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## AMO Matters

AMO's COVID-19 [resource page](#) is updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. It has a section on mandatory face masks bylaws/directives for municipal governments considering similar bylaws. Send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

Did you know AMO has a policy intern? Check out the [LAS blog](#) to read about her experience during a very unconventional summer.

## Provincial Matters

The Government of Ontario is making \$8 million available for small business and registered charities struggling to pay their energy bills (natural gas and electricity). The COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program for Small Business provides a one time, on-bill credit to help catch up on energy bills and resume regular payments. To apply for funding, customers should contact their energy provider. For more information, including eligibility requirements and on-bill credit amounts, visit [oeb.ca/ceap](http://oeb.ca/ceap).

[Reg 244/97](#) - implementing the *Aggregate Resources Act* - has been amended. While [these changes](#) do not address concerns raised about below water table extraction and possible impacts on municipal sources of drinking water, other changes are welcomed. These include the requirement to apply for a licence where new below water table extraction is proposed and the ability to object if concerns over a new licence are not satisfied.

Sections of the act pertaining to animal transportation will come into effect on September 2, 2020 (see [consultation document](#)). Further consultation is sought on a potential Minister's Regulation at [Ontario's Regulatory Registry](#) until October 15, 2020.

## Federal Matters

At FCM's request, AMO is providing a link to FCM's [Virtual Elections and AGM page](#) where you can find out more about becoming involved with the FCM Board.

### Eye on Events

Join AMO's partner, [eSCRIBE](#), and the City of Fort Saskatchewan, AB for a webinar on [September 10](#) or [September 15](#), and learn about the benefits of implementing technology to help manage municipal meetings more effectively.

Back by popular demand, *Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics* is coming to you virtually. This training provides insight and tools to support your central role in implementing and managing the land use policy framework. [Registration details](#).

On October 22, join AMO and MISA-Ontario for a virtual half-day forum as we explore key aspects of cyber security that elected officials and municipal staff need to know. Stay tuned to AMO channels for further announcements on registration details, speakers, and topics of discussion.

### LAS

The [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) continues to grow. Our Capital Purchasing offering now has over 120 vendors, with new categories including Firefighting Equipment & PPE, Airport Equipment, and Technology Solutions. [Download the guide here](#), or [contact us](#) for more information.

Due to COVID-19 the province has extended the deadline for reporting your 2018 energy consumption and emissions under O.Reg. 507/18 to October 1, 2020. The popular [LAS Energy Planning Tool](#) was designed to make this process as easy as possible. Contact [Tanner](#) for more information.

### Careers

[Economic Development Officer - County of Huron](#). Position Status: Full Time. Travel is required for this role. Please note the Submission Guidelines in the job posting. Forward your letter of application and resume by 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 13, 2020 to: [humanresources\[at\]huroncounty\[dot\]ca](mailto:humanresources@huroncounty.ca)

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