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## **AMO Policy Update – Gender-Based Violence Toolkit**

### **AMO Releases Toolkit of Gender-Based Violence Resources for Municipal Elected Officials**

Today is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. To mark this day, AMO is proud to launch a toolkit of [Gender-Based Violence Resources for Elected Officials](#). Municipalities play a multifaceted role in addressing gender-based violence through their roles in public safety, community outreach, resource planning, and service delivery.

In 2023, AMO joined over 90 of our members in recognizing that gender-based and intimate partner violence is an epidemic in Ontario that requires urgent and coordinated government action. We also recognize the disproportionate rates of intimate partner violence experienced by Indigenous women and the multiple barriers Indigenous women face when seeking help. By making this declaration, AMO recognizes that municipal governments are key partners in responding to issues of intimate partner violence, gender-based violence, and violence against Indigenous women and girls.

We have heard from many of our members that since making their declarations, they have grown, expanded, and initiated new responses to intimate partner violence and gender-based violence. This toolkit includes resources from organizations working in communities across the province

and provides valuable resources to support elected officials in responding to gender-based violence in their communities.

In 2025, AMO will continue to provide members with opportunities to learn more about how their communities can address gender-based violence. Look out for more education opportunities coming soon in the new year.

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