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- Funded assistance for accessibility and disability management.
- Fleming College seeking municipal partnership projects.
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### **AMO Matters**

Have you run for municipal office, or considered running for municipal office in Ontario? Do you consider yourself to be from an equity-deserving community? If so, we would love to hear from you! [By filling out this short survey](#), you will help AMO improve our understanding of diverse candidates running for office in Ontario, informing how we create new programs, resources, and advocacy strategies.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is [seeking feedback](#) on the proposed renewal of the Ontario Invasive Species Strategic Plan.

Ontario has announced \$5 million through an application-based program to help increase emergency preparedness. Municipalities under 100,000 are eligible to apply. [Applications are due November 30.](#)

Is your jurisdiction participating in a pilot vehicle program for e-scooters, cargo e-bikes, large quadricycles, electric low-speed vehicles, or golf carts? If so, the Ministry of Transportation [needs your input!](#)

The [ChargeON Program](#) will provide up to 75% provincial funding for municipalities to install Electric Vehicle charging stations. Join webinars hosted by Canoe Procurement

Group partner Flo on [November 29](#) and the Ministry of Transportation on [November 30](#) to find out what you need to do.

The Ontario Fire Marshal is conducting an [online survey](#) for volunteer firefighters and fire chiefs to inform their understanding on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters.

### **Federal Matters**

The federal government published *[The Role, Management, and Impacts of Plastics in Organics Waste Diversion Programs \(FR\)](#)* in Canada to support municipal decision making on the inclusion of plastics such in organics recycling programs.

### **Education Opportunities**

[Register](#) for the ROMA 2024 Conference to learn about hot topics impacting rural communities. Plenary stage programming includes panels discussions about *The Future of Feeding Ontario and Experiences and Solutions for Rural and Remote Homelessness*.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. You can register for this important training [here](#).

Mark April 30 - May 2 in your calendar for the OSUM 2024 Conference in Orillia. Check back [here](#) as details are confirmed.

### **LAS**

Nine out of 10 municipalities say that budgets have not increased to cope with the Freedom of Information demand. To learn more, [read](#) our Freedom of Information Solutions partner's guest blog.

Don't get caught in the dark as the government phases out fluorescent and other mercury containing lights. The LAS [Facility Lighting Service](#) is your easy-button to environmentally-friendly, efficient LED upgrades. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out more and get started today.

ClearRisk will be hosting our training webinar in one week! Come [join us November 30](#) at 11:00 AM ET for an overview of the system and a detailed demonstration.

The final webinar of our [LAS/Canoe Procurement Group Fall](#) series will not disappoint! Join us on December 7th as we hear from Aerospace and Deep Trekker, two vendors in the new Uncrewed Vehicles category - [register here today](#).

SaveOnEnergy is offering free training webinars for municipal energy/facility managers and directors. Learn how to integrate energy management principles, identify savings, and reduce cost in your municipal facilities. [Register today](#).

### **Municipal Wire\***

The Digital Governance Standards Institute has opened public review on [terminology](#) that will be used to establish consistency in data requirements for planning and development applications in Ontario.

RTOERO's inaugural [Future of Aging Summit](#), held in Toronto from May 15 to 17, 2024, unites global experts and thought leaders across numerous sectors to improve

our later years.

Limited spots remain available for a free and confidential Workplace Disability Management Assessment. For details and an application form, visit the National Institute of Disability Management and Research [website](#).

Fleming College is seeking municipal environmental land-use planning and management projects to be implemented by students in the Environmental Land Management program. Contact Emily Markovic to discuss partnership opportunities.

### Careers

General Manager of Corporate & Enterprise Services/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - City of Welland. Apply by December 15.

Director of Community Services - City of Welland. Apply by December 15.

Director Regulatory Compliance Enforcement - City of Toronto. Apply by: November 30.

Economic Development Officer - County of Simcoe. Apply by: December 8

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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