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*Everyone at AMO wishes you, your friends and family,
and your community a happy and safe holiday season!*

- Toronto joining AMO in 2025.
- AMO's Healthy Democracy Forum report released.
- AMO Holiday office closure.
- Implementation date of excess soil landfill restriction changed.
- Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) registration now open.
- We are a month away from ROMA 2025 Conference!
- ROMA pre-conference workshop January 18 - *Two Keys to Municipal Success*.
- Asset Management workshop at ROMA Conference - Sunday January 19.
- Interested in hearing about the ROMA Board of Directors strategic work?
- Take advantage! AMO Education discount registration rates.
- Upgrades for a brighter 2025!
- Apply for the Invasive Species Action Fund.
- Municipal flood resilience in action training.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

On December 17th, Toronto City Council approved the renewal of the City's membership in AMO beginning in 2025. Toronto becomes a member of AMO on January 1st. The AMO Board welcomed the decision, which builds on a strong record of collaboration between AMO and Toronto and creates a stronger collective voice for municipal government to advance good public policy in Ontario.

AMO's inaugural Healthy Democracy Forum on October 19 and 20, 2024 welcomed 154 participants for three comprehensive conversations about diverse representation, youth engagement, and accelerating local democratic engagement in your communities. You can now access our [Forum Report Back](#) to go along with speeches and presentations from two remarkable days.

Please note the AMO office will be closed from December 25, 2024 through January 1, 2025. The office will reopen on January 2, 2025. The next issue of the Watchfile will be on January 9.

Provincial Matters

Ontario has made [amendments to Ontario Regulation 406/19](#) to change the in-effect date of a provision to restrict landfilling cleaner excess soil, from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2027.

Federal Matters

Municipalities with populations 30,000 and under can now access the CRIS expert-matching service to get free expert advice on how to build climate-resilient infrastructure plans and projects. Apply [here](#).

Education Opportunities

The ROMA *Rural Routes* Conference will be a remarkable event. The 2025 Conference program is jammed full of top-notch sessions. Sessions are designed from the rural perspective, highlighting solutions and innovation for rural communities. Check out the program [here](#). [Register for the ROMA Conference today](#).

AMO's [Two Keys to Municipal Success: Sustainability & Engagement](#) workshop explores strategies for planning your organizations financial sustainability and how to successfully communicate to and engage your community on your plan and efforts. Register [here](#).

Beyond the Numbers: Building a Brave Culture for Asset Management Success - don't miss this free workshop delivered by Christina Benty and focused on sharpening your strategic asset management decision making and planning skills. More [information on content available here](#).

Meet with your ROMA Board members Zone representative on [Sunday January 19](#) to engage in the key advocacy issues in focus for the Board over 2025. You can [find your zone here](#).

AMO continues to advance its education programming and for a limited time, we are offering [half price registration](#). Take advantage of this offer, in the meantime, [here is a list](#) of what is on the calendar so far for 2025. Watch for new workshops including strategic asset management, equity, inclusion and innovation in municipalities, unlocking opportunity through human rights based planning and more.

LAS

Thinking of LED upgrades in 2025? Check out our [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) - Your complete turn-key solution for all your municipal lighting needs - both inside and out! [Contact us](#) today for your free proposal.

Municipal Wire*

The call for applications to the Invasive Species Action Fund is open. These funds support municipal action on critical invasive species. Visit our [website](#) to learn more and apply.

Enhance municipal flood preparedness and implementation with expert-led virtual training from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Intact Centre, focused on the [Municipal Flood Risk Check-Up](#). [Register here](#).

Careers

[Program Administrator \(Workforce Development\) - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Closing Date: January 31, 2025.

[Director of Finance and Administration - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board](#). Closing Date: January 10, 2025.

[Request for Proposals for the provision of Assertive Street Outreach Services - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: January 31, 2025.

[Director of Municipal Infrastructure - Municipality of Brighton](#). Closing Date: January 12, 2025.

[Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2025.

[Director, Legal Services & City Solicitor - City of Kingston](#). Closing Date: January 19, 2025.

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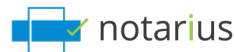
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