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- Report out on January 29, 2021 AMO Board meeting.
- AMO's submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission.
- Maple Medical to help AMO members/communities by donating certified PPEs.
- Electrical Safety Authority warns of stockpiling material under overhead powerlines.
- Health & Safety and Training initiatives to support businesses during COVID-19.
- Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online - webinar.
- Must-see Municipal Group Buying webinars.
- CNIB resources for blind or partially sighted pedestrian safety.
- ROI Knowledge Centre - Impact of COVID-19 on non-metro businesses.
- Careers: Muskoka District and City of Kitchener.

AMO Matters

AMO President Graydon Smith [recaps the highlights](#) of the January 29 AMO Board meeting.

AMO submitted [final comments to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission](#) in January on behalf of municipal long-term care homes.

[Maple Medical](#) will donate 20 million certified 3 ply disposable face masks, over 100k bottles of sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to frontline workers and any low income/vulnerable individuals. For information email [Savdah Manjra](#), VP Sales, or call 647.501.1553.

Provincial Matters

The [Electrical Safety Authority](#) (ESA) and electrical utilities have seen an [increase of stockpiling of dirt and snow](#) under overhead powerlines. Stockpiling of materials under overhead high voltage powerline or near transformer stations can create hazards to members of the public and workers using high reach equipment.

Eye on Events

On February 10, [4S Consulting Services Inc.](#) is hosting an [online panel](#) with the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training & Skills Development, the Chief Prevention Officer of Ontario, along with industry leaders, to discuss health and safety initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic and some Ministry priorities and initiatives for 2021. [Register here](#).

Municipalities and healthcare providers struggle to protect public safety while managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments. On February 25, [eSolutionsGroup](#) will discuss the challenges of handling unprecedented requirements and how [Appointmentio](#) can address the challenges while decreasing the administrative burden on staff. [Register now](#).

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Don't miss our popular bi-weekly webinar series this month. 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).

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Blind pedestrian warning signs are used to enhance the safety of blind and partially sighted residents. However, more effective interventions may be available. Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) offers the [Clearing Our Path](#) resource on safety and encourages contacting them for more guidance.

Through its Focus On Rural Ontario series, the [Rural Ontario Institute Knowledge Centre](#) has released a [fact sheet](#) on the impact of COVID-19 on business closures in non-metro areas.

Careers

[Manager, Fleet Services - District of Muskoka](#). Reporting to the Director, Facilities and Support Services, the Manager is responsible for effectively managing, overseeing and recommending the administration, safe operation, efficient procurement, timely replacement, upgrade and repair of District Fleet related assets. Please review the "[How to Apply](#)" instructions to submit your application. Closing date: February 26, 2021 @ 12:00 NOON.

[Director, Equity, Anti-Racism and Indigenous Initiatives - City of Kitchener](#). The Director will provide the organization and City Council with exceptional leadership, expertise and senior-level competencies in issues including equity, anti-racism, inclusion and Indigenous reconciliation. To explore this opportunity further, please contact [Amanda Bugatto](#) or submit your resume and letter of interest online to [Odgers Berndtson Opportunities](#) by February 28, 2021.

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- Ontario helping keep seniors safe and connected during COVID-19.
- Healthy Communities Initiative.
- Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online - webinar.
- Group Buying with LAS just got easier!
- Fleet upfitting with the Municipal Group Buying Program.
- FCM funding available for road/sidewalk assessments.
- AMONTario Climate Change & Asset Management Conference.
- Careers: Halton Hills, Toronto and Niagara Falls.

AMO Matters

AMO is seeking member feedback on electronic permitting (e-permitting) platforms. To help us with our research, we are asking for feedback from appropriate staff (Planners, Building Officials, IT, etc.). Please [fill out the survey](#).

Looking to go electronic with your meetings? AMO's meeting management partner, [eSCRIBE](#), is offering a no-commitment assessment of how your municipality can raise efficiency with your meetings and how you can leverage [Municipal Modernization Program funding](#) for eSCRIBE services.

Provincial Matters

The [Skills Development Fund](#) will support projects that address pandemic-induced barriers to hiring, training, and retaining workers. Municipalities are eligible to apply. Please submit proposals by February 28, 2021.

The \$4.5 million [Seniors Community Grant Program](#) will support over 180 projects led by non-profits, local services boards, and Indigenous groups this year. These projects

will help seniors stay connected with their community during the pandemic.

Federal Matters

The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million dollar investment from the federal government to support a broad range of organizations, including municipal governments, for projects that help communities with safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options and providing innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health. Organizations can [apply](#) up until March 9, 2021.

Eye on Events

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We've made it even easier to find the products and services you use everyday. Now you can browse for vendors and products in a searchable list on our [Municipal Group Buying webpage](#). Don't forget to let us know if you'll be participating in the Program and post your Notice of Participation on your website. [Contact us](#) to get started.

LAS continues to host webinars under our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). Join us on [February 24 @ 10am](#) when we introduce one of our newest categories - Fleet Upfitting (with Commercial Truck Equipment Co.). If you need equipment for your heavy trucks, be sure to look here first. Watch for March webinars to be announced shortly.

FCM has reopened applications for its [MAMP Program](#), which provides up to \$50,000 for asset management projects. Our [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) is a perfect fit, and is already booking for the summer 2021 season. [Contact us](#) to learn more, schedule an online meeting, or receive a no-obligation quote.

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

Careers

[Deputy Treasurer/Senior Manager, Accounting & Taxation - Town of Halton Hills](#). Posting 202107. Reports to: Director of Finance/Town Treasurer. For more information about this position, please visit Halton Hills [Employment Opportunities](#). Applications are being accepted until February 19, 2021. Email: humanresources@haltonhills.ca.

[Manager, Capital Delivery - City of Toronto](#). Division: Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS). Reports to: Director, Infrastructure & Resource Management. For more information on this and other opportunities with the City of Toronto, visit us online at [Jobs at the City](#). To apply online, submit your resume, quoting Job ID 14697, by February 23, 2021.

Chief Administrative Officer - City of Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls is a fast-growing, dynamic, internationally renowned city with a prosperous business community. To explore this opportunity please apply via email by February 28th, 2021 to careers@waterhousesearch.ca quoting project NF-CAO. To speak to our Executive Recruiter please contact Jon Stungevicius at 416.214.9299 x1; or Amy Oliveira at 416.214.9299 x4.

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- Managing COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments online - webinar.
- Have you seen the new Energy Planning Tool?
- Municipal Group Buying webinar: Fleet Upfitting options.
- LAS Blog: Joint and Several Liability & Rising Municipal Insurance Costs.
- Now booking Virtual Energy Training for Spring '21.
- Energy Savings Success in LTC facilities!
- Nominations for the David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility.
- Careers: Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, Georgina and Tiny.

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The [Energy Planning Tool](#) helps you quickly and easily manage your energy portfolio, with automatic data entry for those buying electricity/natural gas through LAS. Complete your annual report in minutes instead of hours, and show your Council progress towards goals. [Contact us](#) to schedule a free web demo.

Municipalities require their fleets to do a lot of jobs. Now you can customize your trucks to meet your unique needs, and save time and money while doing it. [Join our webinar](#) February 24 at 10am to learn about NEW Fleet Upfitting options available through the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). Check out our [Events](#) page for future bi-weekly webinars.

Is traditional joint and several liability insurance working for municipalities? Read more in the [LAS Blog](#) about other alternative options that should be available to struggling communities.

LAS offers safe and effective [Online Energy Training](#) sessions in partnership with Stephen Dixon. Book your spring session and learn how to save energy in a remote setting. IESO offers incentives up to 75%. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to learn about this exciting opportunity!

Our popular [Facility Lighting Service](#) has assisted several Long Term Care facilities to drastically cut energy use and save tens of thousands dollars in energy/maintenance costs. Read some of their stories in this informative [Case Study](#). Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal.

Municipal Wire*

Nominations are being accepted for the David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility. For more information on the awards and how to nominate an accessibility leader by February 26th, 2021, visit the Ontario [accessibility award website](#).

Careers

[Enforcement Officer, Enforcement and Compliance - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority](#) (TRCA). Number of Vacancies: 2. To apply to this posting, please visit [TRCA Employment Opportunities](#). Please submit your resume and cover letter quoting job posting TRCA-024-21 prior to midnight on February 26, 2021.

[Program Manager, Asset Management - Town of Georgina](#). Department: Operations and Infrastructure. Status: Temporary, Full Time (March 1, 2021 to March 1, 2023). Please submit a resume and cover letter, identifying the Job Title and ID# 2021.04T in the subject line. Please apply by visiting the Careers page - Current Opportunities on the [Town's website](#) by February 28, 2021 at 11:59 pm.

[Director of Finance/Treasurer - Township of Tiny](#). Reports to: Chief Administrative Officer. The Township is the most northerly township of Simcoe County in the Southern Georgian Bay region of Southern Ontario. Visit the [Township's website](#) for a detailed job description. Please apply by 12 noon, March 5, 2021 to: Township of Tiny,

130 Balm Beach Rd. W., Tiny ON L0L 2J0; Attention: Human Resources Department;
Email: humanresources@tiny.ca.

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From: AMCTO President <president@amcto.com>
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Dear Emily Dance,

We would appreciate your support in sharing the below open letter and for this letter to be included on your municipal council agenda:

February 18, 2021



AN OPEN LETTER TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

Dear Council,

As a vital municipal association with membership roots that reach deep into each and every part of Ontario, we know the challenges you have faced in continuing to provide essential municipal services within your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As elected officials, we know that you recognize the contribution made by your municipal staff, many of whom are members of AMCTO. Municipal professionals across this entire province have been at the forefront of service delivery, applying their knowledge and skills to innovate processes and procedures to meet the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

One key point that is often overlooked in this pandemic is that many municipal staff were prepared to act and innovate BECAUSE of the professional municipal training and development they receive from organizations like AMCTO. The leadership skills, education and technical training prepare your staff in getting ahead of immediate community needs, reacting and responding to new challenges brought on by COVID-19. This unique and sought-after skillset has allowed your staff to provide council with options and solutions for keeping your municipality running.

In these challenging financial times, there will be temptation to divert operational funding away from staff training budgets. Now more than ever, it is crucial that municipalities continue to invest in your most valuable resource – your staff.

In addition to increased levels of employee retention, engagement and empowerment, investments in staff professional development strengthens your council's ability to provide reliable, effective and efficient services to your community, both today and in the future. The question is no longer "if" you innovate but "when". Innovation comes with knowledge, training, and exposing municipal staff to new opportunities to grow and develop professionally.

On behalf of AMCTO and its over 2,200 members, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service during these difficult times. As "Municipal Experts", AMCTO will continue to be at your service to help you and your staff meet the needs of your community.

Sincerely,



Robert Tremblay, MPA, CMO, AOMC
President
AMCTO

CC: Graydon Smith, President, AMO

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