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AMO Matters

AMO's [2022 provincial election strategy](#) sets out an eight-point plan and asks all Ontario political parties to commit to AMO's vision for economic recovery, prosperity, and increased opportunity. Municipalities are the foundation of Ontario's success.

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Eye on Events

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On March 24, join AMO's Health and Safety partner, 4S, for a virtual roundtable discussion with the Chief Prevention Officer and the WSIB. Learn more about the CPO's prevention strategy for 2022, health and safety rep training updates, and earning rebates from the WSIB Excellence and Ontario's SOSE program. [Register today](#).

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On March 23, 9 am - 10 am ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can greatly reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. [Register today](#).

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LAS

Carbon Tax charges are rising on April 1. Read our [latest blog](#) and learn more about how you can plan for budgeting if you're in the [LAS Natural Gas Procurement](#) program.

The [FCM Municipal Asset Management Program \(MAMP\)](#) is a perfect fit for the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Get high-quality data to help manage your roads efficiently and receive up to \$50,000 to make the project affordable. [Contact Tanner](#) for more information.

We're pleased to welcome ARI Phoenix to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Keep your machinery running smoothly with column and scissor lifts, tire balancers, brake lathes, transmission jacks, and a range of other equipment. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Johnson Controls supplies security & surveillance systems, wireless networks, building automation, fire alarms, and a range of other high-tech solutions. [Join us on April 6](#) to learn how you can improve your security and efficiency using their offerings. One of over 170 vendors from the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

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Careers

City Clerk - City of Orillia. Responsible for planning, directing and administering all activities of the Clerk's Division. [Apply online](#) by March 25.

Purchasing Coordinator - County of Hastings. This position will assist with the co-ordination and facilitation of the procurement process. Apply to careers@hastingscounty.com by March 24, 2022.

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Town of Brock. Responsible for managing all financial affairs of the Township. Apply to hr@brock.ca by March 23.

Commissioner of Human and Health Services - City of Windsor. Assists the CAO to implement the Corporation's strategic direction, ensuring superior service delivery for residents. [Apply online](#) by April 1.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Township of Hornepayne. Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all administrative and operational services. Apply to info.hpayne@bellnet.ca by March 31.

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Legislative and Policy Updates



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INTRODUCTION AND HIGHLIGHTS

The Ontario Legislative Assembly is back in session for the final time before Ontario's fixed date for its general election on June 2, 2022. The election process starts when the Premier visits the Lieutenant Governor and advises that they would like to call an election. The campaign period begins the day **the writ** is drawn, which will occur on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. This does not leave much time for the Government to introduce legislation and the countdown to the election is in full swing. With this in mind, we can expect some key bills to be introduced while the current Government have a majority.

In preparation for the 2022 Provincial election, we have released our local government priorities and recommendations with an accompanying toolkit that will continue to be updated with new Issue at a Glance briefing notes along with other materials. We encourage you to **download the toolkit** to support this advocacy in your own community.

POLICY SPOTLIGHT

On March 3, 2022 the Ontario Government passed *Bill 84, Fewer Fees, Better Services Act, 2022*. This Act makes the legislative changes to the Government's red tape reduction package: **Fewer Fees, Better Services**. The omnibus bill makes a number of amendments to several acts to reduce red tape for people and businesses, such as eliminating licence plate renewal fees and ending tolls on Highways 412 and 418.

It also amends Section 4 of the *Fiscal Sustainability, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2019*. If you recall, this Act set a fixed date of March 31 for the release of the budget and included financial penalties for the Minister of Finance and the Premier should this date be missed. Bill 84 amends this date for the 2022 budget to April 30, 2022. This means that we can anticipate the budget to be released later than usual, without much time before the writ is drawn on May 4, 2022. It will likely serve as an indication of what is to come in the Progressive Conservative Party's platform.

Through our **2022 Pre-Budget Submission**, we have participated in 2022 budget consultations with our recommendations focused on areas we believe the Government can continue to build positive changes. This includes committing to investments that ensure a strong and resilient municipal sector.

For more information on this and our local government priorities toolkit, please reach out to **Alana Del Greco, Manager of Policy and Government Relations** or **Charlotte Caza, Policy Advisor**.

POLICY UPDATES

Ontario Appoints Chair of Standards Development Committee

- The Provincial Government has announced that Julie Sawchuk has accepted an invitation to be the Chair of the Committee that

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will lead the Province's review of the Design of Public Spaces accessibility standards for outdoor spaces.

MPAC Voter Look Up Campaign - The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation is undertaking its campaign to promote voter registration.

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Province Announces Funding to Streamline Development Approval - Premier Ford has announced a new Streamline Development Approval Fund for the Province's 39 large urban municipalities.

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Ontario Announces Gas Tax Funding - The Provincial Government has announced the 2022 Gas Tax Funding allocations.

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2022 ROMA Conference Highlights - AMCTO participated in the 2022 ROMA Conference, including hearing from subject matter experts and Government officials and attending delegations.

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Province Releases Housing Affordability Task Force Report - The report's recommendations include five main areas to increase the supply of market housing with the goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.

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Ontario Releases 2021-22 Third Quarter Finances - An update on the Province's economic and fiscal outlook.

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Spring Red Tape Reduction Package Announced - The Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction has introduced legislation.

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Regulatory Registry Posting: Regulatory proposal under the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (TSSEA) – The Ministry is proposing regulations that outline how the TSSEA will be overseen. Comments are due by April 1, 2022.

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Province Introduces Legislation to Accelerate Connectivity Projects – The Minister of Infrastructure has introduced the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021*.

Consultation on Ontario's Anti-Racism Strategic Plan – The Province is seeking input from the public. Comments are due by May 4, 2022.

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BILLS AND LAWMAKING

Bills Passed and Government Bills:

Bill 27, *Working for Workers Act, 2021* (Royal Assent) – This bill amends several Acts to improve workers' rights including: requiring employers with 25 or more employees to have a written policy about employees disconnecting from their job at the end of the workday, banning non-compete agreements, removing some barriers for internationally-trained individuals to get licenced in a regulated profession, and requiring workplaces to provide access to a washroom to persons making deliveries to and from the workplace.

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Bill 78, *Police Services Amendment Act, 2022* (Standing Committee) - This bill would amend the *Police Services Act* to provide that municipal police officers and First Nations Constables may be named to the rank of commissioned officers.

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Bill 84, *Fewer Fees, Better Services Act, 2022* (Royal Assent) - This bill amends several acts with the intention of reducing red tape and fees for Ontario residents and businesses.

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Bill 88, *Working for Workers Act, 2022* (Second Reading) - This bill would enact the *Digital Platform Workers' Rights Act, 2022* and amend several other acts to establish rights for workers in the digital platform economies.

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Private Members' Bills:

A summary of Private Members' Bills that are of relevance to Ontario's local governments.

Bill 10, *Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022* (Standing Committee) – This bill would amend the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to require that municipal codes of conduct include a requirement for members to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies. The amendments would also permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened the code of conduct by failing to comply with the workplace violence or harassment policies.

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Bill 59, *Making Northern Ontario Highways Safer Act, 2022* (Standing Committee) - This bill would amend the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* in relation to standards for road maintenance in winter by classifying highways 11 and 17 and Class 1 highways which have the strictest requirements for snow removal.

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Bill 70, *Four-Day Work Week Act, 2021* (First Reading) - This bill would establish a Four-Day Work Week Commission to develop recommendations on how to implement a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of a four-day work week in Ontario.

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Bill 80, *Local Choice to Local Elections Act* (Ranked Ballot By-Laws), 2021 (First Reading) - This re-introduced bill would amend the *City of Toronto Act* and the *Municipal Act* to allow municipal councils to adopt ranked ballot method for selecting members of their councils.

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Bill 85, *Smoke-Free Ontario Amendment Act (Vaping is not for Kids), 2022* (First Reading) – This bill would make various amendments to the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* to prohibit the promotion of vapour products, including limiting the sale of vapour products to specialty vape stores or designated stores in remote or rural communities, and requiring that these designated stores have approval of the local board of health.

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RESOURCES

Charting an Equitable Future – This e-book compiles several equity-focused practices, highlighting specific practices from municipalities participating in the City Budgeting for Equity & Recovery project. It discusses budgeting for equity, rethinking municipal revenue streams, and tactics and tools for change.

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Asset Management for Elected Officials – This primer was developed to provide councils with a better understanding of their role in adopting a strategic approach to determine infrastructure investment priorities.

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After the Storm: An Overview of Ontario's Fiscal Challenges – This report from Ontario 360 analyzes Ontario's public finances from a historical and current perspective to separate out long-term trends from the impact of the recent pandemic years.

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- NEW Canoe category: Tree maintenance equipment.
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Municipal and Indigenous engagement activities are underway as part of IESO's Long Term RFP for new and expanded facilities to meet Ontario's emerging reliability needs. Details on engagement for communities, stakeholders and interested parties throughout the process are available here.

IESO is calling for a municipal representative to join its Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Nominees could include elected officials, municipal staff, and other

members of the municipal landscape.

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LAS

We're pleased to welcome Vermeer and Morbark to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). They are the approved suppliers under the NEW Tree Maintenance Equipment category. Trees make a community picturesque but aren't always low-maintenance - keep them beautiful by using the right tools for the job. [Contact Simon](#) for more information.

Join us for the last two [Canoe Procurement Group](#) webinars before we wrap up for the summer. On April 6 hear from Johnson Controls, supplier of high-tech facility monitoring, security systems and fire alarms - [register here](#). On April 20 we will host our annual Legal/Procurement Update, providing information to keep your purchasing compliant with the law – [register here](#).

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Careers

[Senior Financial Planning Analyst - City of Orillia](#). Participate in the development and implementation of policies / procedures and internal control processes. [Apply online](#) by April 4.

[Development Services and Engineering Department - City of Orillia](#). Maintain compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17 and other regulations pertaining to asset management. [Apply online](#) by April 6.

Program Analyst, Corporate Asset Management - City of Hamilton. Responsible for supporting the engagement of asset owners from across the organization. Apply online by March 30.

Project Manager – Development Engineering - Town of New Tecumseth. Some responsibilities include: reviewing drawings, plans, reports, and specifications and providing advisory support. Apply to arthur@wmc.on.ca by April 19.

Strategic Workspace Planner - City of Burlington. The Planner plays a critical role in the City's property strategy to deliver corporate facilities that optimize workspace experience. Apply online by April 8.

Finance Manager-Treasurer - Municipality of Huron East. Responsible for performing all statutory duties of the Treasurer in accordance with the *Municipal Act* and other legislation. Apply to cao@huroneast.com by April 22.

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