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## **AMO Matters**

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. <u>Click here</u> for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

We are extremely proud to announce the 2024 AMO Youth Fellows! Follow this link to learn about Elizabeth, Henry, and Thomas who were selected from a tremendous group of more than 80 highly qualified young Ontario residents who are passionate about local issues and municipal government.

## **Provincial Matters**

MSAA is <u>proposing a new regulation</u> that would prescribe entities that could contribute towards a Seniors Active Living Centre program's operational cost. The deadline for comments is March 22, 2024.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. Nominate someone from your municipality by April 30.

Ontario's electrification and energy transition panel has released its <u>final report</u> outlining recommendations for long-term energy planning.

The province is conducting a <u>survey</u> to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

#### Federal Matters

Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their <u>website</u> for more information and <u>webinar dates</u>.

# **Education Opportunities**

Designed for elected officials, this workshop will provide insight and information to better understand the landscape and critical decisions to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cybersecurity incidents. Register for the March 20 Cyber Security workshop.

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the <u>March 22</u> Session 1 workshop, May 29 Session 2 workshop, and the October 2 Session 3 workshop.

Participants will leave this workshop with a greater depth of knowledge and understanding of building accessible and inclusive communities as an elected official. Register for the <u>March 25 Disability Inclusion Workshop</u>.

The Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times interactive, one-day course will teach participants how to manage all aspects of crisis communications during an emergency or large-scale event. Claim your space for the <a href="March 27 Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times">March 27 Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times</a> Workshop.

Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials is one of AMO's most popular training offerings. This course helps you understand and navigate why relationships are or become challenging. Join your colleagues at the <a href="March workshop">March workshop</a> to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. Attendees are invited to register for the <a href="April Advanced Strategies workshop">April Advanced Strategies workshop</a>.

#### LAS

How do you know if an energy conservation opportunity in your facility is worth pursuing? Join SaveONenergy and LAS on March 8 for a free webinar and take a deep dive into the complexities of energy projects financing and life cycle costing. Space is limited. Register here today – Part Four of the Municipal Series.

AMO has traditionally provided education workshops following each municipal election focused on supporting new heads of council, but this year, there are a range <u>education workshops</u> aimed at supporting the many facets of local leadership.

## MEPCO

Registration is now open for the <u>2024 OMERS Annual Meeting</u> taking place in-person at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre or virtually by webcast.

# **Municipal Wire\***

Professional Engineer's Ontario has released <u>a guideline</u> to support the preparation of acoustical assessments and studies to support land use applications.

Register for the "Building Healthy Communities: Uniting Experience, Research, and Practice for Ontario's Age-Friendly Future" virtual conference. The free conference is organized into three themed morning sessions on March 20-22.

The <u>Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment</u> (CCFWE) released <u>calls to action for municipalities</u> to address economic abuse in gender-based violence strategies. For more information contact <u>Michaela Mayer</u>.

The International Town and Gown Association and Town and Gown Association of Ontario <u>launched a survey</u> seeking input from municipal leaders on Canada's student housing crisis. Participate by March 5.

The Condominium Authority of Ontario's 2024 Winter Information Kit offers useful and shareable tips to

help Ontario condo residents navigate the ins and out of condo living this season.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, 2024 will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at agingsummit.ca.

The Ontario Farmland Trust is hosting a forum on March 21st to explore the importance of strong policy for farmland and environmental protection, succession planning for Ontario's food system, and how municipalities can support land access.

#### **Careers**

Appeals Specialist - Ministry of Long Term Care. Closing date: March 07.

Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Central Elgin . Closing Date: March 12.

Commissioner, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer - Region of Waterloo. Closing Date:

City Manager - City of Thunder Bay. Closing Date: March 15.

Manager, Planning - County of Simcoe. Closing Date: March 8.

Data Analysis Coordinator - Region of Durham. Closing Date: March 6.

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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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