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Learn about youth perspective on civic engagement and some approaches to building new relationships with the young people in your communities from AMO's 2023 Youth Fellows, Catherine, Morgan, and Jacob, in [this month's edition of Municipal World](#).

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.

### **Provincial Matters**

[211](#) is a public enquiry line available in Ontario every day and in times of emergency. 211 is supporting Emergency Preparedness Week to raise awareness of the 211 service. [Free print materials are available to municipalities](#) for use during Emergency Preparedness Week, or for displays any time of year.

Not sure what to do for energy reporting this year? The Ministry of Energy is hosting a webinar to review the July 1, 2024 energy reporting requirements for BPS organizations under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Register today - the webinar will be held on [May 8](#) and again on [June 4](#). For any questions, contact the Ministry at [BPSSupport@ontario.ca](mailto:BPSSupport@ontario.ca).

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.

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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.

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Our [latest blog](#) uses a real case scenario to help Ontario municipalities understand their legal responsibilities regarding workplace safety.

Make your voice heard. Our Electronic Signature Service partner would like [your input](#) to help shape the future of your digital services.

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) was built by municipalities for municipalities. As a not-for-profit, they are your key buying partner offering products you use every day - from Aggregates to Zambonis. Take a minute to see how Canoe will work for you. [Contact Sarah](#) today.

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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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[Chief Administrative Officer - The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board](#). Closing Date: May 20.

[Ontario Works Manager - County of Wellington](#). Closing Date: May 10.

[Asset Management Coordinator - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Manager, Budgets & Financial Planning - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: May 30.

[Engineering Technician II - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: May 12.

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The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, 2024 will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

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[Supervisor of Planning - City of Cornwall](#). Closing date: May 16.

[Planner - City of Cornwall](#). Closing date: May 15.

[Zoning/Planning Examiner - King Township](#). Closing date: May 24.

[General Manager, Development Services and Engineering - City of Orillia](#). Closing date: May 24.

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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.

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[Manager - Capital Planning and Corporate Asset Management - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 21, 2024.

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May 16, 2024

## Advocacy Update:

### **Bill 185 *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes***

In response to the Province's Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, we made the below submissions last week to call on the province for better government-wide approaches to modernizing *newspaper notice provisions*, the *Line Fences Act (LFA)* and other municipal services. Our submissions outline opportunities to reduce administrative burden while supporting enhanced local service delivery.

#### **Submission on Newspaper Notice Requirements**

Since the discontinuation of many local newspapers, providing municipal notices to the public is an ongoing challenge. While Bill 185 includes a range of options for planning-related notices, there remains uncertainty as the future operation of online media outlets and news publications is unknown. There are also anticipated increases in planning-related notice activities and associated costs for municipalities.

Notice requirements must balance operational and administrative needs, capacity, resources and available technology with the importance of ensuring community members are kept up to date about various local matters and decisions.

We encourage the Province to:

- Review outdated language in legislation and specifically legislation that unnecessarily limits the mediums to provide notices

- Review requirements beyond technological references which may become out of date
- Invest in a one-source database of contact records for Ontarians to improve providing notice
- Engage the Ministry of the Attorney General in a government-wide effort to consistently address notice requirements across provincial legislation

[READ OUR FULL SUBMISSION](#)

### Submission on the *Line Fences Act (LFA)*

Similarly, we are pleased to see the Province offer a range of mailing and electronic options for sending line fence-related notices and awards to try and reduce administrative burden on municipalities. Ultimately, municipalities, which tend to be small and rural communities, should be able to fulfill requirements in the way that best suits their individual, local needs.

Through our submission (which was sent to both the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs) we highlight opportunities to further reduce the burden and improve the value of the *Act* and effectiveness of service delivery, including:

- A mechanism such as frivolous and vexatious provisions to ensure that where the process is working effectively, it can continue to do so, and where requests are frivolous or vexatious, administrators have the authority and guidance to dismiss the request
- Setting out qualifications of fence viewers to help with appointment of fence viewers
- Updating manuals and training to be clear and concise, and support fence viewers in writing awards
- Clarifying and reviewing the circumstances in which fence viewings are required

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Thank you to those members for bringing forward their expertise to help inform our Bill 185 submissions. As the Standing Committee wrapped up public hearings on the Bill yesterday, May 15, we will continue to monitor its progress.

For more information, [please contact us](#).



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## **Advocacy Update: Province Introduces Bill 194 *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act***

On May 13, 2024 the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Hon. Todd McCarthy introduced Bill 194, *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024*. The proposed legislation enacts the *Enhancing Digital Security and Trust Act (EDSTA)* and amends the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act (FIPPA)*. The *EDSTA* intends to provide a framework to address cyber security, artificial intelligence (AI) systems while supporting digital service delivery of public sector entities, including municipalities. Meanwhile, *FIPPA* amendments better prevent and respond to privacy breaches of respective institutions.

As digital services expand and citizen expectations continue to evolve, a key focus of AMCTO advocacy has been for municipal administrators to have the right legislative tools and guidance to manage risk, security and other impacts of technology on service delivery. We are pleased to see the Province respond to our calls and take a step in the right direction.

If passed, the Bill will:

- establish Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) and Minister authority to make regulations and requirements for cybersecurity programs, reporting, and standards among other areas; and
- define AI and rules for 'transparent, accountable and ethical' use such as informing the public

about the use of AI, developing and implementing an accountability framework and related risk-management.

The *EDSTA* also seeks to protect children's personal information, however such provisions will only apply to entities such as school boards and children's aid societies.

The Bill further aims to enhance and modernize privacy protection through *FIPPA* amendments that:

- increase the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario's (IPC) authority over privacy compliance investigations, conducting reviews of information practices and issuing compliance orders;
- introduce new data breach notification and reporting requirements;
- require privacy impact assessments and safeguards to protect personal information;
- establish a provision related to whistleblowing; and
- offer a "tell us once" option rather than restating information when accessing digital services.

The Bill has been ordered for second reading before proceeding to referral to a standing committee, during which there will be an opportunity for public presentations and written submissions for feedback on the bill.

The legislation comes alongside a regulatory registry posting. The [Consultation on proposed legislation: Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024](#) is open for comment until June 11, 2024. We are currently reviewing the bill and may potentially be commenting. If you have concerns or comments about the bill, [please contact us](#) by **June 1, 2024**. When it comes to modernizing legislation and regulations that affect the municipal sector, we have often highlighted the importance of collaborating with the Province and regulators such as the IPC. One example is through our *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)* [submission and related member toolkit](#). Since its launch we continue to receive municipal council resolutions in support of such legislative changes - if your municipality has developed a council resolution, we encourage you to let us know if you have not done so already.

**SUBMIT YOUR MFIPPA COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

We look forward to continuing to work together to address modernization challenges and leverage opportunities for municipalities in this area.



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### **AMO Matters**

Have you considered serving on AMO's Board? Participate in setting strategic objectives, policy and program initiatives, and the budget. [Click here](#) for more information.

[Registration is now open](#) to municipal elected officials and senior municipal staff for the Conservation Ontario and AMO webinar on June 14, 2024 regarding updates to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.

### **Provincial Matters**

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.

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.

### **Education Opportunities**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has launched the delegation forms to request your meetings at the 2024 AMO Annual Conference. Submit your delegation request by **June 7, 2024, 5:00pm EST**. [English Delegation Requests](#) | [French Delegation Requests](#).

The [AMO Guide to Delegation Meetings](#) provides information for you to consider what issues to focus on for your delegation meetings, what information you need to provide in your delegation forms and how to prepare for your delegation meetings. Make the most of your delegation meetings with this guide.

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.

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**

Want to reduce energy consumption at your treatment plants? Join the IESO webinar on June 4 to review key principles of energy efficiency and gain insights on potential for energy optimization while protecting your effluent quality. [Register here](#) today.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues today at 11am. Procurement expert Stephanie Dion shares her insights on how to do group procurement and comply with trade agreements. It's not too late - [register here](#) to attend.

### **Careers**

[Asset Management Analyst, Fire - City of Mississauga](#). Closing Date: May 29

[Data Analysis Coordinator - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 31, 2024

[Senior Policy Advisor - Treasury Board Secretariat](#). Closing Date: May 30, 2024

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