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- 2024 is an AMO Board Election Year!
- Application for the PJ Marshall Awards is open.
- Consultation on *Northern Services Boards Act*.
- Consultation on *Seniors Active Living Centres Act*.
- Nominations open for Lieutenant Governor's Award.
- Consultation: Rural Economic Development Strategy.
- Land use planning framework for energy project siting.
- Applications open: Rural Transit Solutions Fund.
- Cyber Security Education for Municipal Councilors.
- Advanced Councillor Training Series to Revitalize your Leadership.
- Disability inclusion workshop and panel discussion: Beyond AODA compliance.
- Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times - Limited space.
- Anti-Semitism and Anti-Islamophobia: Spring workshops.
- Land Use Planning - Foundations and Deeper Dive workshops.
- Strategies for Navigating Conflict Relationships for Strong Council Outcomes.
- Learn more about municipal investments - Upcoming workshops.
- Cyber Incident Management webinar - March 21.
- Upcoming webinar: Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service.
- Upcoming webinar: Financial Analysis for Energy Projects.
- March is made for webinars.
- 2024 Farmland Forum: The Future of Ontario Farmland.
- Ontario Age-Friendly Communities 2024 Conference.
- Calls to action for municipalities on economic abuse.
- Housing access in higher education host communities survey.
- Helpful condo living tips for Ontario residents.
- Future of Aging Summit next May.
- Careers.

**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. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario that implement new and innovative ways to make public services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

## Provincial Matters

MNDM is exploring changes to the [Northern Services Boards Act](#) (NSBA) to modernize provisions across various governance areas of Local Service Boards. The deadline for comments is March 19, 2024.

MSAA is [proposing a new regulation](#) 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.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) 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.

On February 22, the IESO hosted a webinar with MMAH and OMAFRA providing an overview of the current land use planning policies in place to guide the siting of energy projects in prime agricultural areas. A [recording of the session is available](#).

## 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 [website](#) for more information and [webinar dates](#).

## 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 [March 22 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 [March 25 Disability Inclusion Workshop](#).

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 [March 27 Managing Communications through Uncomfortable Times workshop](#).

The goal of achieving your council's priorities and strategic objectives require understanding, good communication and finding ways to compromise. AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials is an invaluable resource for AMO members and your councils. This series of two workshops are open for registration: [NCR 1.0 June 26 - 27](#) and for those who have completed NCR 1.0 [April 9 - 10 NCR 2.0](#) register today.

Build your understanding on the historical and contemporary roots of anti-semitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships. Register for the [March 6 anti-islamophobia](#) workshop and [April 24 antisemitism](#) workshop today.

AMO's planning training supports its members in two important ways: [April 17 Foundations in Planning](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal requirements and roles and the [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning - A Deeper Dive](#) training works through case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning issues.

## ONE Investment

ONE Investment Basics and Beyond Workshops provide an overview of eligible avenues for municipal investing under both the Legal List and Prudent Investor standards in the *Municipal Act*. We have both in-person and virtual options. Learn more and [register here](#).

## LAS

Are you concerned with cyber threats? LAS hosts a [free webinar](#) about cyber-Incident management responses on March 21. Learn more about a program designed to help you manage cyber incidents.

Do you have a road or sidewalk survey on your 2024 to-do list? Join our webinar on March 20 for updates on the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#), providing better data for better decision making. [Register here](#).

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 4 of the Municipal Series.

LAS provides a variety of free webinars on subjects that will help your municipal staff save time and money. All registrants will receive a link to the recordings. Learn more and [sign up here](#).

#### **Municipal Wire\***

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.

[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 [Canadian Centre for Women's Empowerment](#) (CCFWE) released [calls to action for municipalities](#) to address economic abuse in gender-based violence strategies. For more information contact [Michaela Mayer](#).

The International Town and Gown Association and Town and Gown Association of Ontario [launched a survey](#) 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](#).

#### **Careers**

[Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut - Government of Nunavut](#). Closing date: March 22.

[Manager, Solid Waste Policy and Planning - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: March 14

[Senior Project Manager SWMS - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: March 19.

[Program Manager, Facilities Maintenance - City of Peterborough](#). Closing date: March 6.

[Business Technology Coordinator - Region of Durham](#). Closing date: March 7.

[CAO/Clerk/Treasurer - Township of Nipigon](#). Closing date: March 13.

[Real Property Acquisition Specialist - County of Simcoe](#). Closing date: March 8.

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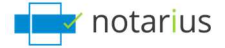
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