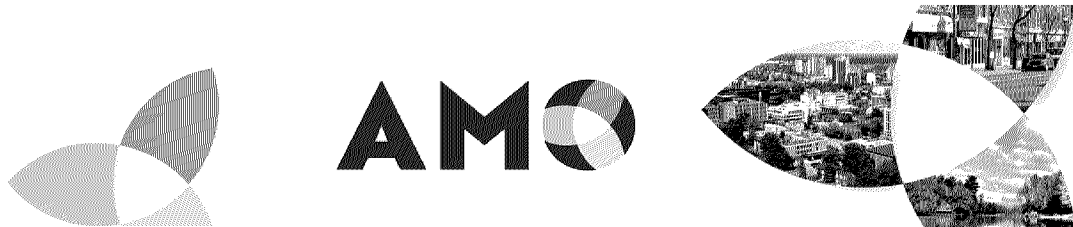


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Bringing Rural Leaders Together for a Healthier Local Democracy

June 11, 2025

**Almonte Old Town Hall Auditorium, 14 Bridge St, Almonte, ON
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Only a few spots remain for this one-day leading edge event!

Brought to you in partnership with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), your municipal associations are coming together to support rural municipal leaders in discussion on ways to support community, your council and importantly, your self, in your leadership role. As we quickly approach the 2026 municipal election, this timely and impactful event is intended to remind all of us of the importance and value in the work you do including exploring strategies to support you.

Join your colleagues as a range of experts and rural municipal leaders gather for discussions on the state of democracy in rural Ontario. Engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore ways to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities.

Program Highlight:

Accelerating democratic health in Ontario's rural municipalities

The challenges facing local democracies are largely similar though local contexts are different. There are a variety of issues becoming more urgent and challenging to deal with:

- Increasing incivility and harassment of elected officials and municipal staff

- Low voter turnout
- Fewer candidates running and increasing acclamations
- Lack of understanding of the important role of local government

Join a conversation about an approach to addressing shared challenges in rural environments. Share your thoughts on how we can leverage rural capacity to improve the health of local democracies.

The good news is that you aren't alone in wanting to improve democratic conditions and get more people engaged in the process. More good news is that solutions to many of the challenges your community faces already exist.

AMO's Local Democracy Accelerator is an approach to connect community capacity with innovative solutions to local challenges.

Join us, and let's get to work together.

- Stewart McDonough, Lead of AMO's Healthy Democracy Project

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