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### **In This Issue**

- AMO signs MOU with Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres.
- The Rural Economic Development program now open.
- Don't regret missing ROMA 2021.
- Second chance for Energy Reporting.
- Municipal Group Buying Program balloons to 150 participants!
- Careers: Simcoe, Durham, Amherstburg, Nipigon, Algonquin Highlands & Machin.

### **AMO Matters**

In late 2020, AMO and the OFIFC signed an MOU that brings both organizations to the table on issues that matter to our communities. The MOU will help strengthen the relationship between Ontario's Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Rural Economic Development program is now open and accepting applications. To be eligible for the program you must be: a municipality; a not-for-profit entity; an Ontario Indigenous community or organization; a Local Services Board. This intake will close on February 1, 2021.

### **Eye on Events**

Ministers' Forums, political analysis, Zone meet ups, concurrent sessions digging into the biggest issues your communities face are all on the ROMA agenda. With a little over a week to register, don't think twice, register here.

### **LAS**

Did you miss the O.Reg. 507/18 annual energy reporting deadline last year? The portal may be closed, but the Ministry of Energy will still accept your 2018 consumption data. Simply email your organization's report or any questions you might have to BPSsupport@ontario.ca. Next deadline is July 1, 2021 to report on 2019 consumption data.

The number of participants in the Municipal Group Buying Program exploded from 14 to 150 in 2020! We're thrilled to see how our municipalities have embraced this program and glad we can help save time and money on the things you buy every day. Contact us for more information.

### **Careers**

Manager, Public Housing - County of Simcoe. Reports to: Director, Social Housing. Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time. Reference Code: 1018. Location Midhurst. Closing Date: January 25, 2021. View the job description and submit your application online at County of Simcoe.

Manager of the Rapid Transit Office (RTO) - Region of Durham. The Region of Durham is the fastest growing area in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Region understands Rapid Transit is key to accommodate this growth, and connects people to opportunities in a sustainable way. Job ID 13894. Close Date: January 29, 2021. To apply, please visit Durham Region Job Postings.

Planner (Temporary Full-Time) - Town of Amherstburg. Position Term: Up to 2 years. Reports to: Manager of Planning Services. Visit Employment Opportunities on the Town's website for a detailed job description. Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to resumes@amherstburg.ca.

Treasurer - Township of Nipigon. Interested applicants are invited to review the Treasurer-Tax Collector job description on the Township of Nipigon's website and forward resumes marked "Confidential" prior to 12 noon on Friday, February 5, 2021 by regular mail, personal delivery or email to: Attention: Kelly Paakkunainen, CAO/Clerk, Township of Nipigon, 52 Front Street, PO Box 160, Nipigon, Ontario P0T 2J0. Email: kellyp@nipigon.net.

Operations Manager - Township of Algonquin Highlands. Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Please visit the Township's website for the full job description. Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence mark" to: Dawn Mugford-Guay, Human Resources Coordinator, Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1. Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Economic Development Officer - Municipality of Machin. Employment Start Date: February 1, 2021. Position Status: full-time, 3 year contract. Deadline: Posting will remain open until a suitable candidate has been selected. Direct Applications to: The Municipality of Machin, Attn: Tammy Rob, Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0 Email: clerktreasurer@visitmachin.com, Phone: 807.227.2633 ext.22, Fax: 807.227.5443.

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### **In This Issue**

- Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS).
- Book now for your 2021 Road/Sidewalk Assessment.
- Our Municipal Group Buying webinars are back!
- Peterborough County resolution concerning long-term care residents.
- AMONTario Climate Change & Asset Management Conference.
- Kraft Hockeyville nominations open: Deadline to submit your story is February 14.
- Careers: Town of Hawkesbury and City of Markham.

### **AMO Matters**

406 of 444 municipalities in Ontario have now their 2019 Financial Information Returns (FIRs), and 444 have posted their 2018 FIRs, all available on [MIDAS](#). Access to MIDAS is free and available to all Ontario municipalities, creating opportunities to generate reports and compare data. Browse the [MIDAS brochure](#) to see what it can do for you. To get access, email [midasadmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:midasadmin@amo.on.ca).

### **LAS**

Looking to improve your road assets in 2021? Join 93 other municipalities who have gotten a [road or sidewalk assessment](#) through LAS. Get the most from your budget dollars using objective information and state-of-the-art software. We're expecting a busy 2021, [contact us](#) today to receive a no-obligation quote.

Our popular bi-weekly webinar series is back this year! Keep your fleet in top shape with two new categories under our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). Join us on [February 10 @ 10 am](#) to learn about Automotive Parts (with NAPA), and on [February 24 @ 10 am](#) for Fleet Upfitting (with Commercial Truck).

### **Municipal Wire\***

The Peterborough County [resolution](#) requests the Province of Ontario to take immediate steps to reduce the number of positive COVID cases and to save lives in

long-term care homes, including the deployment of rapid COVID testing and committing to vaccinating with the first dose, all residents of congregate senior living facilities by February 15, 2021.

AMONTario's Climate Change & Asset Management Conference will provide municipalities with tools to integrate climate change adaptation (resilience) and asset management planning. Starts on Feb. 22nd. [More information and registration here.](#)

The Township of Lucan, Ontario won the Kraft Hockeyville competition in 2018. The grand prize winner will have an opportunity to host an NHL preseason game and receive \$250,000 for arena upgrades. Three-runner up communities will get \$10,000 to purchase new hockey equipment for their minor hockey programs. To submit a nomination visit the [Kraft Hockeyville website.](#)

### **Careers**

Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Hawkesbury / Directeur Général - La Ville de Hawkesbury. A complete description of the position can be found on the [Town's website.](#) Please send your résumé and a detailed cover letter before February 12, 2021, to the attention of Marie-Claude Morin (by email to [Marie-Claude.Morin@alternativerh.com](mailto:Marie-Claude.Morin@alternativerh.com)). THE FIRST INTERVIEWS WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2021. Please do not phone or come to the office without being contacted.

Director of Engineering - City of Markham. This is a unique opportunity to champion the City's engineering, transportation planning and overall development framework serving the current and future residents of the Markham community. For more information on this Director of Engineering position, and to apply online by Sunday, February 14, 2021, please visit [City of Markham Employment.](#)

Director of Environmental Services - City of Markham. A visionary leader, you welcome the opportunity to oversee the management of \$6.45 billion of City infrastructure. You are equally energized about acting as the champion of Markham's environmental strategies in waste management, environmental stewardship initiatives and public education. For more information on this pivotal role as Director of Environmental Services, and to apply online by Sunday, February 14, 2021, please visit [City of Markham Employment.](#)

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## Proxy Voting Guide for Members of Council

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As part of our mission to provide tools and resources to support our members in the implementation of new processes as the result of legislative changes, we are proud to publish the following [proxy](#)

**voting resource guide.** We hope that this resource provides further insight and first-hand knowledge on proxy voting procedures and serves as a guide for municipalities who choose to utilize this approach.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Ontario government made amendments to the ***Municipal Act, 2001*** which allows municipalities the option of authorizing proxy voting for Members of Council. With Bill 197: The ***COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020***, municipalities that wish to allow proxy voting must amend their procedure bylaw to allow members of council to appoint another member of the same council to act in their place when they are absent.

The Province has positioned proxy voting as a way to “ensure continuing representation of constituents’ interests on municipal councils when a member is unable to attend in person due to, for example, illness, a leave of absence, or the need to practice physical distancing.”

While this allows a member of council to continue to represent the interests of their constituents should they be waylaid by illness, such as contracting COVID-19, it could also be applied to a leave of absence, such as parental leave, a policy that is now mandatory under **s.270 of the *Municipal Act* (MA)** as a result of amendments made through Bill 68: The ***Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2017***.

While there are a number of international legislative bodies at a provincial, state or federal level that have utilized proxy voting to conduct business, an initial scan of jurisdictions at the local level suggest that such a mechanism is unique in its application to members of a municipal council.

## PROXY VOTING RESOURCES

For more information, questions about this guide or if your council is considering implementing proxy voting (as we are tracking), please contact:

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