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### AMO Matters

AMO is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and nomination requirements. Elections will occur at the AMO Annual Conference in August.

The [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect municipal financial and statistical information. Municipal elected officials and staff can contact [MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca](mailto:MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca) for access.

### Provincial Matters

Municipalities are invited to submit a nomination for the 2024 Ontario Senior of the Year Award by April 30, 2024. For more details, visit [honours and awards](#).

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 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the

five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under *Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* [for comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to allow digital publication of public notices for certain land use and development charge by-laws where local newspapers are not available. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking input on barriers to the development of additional residential units. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to report municipal planning data, and to enhance the quality of the data provided. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

### **Federal Matters**

If you are a municipality located in the Lake Erie watershed and interested in DFO's Fish and Fish habitat restoration initiative, contact [DFO](#) on how to participate in upcoming engagements.

AMO and CMHC are hosting a technical session on April 30 to provide information and gather feedback from municipalities on a standard housing design catalogue. [Register over Zoom](#).

### **Education Opportunities**

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to prepare elected officials in understanding cybersecurity and to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents. Register for the [June 12 Cybersecurity workshop](#) to learn how to prevent, prepare, and respond.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

The Councillor Training interactive workshop delves into the key areas of your responsibility as an elected official in a forum where you can ask questions that you can't always raise locally. Register for the [May 14 Councillor Training workshop](#) today.

AMO is offering a number of education workshops focusing on the most integral aspects of municipal leadership and governance. For full information including workshop descriptions, dates and registration visit [amoeducation.ca](#)

As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

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. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

During times of crisis such as natural disasters or public disruption, municipally elected officials find themselves at the front line and facing the expectations of providing up to date and useful information to their communities. The [June 19 Managing Communications through Crisis workshop](#) is an opportunity to develop and enhance your approach to managing all aspects of crisis communications during and emergency. Join your colleagues to learn techniques for effective and proactive communications with community and media.

Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out your collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities. Learn how to accomplish this at the [June 26-27 Navigating Conflict Relationships workshop](#).

### LAS

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. [Register here to attend](#).

### Careers

[Director, Legislative & Information Services - Township of The Archipelago](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Director of Finance/Treasurer - Municipality of North Grenville](#). Closing Date: May 17, 2024.

[Project Manager - City of Toronto](#). Closing date: May 06, 2024.

[Manager, Tangible Capital Assets - The District Municipality of Muskoka](#). Closing Date: May 8, 2024.

[Communications Officer, Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer - City of Quinte West](#). Closing Date: May 5, 2024.

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