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### AMO Matters

Nominations for the 2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors election open Tuesday, April 21st. Whether you're considering running or encouraging someone else to step forward, visit the [AMO Elections Webpage](#) for more information.

Through its Healthy Democracy and Workforce Development Projects, AMO has developed practical tools to help councils and staff manage conflict and foster a culture of civility. Our [Leading with Respect Handguides](#) offer resources over a series of seven key municipal areas of leadership. This week, we are profiling the [Self-Care for Municipal Leaders and Staff Handguide](#), which offers strategies to recognize the early signs of burnout and provides practical guidance to support prevention, protection, and recovery.

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO has launched a candidate attraction and voter turnout campaign: [If You Believe. They Believe.](#) On the campaign site, you can learn about the various candidate support organizations ready to help candidates running for the first time and seeking re-election. They offer tremendous resources, campaign schools and peer support to help you all the way along the campaign road.

### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing have released their [guidance materials for the 2026 municipal elections](#), including the Voter's Guide, Candidate's Guide and Third-Party Advertiser's Guide.

On April 24th, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will host a webinar explaining Build Canada Homes' portal and investment policy framework in Ontario. [Register now](#) on Microsoft Teams.

## Education Opportunities

OSUM is pleased to announce Dr. Eileen de Villa, who will provide insight into key strategic and operational considerations for successfully navigating current public health reforms. Following her remarks, a panel discussion will be held with municipal leaders who will share their experiences in merging public health units. [View the full program and register now.](#)

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials in their journey toward municipal office. Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today.](#)

In partnership with the Public Services Health & Safety Association, AMO is pleased to offer its members an interactive workshop focused on Preventing Escalated Behaviours. This session introduces practical, person-centred strategies to help recognize early signs of escalation, strengthen communication, and confidently and professionally respond to difficult situations. [Register for the two-part May 7 and May 28 workshop now.](#)

AMO has expanded their [Healthy Democracy](#) campaign information workshops. We are now offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples interested in municipal office and running in the October 2026 elections. Facilitated by current and former elected officials, these sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and run a campaign. [Register here for one of two sessions.](#)

AMO and OMAA are delivering the next installment of the well-received Mayor-CAO Relationship Series. This session focuses on upper-tier governance, featuring experienced CAO-Warden teams. This will be a session you don't want to miss! [Register here.](#)

## LAS

Building on our [proven assessment program](#), LAS partner Citylogix is launching a Road Patrol application that delivers continuous visibility into road conditions — automatically, consistently, and in real time. Join our webinar on April 28th to learn how this new technology would work for your community. [Register Here.](#)

The All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. [Submit your ideas by May 1](#) for a chance to receive \$10,000 towards your project.

The LAS endorsed [Sewer & Water Line Warranty service](#), offered through SLWC, helps residential property owners avoid expensive repair costs for clogs, leaks, and breaks to the water and sewer lines running from their home to the municipal connection. Learn how your municipality can offer this optional service to your residents.

LAS makes your annual Energy Reporting easy with its [Energy Planning Tool](#), especially if you are part of our [Electricity](#) and/or [Natural Gas](#) programs. [Contact Christian](#) for more info. Learn more about your obligations in the Ministry's webinar. Join [April 28](#) or [May 26](#) from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## Municipal Wire\*

Ontario's premier geothermal conference featuring expert insights, emerging technologies, and collaborative networking. Learn best practices, connect with industry leaders, and find what drives results. AMO members save 20% off registration.

## Careers

[Communications & Public Affairs Specialist - Middlesex-London Paramedic Service](#). Closing Date: May 8, 2026.

[Specialist, Records and Information Management - City of Peterborough](#). Closing Date: May 4, 2026.

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