democratic Party, the Bill enacts the *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024*. The *Act* requires the Government of Ontario to recognize that intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario.

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**Bill 156, *Homes You Can Afford in the Communities You Love Act, 2024 (First Reading Ordered referred to Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy)*** - 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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**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.

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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 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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The [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect municipal financial and statistical information. Municipal elected officials and staff can contact [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca) for access.

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### **Federal Matters**

If you are a municipality located in the Lake Erie watershed and interested in DFO's Fish and Fish habitat restoration initiative, contact [DFO](#) on how to participate in upcoming engagements.

AMO and CMHC are hosting a technical session on April 30 to provide information and gather feedback from municipalities on a standard housing design catalogue. [Register over Zoom](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to prepare elected officials in understanding cybersecurity and to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents. Register for the [June 12 Cybersecurity workshop](#) to learn how to prevent, prepare, and respond.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

AMO is offering a number of education workshops focusing on the most integral aspects of municipal leadership and governance. For full information including workshop descriptions, dates and registration visit [amoeducation.ca](#)

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

During times of crisis such as natural disasters or public disruption, municipally elected officials find themselves at the front line and facing the expectations of providing up to date and useful information to their communities. The [June 19 Managing Communications through Crisis workshop](#) is an opportunity to develop and enhance your approach to managing all aspects of crisis communications during and emergency. Join your colleagues to learn techniques for effective and proactive communications with community and media.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out your collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities. Learn how to accomplish this at the [June 26-27 Navigating Conflict Relationships workshop](#).

## LAS

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

## Careers

[Director, Legislative & Information Services - Township of The Archipelago](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Director of Finance/Treasurer - Municipality of North Grenville](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Project Manager - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: May 06, 2024.

[Manager, Tangible Capital Assets - The District Municipality of Muskoka](#). Closing Date: May 8, 2024.

[Communications Officer, Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer - City of Quinte West](#). Closing Date: May 5, 2024.

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