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Introduction & Highlights

From managing housing and infrastructure challenges to embracing digital transformation and more, municipalities are at the forefront of key community issues and changes. It is clear there are increasing demands and responsibilities for municipalities, but these need to be met with the appropriate resources. This has been the central theme of our advocacy to the Province over the last few months.

Though summer break was called early for the Ontario legislature, it has not been without a flurry of business. Several proposed bills affecting the municipal sector advanced through the legislative process from being discussed and considered at Standing Committees to receiving Royal Assent. The following notable legislation passed: the *Get it Done Act, Building a Better Ontario Act* (Budget Measures) and *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*. We saw decisions on several policies related to municipal planning and housing as well as infrastructure funding. More recently introduced was Bill 194, *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024* (see Policy Spotlight below for more details).

In addition to monitoring these issues, this spring we initiated some early research and analysis for our second edition of the *Local Government Priorities for the Provincial Election* document as there have been rumours of an early provincial election.

In the meantime and where appropriate, we will continue monitoring and contributing to the development of legislation and changes related to digital transformation, protection of privacy, municipal codes of conduct, and municipal financial sustainability.

For the latest legislative and policy news and announcements, don't forget to subscribe to our [policy blog!](#)

Support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

We recently added our voice to the growing number of municipalities and associations calling on the federal and provincial governments to work with municipalities to better support asylum seekers and refugee claimants. This may be through provision of shelter, health and other social and settlement services.

While traditionally, AMCTO has not addressed issues related specifically to social services or immigration, the financial and operational impacts of managing an influx of claimants locally is adding more strain to an already overburdened municipal system from a financial and resource perspective. Consequently, the issue speaks to the **financial planning and resilience** and **service and administration** principles of our Issue Profile. It is also consistent with our support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) call for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review. It is part of the bigger picture for municipalities and discussion with levels of government on 'who does what'.

As settlement and receiving municipalities are still being identified, it is important for the municipal sector to speak as a collective voice, to have the greatest impact. AMCTO supports municipalities in advocating for proper coordination and resourcing to accommodate asylum claimants arriving in Canada. Access and availability of supports ensures asylum claimants can settle successfully, bringing economic, social and cultural benefits to their communities.

REVIEW OUR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Red Tape Reduction

This spring, in response to Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, we made submissions 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.

Reducing red tape and the administrative burden continues to be a top concern as the Ontario and federal governments impose costs on municipalities requiring significant administrative capacity. Notice requirements must offer flexibility balancing 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. Similarly, municipalities working within the *LFA*, which tend to be small and rural communities, should be able to fulfill requirements in the way that best suits their individual, local needs.

READ OUR SUBMISSIONS

We continue to understand where there is consensus from members on the most burdensome reports and thank those members who have shared their concerns and experiences. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to share your feedback with us so we can bring clear examples of municipal reporting burden to the Province.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

OMERS

OMERS Sponsors Corporation board is considering adjusting the way members make contributions to their pension plans at their June 2024 meeting. The potential adjustment follows an OMERS review of contribution rates, which they advised given its diverse membership, was meant to assess fairness of allocations of contributions. Among other things, the review found there were changing demographics of pension plan members prompting OMERS to consider changes. According to OMERS, if approved, 70% of members would contribute less, while 30% of members would contribute more, with changes effective January 1, 2027, to provide employers and members with enough time to prepare.

For further information on the review and how the proposed changes may impact you, visit [OMERS Contribution Rates Review](#). We will continue to monitor and communicate further developments to our members.

Policy Spotlight

Our recent review of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)* and *Municipal Elections Act (MEA)* highlighted that municipal administrators require the right legislative tools and guidance to manage risk, security, and other impacts of evolving technology on service delivery. Given the impacts and opportunities from online voting, digital permitting, artificial intelligence (AI) and virtual assistants on the municipal administration and operations, we are pleased to see the Province begin to address some of the needs of the sector through Bill 194 *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024*. From a municipal point of view, there needs to be a balance within the regulations, which are still to come, to minimize risks and protect privacy while at the same time avoiding stifling innovation.

Earlier this month, on behalf of our members and municipal staff, we provided comments on the respective *Regulatory Registry posting*, outlining preliminary considerations for the Province should they apply the framework to municipalities:

- Provide tools to leverage digital opportunities including updating legislative tools such as *MFIPPA* and the *MEA*, and related legislative frameworks, policies, guides and training, among other resources
- Collaborate and co-design with municipalities and subject matter experts considering the differences in municipal structures, size, and digital maturity
- Minimize the administrative and reporting burden while balancing accountability where considering additional reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

While Bill 194 only proposes privacy-related amendments for the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*, we took the opportunity to provide some early thoughts on implications for *MFIPPA* in case similar amendments are contemplated in the future.

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We also reiterated that a comprehensive review and update of *MFIPPA* is required. We encourage members to support our *MFIPPA* modernization advocacy by downloading our toolkit that contains resources you can use within your own day-to-day work including a template council resolution.

[DOWNLOAD TOOLKIT](#)

We know that digital transformation is affecting all municipalities in different ways. To advocate effectively, we rely on members to provide insights and advice on issues impacting your work. If

you have comments or considerations that would inform future advocacy on digital transformation which may include the use of AI, [please contact us](#).

Policy Updates

Canada Community Building Fund Renewed - The federal and provincial governments, with the City of Toronto and Association of Municipalities of Ontario, renewed the Canada Community Building Fund agreement. The federal government will invest \$4.7 billion over the next five years, starting with \$895 million in 2024-25.

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Premier Ford Announces Cabinet Shuffle - Premier Ford announced changes to Ontario's Cabinet, which grew from 30 to 36 members. Of particular interest, Minister Todd Smith became the Minister of Education, and MPP Mike Harris became the Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

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Reminder: Affordable Residential Units Exempt from Development Charges in force June 1, 2024 - Through Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, the Province introduced exemptions and discounts for affordable residential units from municipal development-related charges, which came into effect on June 1, 2024.

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Bills & Lawmaking

Bills Passed & Government Bills:

Bill 200, Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 - (Royal Assent Received) The Bill amends various *Acts* with respect to homebuyers and homeowners, properties of cultural heritage value or interest and certain planning matters.

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Bill 197, Safer Roads and Communities Act, 2024 - (Second Reading Debated) The Bill makes various amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act*, related to targeting high-risk driving, fighting vehicle theft, enforcing commercial vehicle safety and travelling safely.

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Bill 180, *Building a Better Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2024* - (Royal Assent Received) On May 16, 2024, the Ontario legislature passed the budget bill amending several pieces of legislation including the *Building Ontario Fund Act*, the *Fuel Tax Act*, the *Gasoline Tax Act*, the *Pension Benefits Act* and more.

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Bill 171, *Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act, 2024* - (Royal Assent Received) On June 6, 2024 the Ontario legislature enacted the *Veterinarian Professionals Act, 2024* amending and repealing various acts. Intended to enable improved access to veterinary care, the legislation will 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* - (Royal Assent Received) The Bill makes various amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The legislation gives 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 gas connections upfront as opposed to over 40 years.

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Bill 162, *Get It Done Act, 2024* - (Royal Assent Received) The omnibus bill focuses on infrastructure and affordability amending several pieces of legislation such as *Environmental Assessment Act* and *Official Plan Adjustments Act*.

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Bill 159, *Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, 2024* - (Royal Assent Received) This Bill amends the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* allowing the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations governing record-keeping with respect to dogs and prohibit the sale or transfer of dogs. It also prohibits the operation of puppy mills.

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Private Members Bills:

Bill 207, *Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024* - (First Reading Ordered for Second Reading) Introduced by Jeff Burch of the New Democratic Party (NDP), the Bill proposes to amend the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*

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with respect to conduct of councillors and members of local boards.

Bill 204, *Homelessness Task Force Act, 2024* - (First Reading Ordered for Second Reading) Introduced by the NDP, the proposed *Act* requires the Minister to establish a Homelessness Task Force comprised of members, appointed by the Minister, from specified groups.

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Bill 198, *Ontario Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Act, 2024* - (First Reading Ordered for Second Reading) Introduced by the NDP the proposed *Act* provides a climate change adaptation program for Ontario, establishes an arm's length Ontario Climate Adaptation Fund, Ontario Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Resource Centre and a Whole-of-Government Climate Adaptation Co-ordination Secretariat.

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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 NDP, the Bill enacts the *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024*. The *Act* requires the Government 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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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.

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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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- Buying ambulances in Ontario: Canoe Procurement Group.
- Hunt for efficiency in water and wastewater plants.
- Registration now open for OMSSA's 2024 Forum!
- Registration opens for Western Ontario Municipal Conference.
- Opportunity to help project researching municipal energy needs.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

The [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) (MIDAS) - recently enhanced - is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

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The Canoe Procurement Group, a not-for-profit buying group run by municipal associations across Canada, is pleased to announce it has procured two Ambulance suppliers for Ontario's municipal sector - Demers and Crestline. [Find contracts and RFP information here](#). Contact [Tony De Scisio](#) from Canoe for guidance on how these contracts work.

Do you want more efficient water and wastewater facilities? LAS offers professional [on-site energy workshops and treasure hunts](#) to help reduce energy consumption and lower your hydro bills in your plants. Training is eligible for IESO incentives. [Contact Christian](#) for more details.

Municipal Wire*

Join the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) virtually on September 24-25 to learn about current issues that are impacting community safety and well-being. Hear about successes and how to evaluate the impact of this work. [Register today](#).

WOWC is holding its annual [Western Ontario Municipal Conference](#) in Chatham-Kent on October 25, 2024. Explore and collaborate on a wide range of topics affecting our municipalities.

Pollution Probe and QUEST Canada aim to talk for one hour with Ontario communities for an [OEB-funded project](#) to address your community's innovative energy needs and priorities. Register by emailing rkiro@pollutionprobe.org until September 16.

Careers

[Development Application Coordinator - City of Windsor](#). Closing date: July 4, 2024.

[Manager, Stakeholder Relations & Issues Management - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: July 4, 2024.

[Supervisor, Financial Services - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: July 21, 2024.

[Senior Manager, Talent Management - Odgers Berndtson Client](#). Closing Date: July 25, 2024.

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AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

Dear Clerks and Heads of Council of Municipal Governments Across Ontario:

The AMO President and Board is requesting that this letter be shared with all elected council members and administrative heads (i.e., CAO, City Manager) in your municipality. Please post as an information item in your next council meeting agenda.

On behalf of its municipal members, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is urgently calling for provincial and federal leadership and action to address the growing crisis of homelessness encampments in communities across Ontario.

On July 2nd, AMO released a new policy paper [Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective](#) detailing the state of this crisis and evidence-based actions that must be taken.

Municipal governments are at the front lines of the homelessness crisis without the resources or tools to support our residents and communities. We are asking the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with each other and municipalities. These are complex issues that require comprehensive responses from all orders of government working together.

For further resources and information, please visit www.amo.on.ca

Sincerely,



Colin Best

President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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Code of Ethics & Values

Guiding principles for municipal excellence

July 4, 2024

Updates to our Code of Ethics & Values

Since 2015, AMCTO's [Code of Ethics and Values](#) has served as an important tool for AMCTO members. This tool has helped guide our members throughout their municipal careers by serving as a constant reminder of what it means to be a municipal professional and an AMCTO member.

To build upon this important tool, the AMCTO Board of Directors, through the hard work and dedication of the AMCTO Ethics Advisory Group, recently approved a set of updates to AMCTO's Code of Ethics and Values, including the addition of guiding statements for each of the 12 tenets of the Code (see below).

We believe that the new guiding statements will provide our members with greater clarity as to the meaning of each tenet, making it easier for members to apply the Code to their everyday work and their individual work environments.

I want to thank those members, both past and present, who have contributed to the creation and evolution of AMCTO's Code of Ethics and Values. We hope that you will find value in the updated Code and that it will assist and inspire you as municipal professionals.

Sincerely,

Paul Shipway, CMO, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.

President, AMCTO

General Manager of Strategic Initiatives & Innovation, Middlesex County



Service to the Community

Promote community well-being

AMCTO members will strive to understand the types of communities they are serving to support informed decision-making and to ensure programs and services are resident-focused and targeting community need.

Engage the community in decision-making

AMCTO members will search out opportunities to promote transparency and inclusion in the consultative process. Members will also seek to engage in a manner that encourages two-way communication and explores opportunities for partnership and collaboration.

Deliver public services effectively and efficiently

AMCTO members will seek to address identified and evolving community needs through encouraging a culture of evaluation, innovation, and continuous improvement, implemented in a fiscally responsible manner.

Protect the legacy of future generations

AMCTO members will consider the implications of their actions today on the next generation of residents and businesses. Members will commit to long-term planning that accounts for policy and fiscal sustainability in the future.

Protect confidential information

AMCTO members will seek to ensure that appropriate tools, practices, and permissions are in place and that confidentiality principles are communicated to staff, council, and the general public.



Service to Elected Officials

Deliver objective advice to elected officials

AMCTO members will demonstrate respect for elected officials and the political process by providing professional advice, supported by expert knowledge, regardless of potential challenges.

Serve elected councils in a dutiful manner

AMCTO members are committed to serving and empowering locally elected councils through delivering professional advice with an approach that is consistent, candid, and civil.

Maintain political neutrality

AMCTO members will seek to understand the political environment while remaining consistent in their execution of their responsibility to support political decision-makers with objective advice.

Protect the concept of a merit-based public service

AMCTO members are committed to adhering to hiring and promotion policies that transparently assess individuals based on performance, competence, and skill. Members will conduct these assessments in a manner that respects diversity, equity, fairness, and inclusivity.



Service to the Municipal Profession

Maintain professionalism, integrity and trust

AMCTO members will model professional behaviour that focuses on treating others fairly, equitably, and inclusively. Members act with awareness of, and accountability for, one's own words and actions, which impact the perceptions of the municipality and its staff.

Demonstrate commitment to professional development

AMCTO members will be dedicated to contributing to a culture of life-long learning through the identification, development, and proper resourcing of tools, learning plans and information-sharing, both for their staff and for themselves.

Develop future municipal professionals

AMCTO members will support their municipality's active involvement in learning and engagement opportunities that promote the municipal sector and provide practical experience and knowledge for the next generation of municipal leaders.

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The next wave of applications are open for the 2024-25 NG9-1-1 funding program until August 23, 2024. Information sessions are available. Please contact estd.ng9-1-1@ontario.ca for more information.

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Our joint municipal investment company, ONE Investment, offers a High Interest Savings Account (HISA) Program that offer municipalities a liquid option for the investment of short-term funds, other than a GIC. [Read here](#) to learn more about this offering.

Our Water and Service Line Program partner, SLWC, breaks down the cost of what a resident can expect to pay for a damaged water line. [Read more here.](#)

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[Senior Procurement Officer - Town of Newmarket.](#) Closing Date: July 29, 2024.

[Program Manager, Community Engagement & Change Management - Durham Region Transit Commission.](#) Closing Date: July 23, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Ignace.](#) Closing Date: July 31, 2024.

[Associate Solicitor, Land Use Planning and Development Law - City of Guelph.](#) Closing Date: July 21, 2024.

[Manager, Transit Strategic Planning - City of Hamilton.](#) Closing Date: July 17, 2024.

[Program Coordinator, Local Immigration Partnership - County of Simcoe.](#) Closing Date: July 12, 2024.

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AMO Policy Update: AMO/OMA Resolution Campaign, SALC Regulations, and Advocacy Updates

AMO/OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical health-care challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other health care workers, and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level. AMO and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have jointly developed a council resolution ([PDF](#), [Word](#)) urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and throughout Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

Access to health services will be a key discussion at the AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 18-21. In addition to being a concurrent session on the topic, the OMA will be sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20 and has reserved meeting space at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

New Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 Regulations

The [new regulation](#) under the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017* intends to improve access to the Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) program for underserved communities so more older Ontarians have opportunities to stay active and engaged. Municipalities play an important role in supporting SALC programs, however they may not have the budget to support the number of SALC programs needed in their community. The new regulation prescribes additional entities, and combinations of entities, that can make the required 20% funding contribution to better support underserved communities (e.g., Francophone, Indigenous, rural/remote).

The Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility worked with AMO to conduct two focus groups of municipal representatives to inform this regulation, and AMO provided a [submission](#) outlining our support for expanding the entities that can contribute to Seniors Active Living Centres. For more information about the program please contact the Seniors Policy Unit at seniorspolicyunit@ontario.ca

Update on AMO's Advocacy on Provincial Cyber Security Legislation

AMO [submitted comments](#) on Bill 194, the proposed *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024*. AMO appreciates that the province is as concerned as the municipal sector about the increased number of cyber security threats, but is concerned that a one-size-fits-all solution across the broader public sector could be challenging for municipalities to implement. We will continue to work with the province to ensure that municipal needs are reflected as cyber security regulations are brought forward.

AMO's Advocacy to the Province's Skilled Trades Special Advisor

On June 11, AMO [sent a letter](#) to the Minister of Labour, Immigration and Skills Development regarding the [recently appointed](#) Skilled Trades Special Advisor who has been given a mandate to advise the province on the needs of Ontario's workforce with a focus on manufacturing and automotive industries. AMO's letter emphasizes the urgent need to train, attract and retain workers in the construction trades so municipalities can continue to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure to support housing and economic development.

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OFIFC and AMO are offering training to build indigenous cultural competency in municipal government. Through a self-paced learning module and live virtual component, this training will provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. [Register today](#) for the October 8 workshop.

Time to sign up for AMO Education fall workshops: [Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors](#), [Strategic Thinking, Planning and Leading](#), [Managing Communications through Crisis](#), [Indigenous Community Awareness](#), [Navigating Conflict as an Elected Official](#), [Land Use Planning](#), [Competing Rights](#), and [Community Engagement Strategic Approaches](#).

LAS

Join our Barrier-free Website Builder service partner, GHD, for a discussion with Algonquin Highlands on how the township transformed its online presence and enhanced residents' experience. [Sign up here](#).

The City of Hamilton celebrates its 10-year anniversary partnering with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC), which has saved City residents \$5 million dollars for repairs of their sewer and water line infrastructure. Read the [press release](#) and learn more about the LAS-endorsed [Service and Water Line Warranty program](#).

Municipal Wire*

Join OMSSA virtually on September 24-25 to learn about current issues that are impacting community safety and well-being. Hear about successes and how to evaluate the impact of this work. [Register today](#).

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Careers

[Applications Analyst, FIMS - Regional Municipality of Durham](#). Closing Date: July 21, 2024.

[Municipal Planner - Municipality of Red Lake](#). Closing Date: August 9, 2024.

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Making the internet accessible to all is not recommended but prescribed. The blog focuses on four main principles: perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust. Read more [here](#).

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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[Road Specialist - Intact Public Entities](#). Closing Date: August 15.

[Deputy Chief Information Officer, Digital Workplace & IT Service Management - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: August 6.

[Deputy Chief Information Officer, Business Solutions & Project Delivery - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: August 6.

[Program Manager, Housing Programs - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: July 31.

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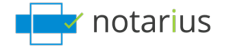
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Pollution Probe and QUEST Canada aim to talk for one hour with Ontario communities for an [OEB funded project](#) to address your community's innovative energy needs and priorities. Register by emailing rkiro@pollutionprobe.org until September 16.

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Lakeshore](#). Closing Date: August 19.

[CAO/Clerk - Municipality of Whitestone](#). Closing Date: August 23.

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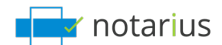
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