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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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Municipal Risk Managers! Join us for an [Artificial Intelligence \(A.I.\) 101 webinar](#) on June 25, 11:00 am. What is it and how is it being used today in Canada, around the world and within government.

In the world of managing infrastructure, new technologies are bringing about a significant change. [Read about digital twins](#) and what this means for your roads and sidewalks assessments.

Are you interested in learning more about our Group Benefits trends and our LAS program offered with Mosey and Mosey? If you were looking to attend the webinar on May 22, but couldn't make it, you can watch the recording [here](#).

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.

[Share feedback](#) on what would help your municipality tackle its biggest digital citizen service challenges. Answer 10 short questions for a chance to win a 60-day Enterprise free trial of ConsignO Cloud, AMO's preferred eSignature platform.

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On June 1, ParticipACTION will celebrate National Health and Fitness Day and launch its search for Canada's Most Active Community. Past winners of the challenge include Enderby, BC (2019), North Grenville, ON (2021), Red Deer, AB (2022), and Salisbury, NB (2023). To learn more about how to participate, visit ParticipACTION's [website](#).

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

Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: June 27, 2024.

[Assistant Park Superintendent, Business Operations Lead - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks](#). Closing date: Jun 7, 2024.

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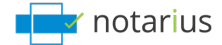
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Peel Regional Police is pleased to host the 2nd Annual [Safety of Our Cities Conference](#) on September 16 to 18. The Conference will explore the transformation in addressing community safety and well-being and bring together law enforcement agencies with multi-sector stakeholders to promote collaboration and discuss innovative solutions in addressing root causes of the challenges faced by cities.

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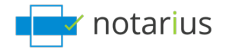
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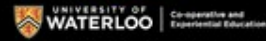
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From the Front Lines of Peel

By Bethany Lee



I was in the airport set to return home after a sailing trip when I got the call from my colleague who had been filling for me as Communications Director in Peel while I was away. She calmly explained the situation at home – that Peel had received notice that the Provincial government would be announcing Peel’s dissolution, under *Bill 112 – The Hazel McCallion Act (Peel Dissolution), 2023*. It seemed that I was about to be confronted with a different kind of storm...

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Enhancing Resilience Against Climate Change in Ontario

Adapting and Planning Ahead

By Farzad Fahimi



Ontario stands at the crossroads of climatic transformation, facing an increasingly volatile array of weather patterns attributed to climate change. The province, with its rich tapestry of urban and rural landscapes, is witnessing shifts in climate variables that include rising temperatures, more frequent and intense precipitation events and changing seasonal dynamics. These trends disrupt not only ecological balances but also pose significant risks to the infrastructure and socioeconomic fabric of Ontario's...

AMO's Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Building a Better Ontario

By Bridget Cherry



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Bill 200, *Homeowner Protection Act* – Changes to Heritage Designation Deadlines

Last week, [Bill 200, the *Homeowner Protection Act*](#) received Royal Assent, extending the deadline to designate properties listed on municipal heritage registers to January 1, 2027. These changes respond to [concerns](#) that the original 2025 deadline did not provide enough time for municipalities to review the listed properties, leading to increased reactionary designations and appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal. The bill also clarifies changes that properties removed from registers are ineligible for heritage designations for five years, bans registration of Notices of Security Interest for consumer goods on the Land Registry, and establishes a 10-day cooling off period for new homebuyers.

Provincial Guidance on Agricultural Land Protection related to Energy Projects

Last week, the Minister of Energy and Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs [issued a letter](#) providing direction to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to include agricultural land protections in future energy procurements. This direction comes following [AMO's recent advocacy](#)

to the province and IESO seeking stronger guidance on energy project siting and agricultural protection.

Ontario Energy Board (OEB) – Electricity Distribution Financing

AMO [submitted comments](#) to the OEB to inform [their work](#) exploring funding options for growth-related electricity distribution infrastructure. This directly impacts how much new developments cost and local energy rates. This is also one of many important conversations about how we pay for growth. It's estimated that local distribution companies (LDCs) need to spend as much as \$120 billion by 2050 to expand the grid – more than double the rate of current infrastructure investment. As majority LDC owners, municipalities have a vested interest in ensuring LDCs can afford these upgrades.

AMO's Advocacy in response to Auditor General's Report on Aggregate Management

Last year, the Ontario Auditor General [issued a report](#) on a value-for-money audit of Ontario's Management of Aggregate Resources. AMO has [sent a letter](#) to the Ministry of Natural Resources calling on the province to implement the Auditor General's recommendations particularly as they relate to addressing gaps in the aggregate management framework including:

- An inadequate number of inspectors conducting infrequent and incomplete inspections
- Aggregate extraction fees that are inadequate to fund the aggregate management program and royalty payments to municipalities
- Cumulative impacts of multiple aggregate operations in small areas leading to increased environmental risks to source water, natural habitats, and agricultural land

AMO's Submission to OMAFRA Rural Economic Development Strategy Consultation

AMO [submitted comments to the Ministry of Rural Affairs](#) to support their [rural economic development strategy consultation](#). AMO's submission advocated for increased provincial support for:

- Effective coordination of local and provincial economic development funding, increased funding and a commitment to a [Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#)

- Workforce development initiatives to connect students and workers with the right skills for in-demand jobs with attraction and retention supports
- Building complete communities that are resilient and attractive to workers and business including supports for affordable housing, infrastructure, health services, transportation, broadband and energy

Private Members' Bill: Bill 207, *Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act*

Since 2021, AMO has called on the provincial government to pass legislation that enables municipalities to enforce the ethical behaviour of elected officials.

AMO engaged in extensive consultations with municipalities and worked in partnership with ministry officials to develop a list of strong recommendations to respond to this important municipal concern, including:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime that could be adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner

We look forward to hearing more about how the government intends to respond to the sector's ongoing request for government legislation at the upcoming AMO conference in August.

Government Passes Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*

Bill 185 received Royal Assent on June 6, bringing into force two key Bill 23 development charge reversals and *Planning Act* amendments.

Provincial Cabinet Shuffle

On June 6, the province announced its latest Cabinet shuffle. New Ministers were announced for Tourism, Culture, and Gaming; Sport; Farming,

Agriculture, and Agribusiness; Long-Term Care; Energy and Electrification; Education; and more. Several ministry names were changed and new Associate Minister positions created. All recent changes are on an [Ontario Newsroom article](#).

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The [EnAbling Change Program](#) provides grants of between \$5,000 and \$150,000 to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, industry organizations and professional associations, to educate stakeholders about accessibility, help support compliance with accessibility requirements and promote cultural awareness about the value and benefits of accessibility. Deadline: June 27, 2024

At the request of the Attorney General and in accordance with the *Justices of the Peace Act*, the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee (JPAAC) invites applications for vacant justice of the peace positions in the province of Ontario. This is a full-time appointment that requires travel within the province. Applications must be received by 11:59 P.M. EST on July 31, 2024. [EN](#) | [FR](#).

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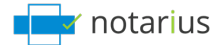
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The new *Senior Active Living Centres Act* [regulation](#) improves access to the SALC program by allowing additional entities that can make the required 20% funding contribution. For more information contact seniorspolicyunit@ontario.ca.

Federal Matters

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. Up to \$125,000 for a project that is up to 2 years in duration. Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, indigenous organizations, municipal and territorial governments are eligible to apply. Deadline: July 23, 2024.

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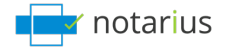
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