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COVID-19 Resources
AMO’s COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

AMO Matters
Please be advised that in accordance with AMO’s governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 - 2022 AMO Board of Directors. A completed nomination form and supporting material must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020.

Municipal Councils that operate Blue Box programs have until June 30, 2020 to pass a resolution on transition. For more information contact Dave Gordon, or check our website.

Provincial Matters
MECP is temporarily delaying the implementation of the 1st phase of requirements under the new Excess Soil Regulation by six months, from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 in recognition of municipal focus on COVID-19 response. O. Reg. 153/04 is amended to exempt temporary health or residential facilities, from needing a Record of Site Condition before being established in response to an emergency.

Phase 2 of Rowan’s Law will now take effect January 1, 2021. The requirements related to the protocols in legislation/regulation remain the same. We understand that the Province will engage further with stakeholders in the near future.
Federal Matters
Projects that improve the accessibility of persons with disabilities in facilities where they work are a priority for the Enabling Accessibility Fund - with a grant of up to $100,000. To receive funding, your organization must be a: not-for-profit organization; business; small municipality; Indigenous organization (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities); territorial government. Applications accepted until July 13, 2020.

DFO released two interim Codes of Practice – end-of-pipe fish screens and routine maintenance dredging. Three more codes will be released by mid-July. Municipalities with questions navigating the Act should contact DFO.

Eye on Events
Delegation meetings remain a key feature of the AMO conference. The deadline to request delegation meetings at the AMO AGM and Annual Conference is June 30. Submit your requests using the online form in English or French.

AMO is headlining a Women’s Leadership Panel. Featuring notable public policy and political leadership and hosted by CBC’s Nora Young, this is an opportunity not to miss. New program and conference information is now available. Register here.

AMO’s 2020 Conference virtual exhibit hall offers an unparalleled opportunity for you to showcase your products and connect with municipal leaders and decision makers. Providing greater flexibility, extended trade show hours and multiple points of interaction and ways to highlight your products, AMO’s conference is the place to network and connect. Space is still available. Book now!

LAS
The Ministry of Energy has extended the 507/18 energy reporting deadline to October 1, 2020 due to COVID. They will run webinars on the reporting on June 30; July 14, 28; September 8 or 22. Check out the Ministry’s reporting portal for more information. Email BPSsupport@ontario.ca if you have questions.

The LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment gives you the tools to save money while improving your surface assets, with FCM MAMP funding now available to cover 80-90% of project cost up to $50,000. Contact us to learn more.

LAS recently hosted a series of eleven in-depth webinars on our new Municipal Group Buying Program. Recordings of these webinars are available on our website for viewing at your convenience.

Municipal Wire*
Since modernizing its meeting management process, Cramahe Township has unlocked cost savings using eSCRIBE Lite. Join Joanne Hyde, Township Clerk, and eSCRIBE, AMO’s digital meeting management partner, as they discuss how smaller municipalities can achieve efficiencies even during a pandemic. Sign up for the June 24 webinar.

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of conservation authorities, the City of Peterborough resolution recognizes the need for stable funding for all conservation authorities to continue to provide critical services during these times of financial uncertainty.
Careers
Program Manager, Social Policy #25257 - York Region. Department: Community and Health Services, Strategies and Partnerships Branch. Location: Newmarket. Status: Temporary Full-Time, Approximately 12 months. Reports to: Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility. Please apply online at York Region Job Opportunities by June 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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