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Subject: **Region of Peel Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational
Plan Update**

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2017:

Resolution 2017-990:

That the Region of Peel adopt the "Vision Zero" framework where no loss of life is acceptable and to better coordinate efforts and resources among agencies and stakeholders to prevent fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions in Peel;

And further, that a copy of the joint report from the Commissioners of Public Works and Health Services, and the Medical Officer of Health, titled "Region of Peel Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan Update", be forwarded to the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, Town of Caledon, Peel Regional Police and Ontario Provincial Police Caledon Detachment for information.

A copy of the report is provided for your information.


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cc: Gary Kocialek, Director of Transportation, Public Works, Region of Peel

DATE: December 5, 2017

REPORT TITLE: **REGION OF PEEL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLAN UPDATE**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works
Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health
Jessica Hopkins, MD MSc CCFP FRCPC, Medical Officer of Health

RECOMMENDATION

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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Region of Peel is developing the Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan (the “Plan”) in cooperation with major stakeholders including local municipalities, Peel Regional Police and Ontario Provincial Police Caledon Detachment.
- Regional staff are requesting adoption of the Vision Zero framework to allow for finalization of the Plan and for the Plan be brought forward to Council in 2018.
- The ultimate long-term concept of the Road Safety Strategic Plan is zero fatal and injury collisions with a near-term goal of a ten percent reduction in fatal and injury collisions by 2022 for Regional roads.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Region of Peel has initiated work to develop the Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan (the “Plan”), and an updated memo concerning this work was provided to Regional Council on April 7, 2016. This report provides a subsequent update, and presents interim recommendations to advance specific elements of the Plan. It is anticipated that the final Plan and associated budget considerations will be presented to Regional Council in 2018.

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The purpose of the Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan is to develop and implement actions that will continually improve road safety to reduce and strive to eliminate motor vehicle collisions causing injury and death. The Plan aligns with the Strategic Plan direction of enhancing mobility, walkability and various modes of transportation, and a community where the built environment promotes healthy living.

The World Health Organization has declared road safety a public health issue because motor vehicle collisions remain one of the leading preventable causes of injury and premature death worldwide. Young people and seniors are among the most vulnerable road users globally, as are bicycle riders and pedestrians, who are at greater risk of severe and fatal injuries than other road users when proper active transportation infrastructure is not available.

There are several key factors that impact road safety and transportation choices within Peel. Chief among these is the Region's growing population and economy, and the corresponding increased demand on the transportation network. Coupled with growth is the changing nature of land uses in key nodes and corridors in Peel that encourage residents to walk, ride a bicycle and use public transit more often for their journeys. Changes targeted at a safer transportation system for all users, combined with the anticipated decrease in motor vehicle collisions causing death and injury, will improve perceptions of safety and comfort and encourage more residents to choose walking, cycling and public transit as a transportation option.

The Peel Road Safety Strategic Plan is a structured approach to improve safety for all road users, developed through analysis of evidence, collision data, public input and Regional Council priorities; and is combined with a spirit of collaboration among all road safety stakeholders to take action on its implementation. The Plan is an important milestone towards addressing the needs of vulnerable road users in our community such as pedestrians, bicycle riders, young people and seniors.

The Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan is one of the components of the Peel Long Range Transportation Plan (Figure 1).

Figure 1.



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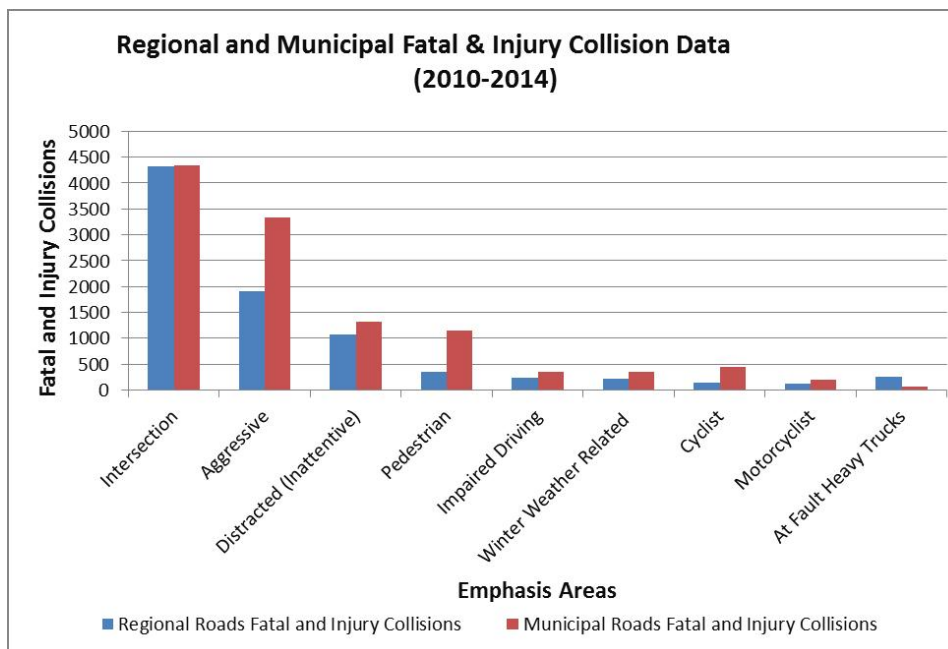
2. Collision Data Analysis

The Ontario Road Safety Annual Report for 2014 states that in that year 20,364 motor vehicle collisions occurred on Peel roadways (i.e., municipal, regional and provincial), resulting in 35 people being killed and 4,234 people being injured. Peel Regional Police data show the annual number of traffic fatalities to be relatively stable from 2012 to 2015 with a sharp increase in 2016 to 40 deaths (Mississauga and Brampton). Whereas, the traffic fatalities data for 2012 to 2015 received from Ontario Provincial Police Caledon Detachment shows an average of seven fatal collisions per year with no appreciable trend. However, as the population and traffic congestion increase, we believe there is a significant risk of increasing deaths and injuries without a comprehensive action plan.

For the purposes of the Plan, the most recent available municipal and regional fatal collision and injury data for the period 2010 to 2014 were combined to identify emphasis areas (Figure 2). In most areas of emphasis, trends are similar between regional and municipal roads, with the exception of aggressive driving, pedestrians and cyclist involvement being of greater emphasis for local municipal roads. It should be noted that the collisions reported in Figure 2 account for the collision reporting practice of identifying all contributing factors of the collision. For example, if a pedestrian is involved in a collision within an intersection, with a large truck driven by an impaired driver – four emphasis areas would be identified: pedestrian collision, at-fault truck collision, within an intersection and impaired driving.

Also important to note is that Figure 2 represents only the absolute number of fatal and injury collisions. For pedestrian and cyclists, absolute numbers do not account for the relative frequency of trips that are conducted by walking or riding a bicycle, which is generally lower than those of motor vehicles. Hence, the total of collisions could underrepresent the relative vulnerability of users walking or riding a bicycle. Additionally, some injuries may be under-reported if the police are not involved, medical attention is not sought or cause is not captured in administrative health databases.

Figure 2.



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UPDATE****3. Stakeholder Engagement**

A collaborative approach was undertaken to engage stakeholders in identifying common objectives to achieve the collective goal of improving road safety. Effective and strategic partnerships are vital to a unified concept and goal, minimizing duplication of efforts, ensuring a consistent, efficient and effective delivery of key actions (also known as countermeasures) and to reduce the occurrence and severity of motor vehicle collisions.

A series of stakeholder engagement workshops were held and included the following stakeholders:

- City of Brampton
- City of Mississauga
- Town of Caledon
- Regional Municipality of York
- Peel Regional Police
- Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
- Bike Brampton
- Ministry of Transportation of Ontario
- Brampton Transit
- Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee
- Canadian Automobile Association (CAA)
- MiWay (Mississauga Transit)
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada (MADD)
- Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee
- Road Today (Trucking Based Organization)
- Parachute
- Federation Internationale De L'Automobile (FIA) Foundation

4. Overview of Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan Components**a) Road Safety Strategic Plan**

The Road Safety Strategic Plan ('Safety Plan') is used to improve the understanding of the state of practice in road safety and consequently, improve the safety performance of the road component of a transportation network. The Safety Plan is aligned with the Canadian Road Safety Strategy 2015 and the United Nations' Decade of Action for Road Safety. These National and International initiatives also highlight the need for more road user education, and engineering and design changes to make our roadways safer for all road users.

The Region of Peel recognized that despite having an active safety program to address motor vehicle collisions, a new and broader-based approach is required, and as a result has developed the Road Safety Strategic Plan. The Safety Plan sets out the goals, objectives, and action plans to guide the road safety partners and the Region towards creating safer roads and reducing the number of fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions.

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UPDATE****b) Vision Zero Framework and the Goal for the Peel Road Safety Strategic Plan**

The Peel Road Safety Strategic Plan is guided by Vision Zero, which is a framework that originated in Sweden in 1997 to better coordinate efforts and resources among agencies and stakeholders to prevent fatal and serious injury from motor vehicle collisions. Since that time, the framework has been adopted by numerous jurisdictions worldwide and in North America, including the City of Toronto.

“Vision Zero” can be summarized in one sentence: No loss of life is acceptable. It is based on the simple fact that we are human and make mistakes, and the key message is that life and health can never be exchanged for other benefits in society. Vision Zero is based on a system of shared responsibilities among all of those involved in the road system, including politicians, planners, police, public health, community organizations, vehicle manufacturing companies and all road users.

Implementing the “Vision Zero” framework requires a paradigm shift in the way the transportation system is designed, built and operated. The framework acknowledges that the system must be changed, since it is difficult if not impossible to change human capabilities or limitations. In altering transportation system design and operation, safety should be prioritized over speed, convenience or cost, and the system should be forgiving of human error. Appendix I summarizes the Vision Zero framework.

To support and advance towards the ultimate long term concept of zero fatal and injury collisions, the following near-term goal was adopted for the Road Safety Strategic Plan (2018-2022): Ten per cent reduction in fatal and injury collisions by 2022 for the Regional road network.

The Vision Zero framework and associated goal are consistent with the Region’s strategic directions and are supported by the stakeholders that participated in developing the Plan. The stakeholders are committed to working together to ensure that the goal of the Road Safety Strategic Plan is achieved.

c) Emphasis and Awareness Areas

Causes of collisions were grouped to identify emphasis areas. The causes of collisions were then characterized as priority safety concerns and an action plan, consisting of countermeasures (or interventions), was developed to improve road safety. Emphasis areas were selected based on the following factors:

- Collision analysis
- Public input
- Strategic and practical considerations

In addition to the data analysis, it was also important to receive feedback from people that live and/or work within the Region of Peel. Through various community outreach programs, public opinion surveys and market research, the public was asked to provide their feedback and concerns about traffic safety. Public comments on road safety were generally consistent with the results from the data analysis, and the top six emphasis areas based on the collision data analysis and public opinion survey include:

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- Intersection related collisions
- Aggressive driving (includes speeding)
- Distracted driving
- Pedestrian collisions
- Impaired driving
- Cyclist collisions

Aggressive driving includes speeding, running red lights, tailgating, weaving in and out of traffic, and failing to yield right of way, among other unsafe driving behaviours. Although not identified in the collision data statistical analysis, there were two additional areas of public concern, 'school zones' and 'heavy trucks' that were identified through public input as awareness areas. Like emphasis areas, countermeasures have been identified for these awareness areas as a way to proactively improve safety.

d) Countermeasures and Action Plan

A countermeasure or intervention is an engineering (design), education, and/or enforcement action taken to reduce the occurrence and severity of motor vehicle collisions. Examples of importance from a public health and transportation perspective include appropriate road design to prevent speeding and protect vulnerable road users.

Countermeasures are chosen based on:

- Likelihood of success
- Ability of one (or more) of the stakeholder agencies to implement

A full list of the countermeasures will be included in an upcoming Council report in 2018.

NEXT STEPS

Regional staff will:

- Develop implementation strategies and action plans for the safety priorities or emphasis areas.
- Develop an evaluation plan for the countermeasures by assigning responsibility, setting schedules, and identifying performance indicators.
- With Regional Council endorsement, report back to Regional Council with a final report in 2018 that will include the final Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan, including proposed countermeasures, operational policy papers and associated future budget considerations.

CONCLUSION

Road safety is a high priority in the Region of Peel, and it is recommended that the Region of Peel adopt the "Vision Zero" framework where no loss of life is acceptable and to better coordinate efforts and resources among agencies and stakeholders to prevent fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions.

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Regional staff will work collaboratively with partner agencies including the local municipalities, Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police (Caledon detachment) to develop new programs and enhance existing programs to promote road safety.

Regional staff are requesting adoption of the Vision Zero framework to allow for finalization of the plan and for the plan to be brought forward to Regional Council in Q2 2018.



Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works



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APPENDICES

Appendix I – Vision Zero Framework

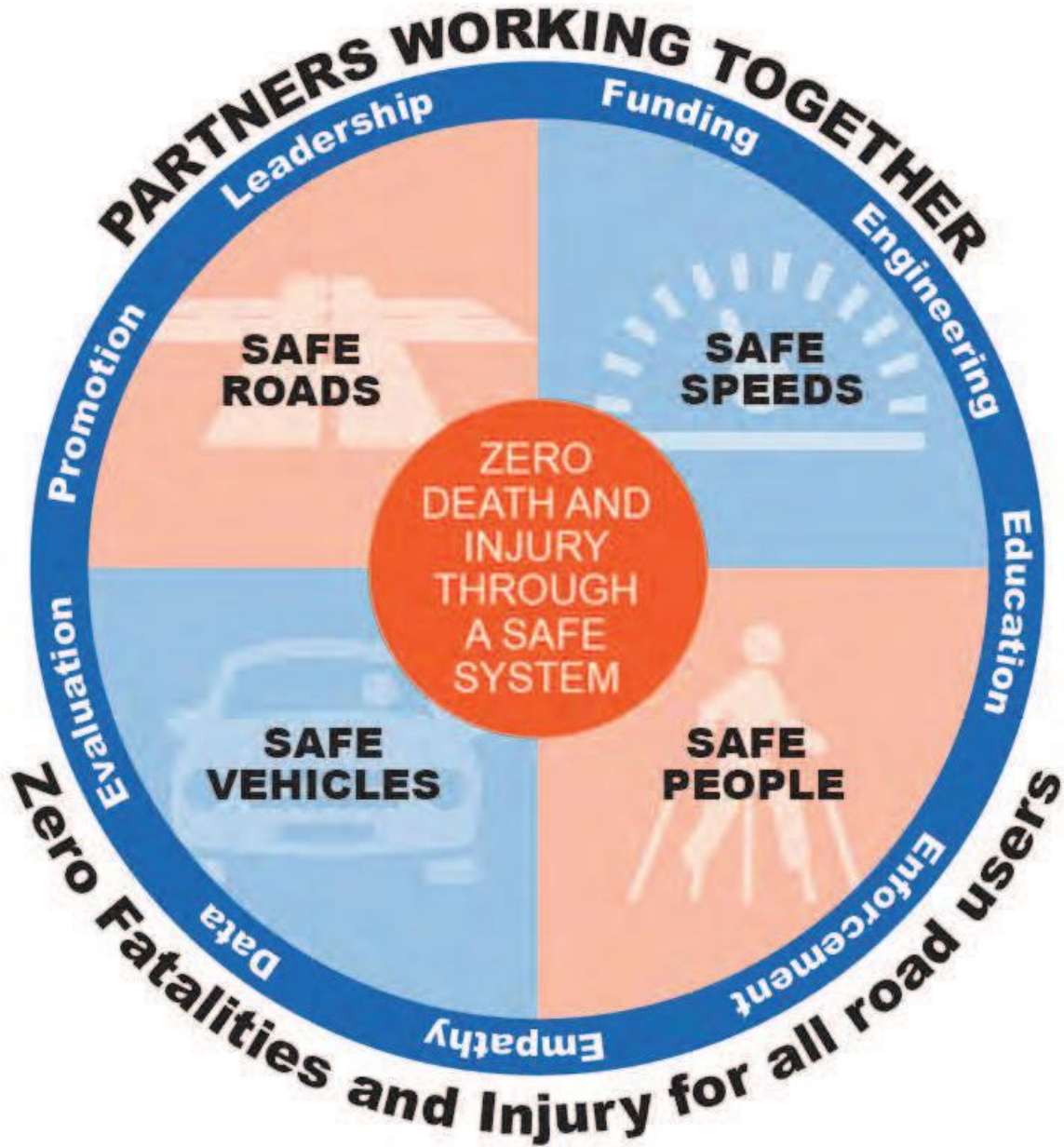
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APPENDIX I
REGION OF PEEL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLAN
UPDATE





The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

January 16, 2018

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Chair, Mr. Gary McNamara:

RE: Proposed Changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)

At its meeting of December 11th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

Resolution # 20171211-1001 - That the correspondence from the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health regarding proposed changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45) BE SUPPORTED and that a letter BE SENT to all municipalities and AMO.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution

November 27, 2017

The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
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Dear Minister Hoskins

Proposed Changes to the Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)

The Board of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit would like to commend the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ministry of the Attorney General's office, and the Ministry of Finance for the proposed changes to the *Cannabis Act (Bill C-45)*. The increase in minimum age of consumers, restriction of cannabis to youth under the age of 19, the government-run LCBO model for retail outlets and plans to regulate the location of cannabis retail outlets through zoning and licensing, will help to mitigate the unintended consequences of legalization to vulnerable populations.

Consuming cannabis, especially on a regular basis, is associated with many adverse health outcomes. Chronic diseases related to the carcinogens, toxins, and irritants similar to those found in tobacco smoke are also associated with cannabis use (SHAF, 2016). The effects of cannabis are particularly detrimental to adolescents and youth under the age of 25, as the developing brain is likely to be affected. In addition, individuals with mental illness are seven times more likely to use cannabis weekly, and are ten times more likely to have a cannabis use disorder (CAMH, 2013). Cannabis use can also make mental illness worse.

Another public health concern related to cannabis legalization is drug-impaired driving. The effects associated with cannabis use, such as slowed reaction time, the impacts on decision-making and divided attention, makes driving extremely dangerous after cannabis use. Cannabinoids are, in fact, among the most common psychoactive substances found in deceased and injured drivers in Canada (Wettlaufer et al., 2017).

On October 19, 2017, the Board of Health of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit passed a Resolution with regard to the licensing, planning, and zoning regulations of cannabis retail outlets and the coordinated efforts of Windsor-Essex municipalities in preventing the harms associated with cannabis use, as outlined below:

Whereas the federal government has announced its intention to legalize recreational cannabis through the passing of the *Cannabis Act* prior to July 1st, 2018, and

Whereas cannabis smoke contains many of the same carcinogens, toxins, and irritants found in tobacco smoke with the added psychoactive properties of cannabinoids like THC, and

Whereas increased access to cannabis will result in increased risk for chronic disease, mental illness and injury, and

Whereas municipalities have control over the density and location of retail outlets through zoning, planning, and licensing regulations,

Now Therefore it be Resolved that the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health for the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit encourages all Windsor-Essex municipalities to develop strict licensing, planning, and zoning regulations related to the location and density of cannabis retail outlets, particularly in areas where vulnerable populations may be unfairly targeted.

Further that staff of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit work with enforcement agencies and municipalities to provide a public health perspective into decision making related to the enforcement of cannabis smoking in prohibited areas, and

Further that staff of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit utilize the Lower-risk Cannabis Use Guidelines set out by key national stakeholders, like the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health and the Canadian Public Health Association, in the development of a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign.

The Board of Health at the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit supports the efforts aimed at keeping recreational cannabis out of the hands of children and youth, as well as other vulnerable populations to which harm may result.

Determining the locations of cannabis retail outlets in Windsor-Essex based on licensing, planning, and zoning regulations through a coordinated effort of the municipalities in Windsor-Essex, will help to ensure these populations are better protected from the negative effects of cannabis use. Additionally, in order to ensure local enforcement and health promotion goals can be met, the local Board of Health requires supplementary funding which can be allocated to the training and hiring of enforcement officers, health promotion staff, and administrative supports.

[Resolution - Cannabis - October 2017 - AODA.pdf](#)

Sincerely,



Gary McNamara
Chair, Windsor-Essex County Board of Health

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County releases complete digital road maps online



Haliburton Echo

From March 15, 2017: Everybody living in the Highlands has heard about the wayward visitor, relying on GPS and finding himself dumbfounded after being directed to the mouth of a lake or to a snowmobile trail instead of his friend's residence. It's a funny story for locals and seasonal residents, but leaves users unfamiliar with our hundreds of unrecognized lanes and roads helpless. [READ MORE](#)

Slurry seals a cost effective way to extend rural road life



Daily Commercial News

From March 1, 2017: Slurry seals that provide extra sealant to pavement are a great way to save municipal dollars and extend highway life, state several industry experts. However, their use in Ontario seems to be mostly

relegated to rural communities. Even in rural districts its use tends to be on more isolated roads, often in a strategically rational way to get the most bang out of municipal public works budgets. [READ MORE](#)

The world still learns from Ontario's 407 highway toll system



Driving.ca

From March 1, 2017: When Torontonians drive through the gantries of the 407 ETR Highway, rather than feeling that tinge of frustration that comes with paying to use the city's only toll road, they should instead consider how they're taking part in what was once a marvel of modern technology. [READ MORE](#)

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City engineer seeks jump-start on roads projects



Timmins Press

From January 4, 2017: City engineer Luc Duval is asking city council's permission to issue tenders for 2017 road repair jobs even before council has approved the 2017 spending budget. Duval believes getting the tenders out on the market early will help the city get a better price on big construction projects and get the work done more quickly next summer. [READ MORE](#)

LRT project nearing completion after a challenging year



The Record

From January 4, 2017: Construction of the Region of Waterloo's light rail project is about 90 per cent complete, but it's been a tumultuous year for the biggest public works project in regional history. Coun. Tom Galloway chairs the committee overseeing light rail. [READ MORE](#)

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Province revs up towing rules



Barrie Examiner

From January 4, 2017: The days of cash-only towing bills or towing companies holding impounded cars hostage have gone the way of leaded gas. Greg Graves of Graves Towing said the only companies negatively affected by

the province's new Bill 15, Fighting Fraud and Reducing Automobile Insurance Rates Act that comes into effect Jan. 1, will be the cowboys. [READ MORE](#)

Ontario city to close road for salamander crossing



Caledon Entreprise

From March 15, 2017: The Jefferson salamander, an endangered amphibian found only in southern Ontario, has begun to emerge from the ground along a small stretch of the Niagara escarpment and has been dodging cars as it crosses the lone road on its annual march to breeding ponds. [READ MORE](#)

Canada rolls out own testing of autonomous cars



Ward's Auto

From January 4, 2017: A pilot test of automated vehicles is under way in the Canadian province of Ontario, aided by a groundbreaking regulatory system designed to encourage technology and automotive companies to increase R&D. The experimental program, which began Nov. 28, takes advantage of a provincial law enacted Jan. 1 that allows companies to test self-driving vehicles on Ontario roads. Other Canadian provinces, which have jurisdiction over transport issues in the Canadian confederation, still are developing such rules. [READ MORE](#)

Contractors punished for prematurely cracked roads, \$8 million construction bonuses slashed



CBC News

From February 22, 2017: Ontario will stop giving highway contractors certain bonuses for asphalt quality after the auditor general reported some were tampering with samples. It's one of several dozen items the Liberal government says it will address in an Action Plan for Highway Construction Contracts and Oversight released recently. [READ MORE](#)

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The Ontario Ombudsman's annual top 10 list of key developments in the past year.

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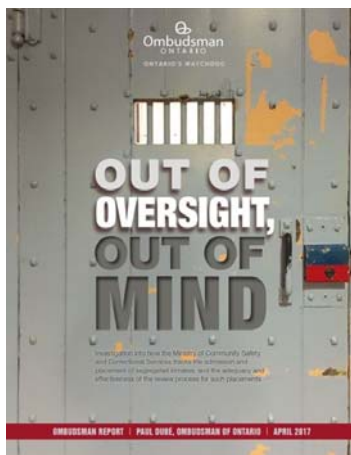
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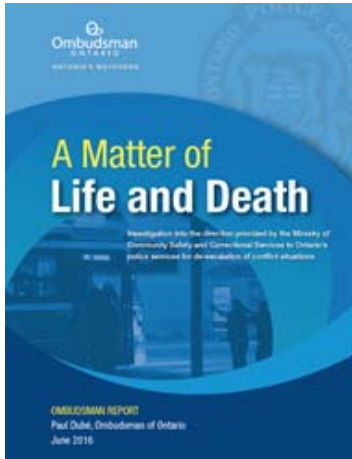
THE OMBUDSMAN'S TOP 10 STORIES OF 2017

Ombudsman Paul Dubé's second year in office was distinguished by our first-ever investigations in the broader public sector (related to municipalities and school boards), important reforms in correctional services and policing, and connecting with a wider range of stakeholders than ever before. Here's our annual top 10 list of key developments in the past year.



1. REFORMING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

The province committed to implementing all 32 of the Ombudsman's recommendations in his April 2017 report [Out of Oversight, Out of Mind](#), which exposed serious failures in how it tracks inmates who are placed in segregation, or solitary confinement. [Read the investigation update in our 2016-2017 Annual Report here.](#)



2. IMPROVING POLICE OVERSIGHT

The province's new policing legislation – [Bill 175, the Safer Ontario Act](#) – supports numerous longstanding Ombudsman recommendations for strengthening civilian oversight of police, including extending our office's mandate to all three police oversight bodies, and strengthening the Special Investigations Unit. In welcoming the bill's improvements, Ombudsman Dubé said he is hopeful that the government will also follow through on its commitment to [mandatory de-escalation training for police](#), as he recommended in his 2016 report, [A Matter of Life and Death](#).



3. MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES

We've received more than 5,500 complaints about municipalities since they were brought under our jurisdiction on New Year's Day 2016. Almost all have been resolved, but this year, we also reported on our first-ever investigations of municipal issues – in [Brampton](#), [Red Rock](#) and [Elliot Lake](#).

The Brampton case was notable in that it found no wrongdoing, but proposed best practices applicable to all municipalities for procurement policies. Our [latest investigation](#) – into a Niagara regional council meeting earlier this month where property was seized from a journalist and citizen-blogger – is now under way. [Read more about our municipal oversight here](#).



4. LETTING THE SUNSHINE IN

Speaking of municipalities, we're about to mark the 10-year anniversary of Ontario's "Sunshine Law" – the *Municipal Act* changes that established a

complaints system to ensure council meetings are open to the public unless they fit specific, narrow exceptions.

As the closed meeting investigator for more than 200 municipalities (the remaining ones have appointed their own investigators), our office has issued hundreds of recommendations over the years, helping municipalities ensure their meeting practices are within the law. With [new amendments kicking in this New Year's Day](#), adding more exceptions and a new definition of “meeting,” we’re adding [more public resources](#) to our website and will add an improved online digest of our closed meeting investigation reports later in 2018.



5. LEARNING FROM CRISIS

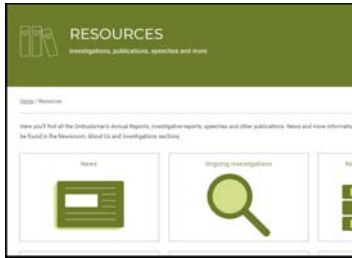
The Ombudsman’s first systemic investigation related to school boards, launched in the wake of the September 2016 school bus driver shortage in Toronto that left thousands of young children stranded, wrapped up in time for the city’s public and Catholic boards to implement lessons learned this fall. The boards and their transportation consortium accepted all 42 of Ombudsman Dubé’s recommendations in his report, [The Route of the Problem](#).

The Ombudsman encouraged all boards to take note of the recommendations to improve their transportation and communication policies and procedures.



6. INVESTIGATING DRIVER LICENCE SUSPENSIONS

In May, the Ombudsman [announced a systemic investigation](#) into how the Ministry of Transportation communicates with drivers whose licences have been suspended or cancelled due to unpaid fines, in the wake of complaints from drivers who had no idea they were on the road without valid driving permits. The investigation is complete and the Ombudsman’s findings and recommendations are in the process of being drafted.



7. RELAUNCHING OUR ONLINE HOME

Our [new and more accessible website](#) relaunched in November with a refreshed design that also adapts easily to all screen sizes – desktop, tablet and mobile. There's also a section dedicated to [video resources](#).



8. TRAINING THE WORLD

In October, the Ombudsman welcomed more than 70 investigators and ombudsmen from across Canada and around the world to the 10th edition of our annual training course, Sharpening Your Teeth: Advanced Investigative Training for Administrative Watchdogs. This year's participants included the ombudsmen of Bermuda and Botswana, and staff from investigative agencies in the U.K., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Kevin Page, who served as Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer from 2008 to 2013, gave the [keynote address](#). "I'm humbled you do this work," Page told participants, "We need you folks." Since 2007, our office has trained hundreds of watchdogs around the world in conducting systemic investigations, always on a cost-recovery basis.



9. GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Ombudsman Dubé and staff met with stakeholders and the public at more than 100 outreach events across Ontario this year, including speeches and presentations, community fairs, conferences of municipal, university, school board and provincial stakeholders, as well as gatherings of other ombudsmen and oversight professionals.

Look for our staff in the new year at the [Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference](#) in Toronto on January 21 and 22, and at the [Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario annual convention](#) in London on January 25.



10. MAKING RESOLUTIONS STICK

The Ombudsman's resolutions aren't the kind you make on New Year's Day. Our [staff](#) handle more than 20,000 complaints per year, by resolving more than two-thirds of them quickly and informally, in two weeks or less, without need for formal investigation. In 2017, for example, we helped a man get his health care coverage back after he lost all his identification; we aided an ODSP recipient in recovering her benefits when they were suspended after a miscommunication with her case manager; and we assisted a college student whose parents were both significantly ill access \$1,880 in provincial grants. [Read more examples of our quick complaint resolutions here.](#)

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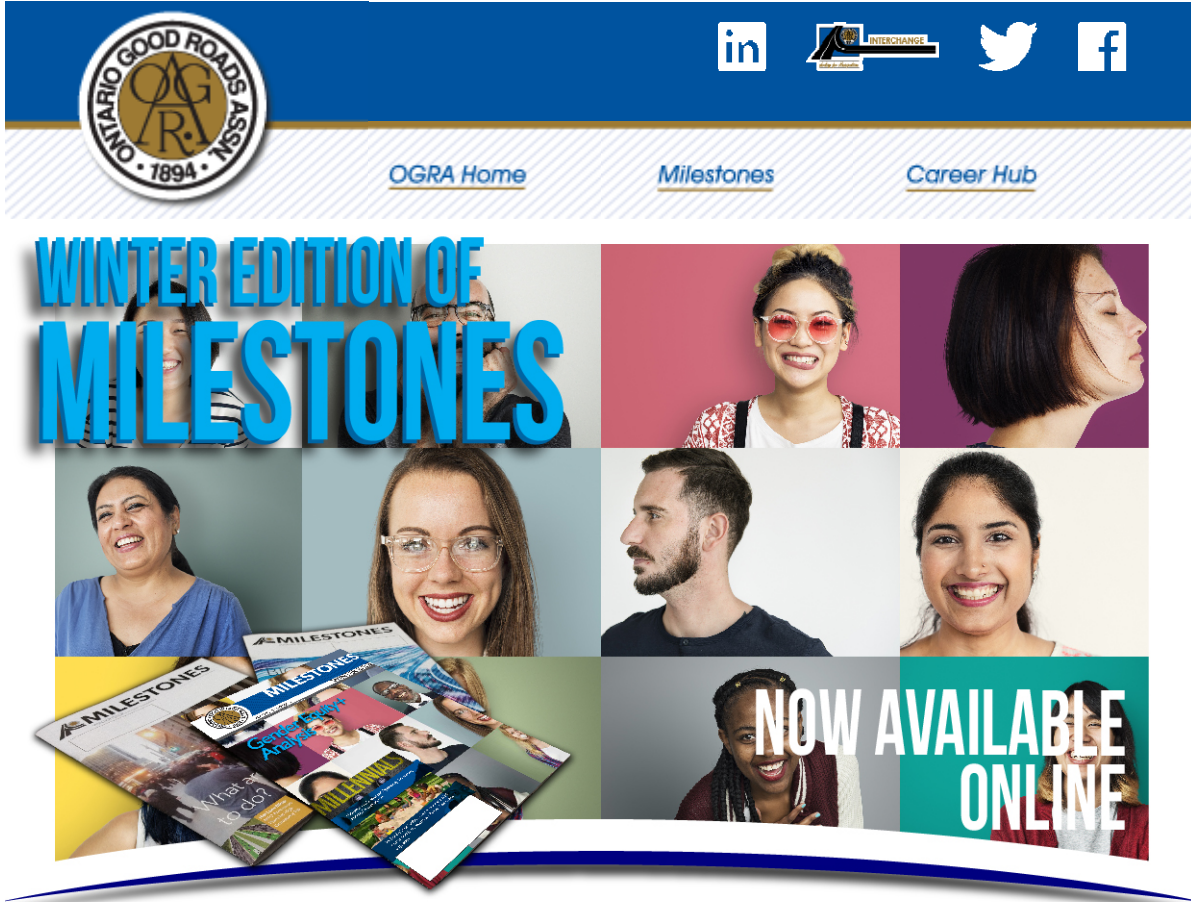
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A discussion on gender equity and its importance to municipalities is featured.

With the legalization of cannabis looming, OGRA examines the newly passed Bill 174, Cannabis, Smoke-Free Ontario & Road Safety Statute Law Amendment Act.

Don't miss the review of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party's *People's Guarantee*. Included is an analysis of the party's platform for the upcoming provincial election, and how it would affect municipalities.

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O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure Released

Under s.6(2) of the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015* (IJPA), principles are set out for the provincial government to regulate asset management planning for municipalities. On December 27, 2017, [O. Reg. 588/17](#) under IJPA was released. Changes from the draft regulation include:

- Extending the phase-in period from four years to six years;
- Removing the licensed engineer sign-off requirement; and,
- Reducing the level of detail required under the financial planning aspects of the regulation.

On December 28, 2017, a letter sent by the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) to municipal Heads of Councils and CAOs provided details on plans to align the regulation under the *Development Charges Act* and information regarding investments up to \$25 million over the next five years in tools and supports for phasing in the regulation.

MFOA Resources: Strategic Asset Management Policy Template and Toolkit

MFOA is committed to providing tools and resources to members for adjusting to changes related to the regulation. One project coming down the pipeline is the Strategic Asset Management Policy Template and Guide. As part of O. Reg. 588/17, all municipalities are required to adopt strategic asset management policies by **July 1, 2019** and update them at least every five years from that date. MFOA is currently developing strategic asset management policy templates for use by the municipal sector, as well as a toolkit for understanding the policy template.

The template and toolkit will be released in early 2018. Other tools and resources pertaining to the regulation are currently underway by MFOA. Check [MFOA's website](#) for updates and resources in the near future.

MFOA Training: Overview of O. Reg. 588/17

Coming Soon! MFOA will host a webinar that will provide a brief overview of O. Reg. 588/17 and the implications for your municipality. Check your email in the coming days for information on registration.

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Ontario Bill 6 Final Regulation
January 11th - 1pm-1:30pm



JANUARY 11TH 1PM - 1:30PM

As of January 1st, 2018, Ontario municipalities are subject to O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure, under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015, S.O. 2015, c.15. Under the law, every municipality will be required to prepare a comprehensive strategic asset management policy, a plan to maintain core municipal infrastructure, a levels of service proposal, and a publicly accessible asset management plan.

On January 11th at 1:00-1:30 PM ET, PSD will be hosting an important briefing on the new law to discuss the purpose of the legislation, what is expected of municipalities, and how municipalities can ensure that they are compliant with the new law. In this open webinar, PSD will provide an overview of the variety

of funding opportunities available to municipalities working towards bettering their asset management plans and policies.

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As 2017 comes to a close, OGRA would like to wish its members, partners and other industry professionals a safe and happy holiday season. As we reflect on the past year for the industry, we would like to provide the readers of the Weekly Detour a look at the most accessed articles from the year. Our regular publication will resume Wednesday Jan. 10, 2018.

OGRA Heads Up Alert — The Municipal Asset Management Regulation has been posted to the Ontario Environmental Registry



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From June 7, 2017: The Ministry of Infrastructure posted the draft Municipal Asset Management Planning Regulation. Stakeholders have 60 days to comment on the regulation. The regulation includes new requirements for municipal asset management planning. [READ MORE](#)

Survey results are in! Automated vehicle location (AVL) adoption by Ontario municipalities



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From February 1, 2017: Wondering how your municipality compares to other jurisdictions when it comes to AVL? [READ MORE](#)

The Winter Web App Secret is Out!



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From April 5, 2017: Yes, the Weather Tracker add-on is now LIVE on the Winter Web App! It allows you to be compliant with the Minimum Maintenance Standards by tracking weather forecasts and automatically documents them as well! [READ MORE](#)

Ontario Good Roads Association Elects 2017-2018 Board of Directors



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From March 8, 2017: On March 1st, **Ken Lauppe**, Manager, Road Operations & Engineering, Public Works, City of Brampton was elected President of the Ontario Good Roads Association. In his speech to the membership, [READ MORE](#)

MTO Announcement — Acquiring Collision Reports to Recover Damages to Municipal Infrastructure



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From April 19, 2017: Pavement: For the past number of years municipalities have had challenges getting Motor Vehicle Collision Reports (MVCR) so that they could recover damages to municipal infrastructure. [READ MORE](#)

Ontario's Worst Roads for 2017



The Weather Network

From June 14, 2017: Ontario road users voted, and the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) has released its annual top-10 list of Ontario's Worst Roads of 2017. [READ MORE](#)

Use your Snow How: Winter Driving Safety



OGRA

From January 4, 2017: "SnowHow," was a campaign by OGRA to remind drivers to safely navigate winter roads by slowing down, being patient and giving plows plenty of space. [READ MORE](#)

Ontario making it easier to stay safe on the roads this winter



Ontario Ministry of Transportation

From November 22, 2017: With snow already falling in parts of Ontario, the province is making it easier for drivers to stay safe on the roads this winter. Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca was at a Canadian Tire in Toronto, along with Arthur Potts, MPP for Beaches-East York, to remind drivers to plan ahead and to talk about how the province is keeping the roads safe. Insurance companies in Ontario must now offer a winter tire insurance discount for all drivers in the province. [READ MORE](#)

Ontario Road Salt Management Group Agrees to Dissolve



OGRA

From November 22, 2017: OGRA regrettably wishes to announce that the Ontario Road Salt Management Group has decided to dissolve. [READ MORE](#)

A one day snow show for mechanics



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From June 21, 2017: This course provides mechanics with a working knowledge of modern winter maintenance vehicles and accessories with particular emphasis on automated controller and spreader systems, and the hydraulic systems used to support vehicle accessories that apply both wet and dry materials as well as plowing operations. [READ MORE](#)

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[General Inspection Course](#)

January 15 - 19, 2018

8:00am - 5:00pm

Course Objectives: To provide participants with an introduction to the basic practices related to the municipal inspection of sewer, watermain and road construction projects.

Note: The focus of this course is municipal projects. MTO projects/procedures will not be covered.

Course Content

- Contract documents
- Plan reading
- Role of the inspector
- Sewer and watermain construction
- Record keeping
- Safety
- Construction/field calculations
- Traffic control

- Concrete and asphalt
- Soils
- Construction and the environment

Who Should Attend?: Inspectors with a significant portion of their job duties related to the inspection of sewer and watermain installation and road construction. This course is a recommended prerequisite for several of the Municipal Infrastructure Training courses.

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January 8, 2018

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Reference: Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act (Bill 148)

Dear Honourable Wynne:

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on November 13, 2017 the attached resolution was passed and subsequently ratified by Council on December 15, 2017.

This resolution endorses and further strengthens the Township of Montague resolution 104-2017, a copy of which is attached, regarding the requirement for clarify in the act, specifically for municipal employers.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Steve McDonald,
CAO

c.c. Hon. Kevin Daniel Flynn, Minister of Labour
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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COMITÉE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Agenda Item 7.c. 4.

Date: November 16, 2017

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MOVED BY:

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SECONDED BY:

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WHEREAS The Township of Muskoka Lakes is a responsible employer of choice with a union protected complement of public works employees;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Muskoka Lakes maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS changes proposed in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain public and fire prevention services in a rural municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs have submitted position papers to the Ontario government;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Committee of the Whole recommend to Township Council that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 specifically state the relationship to other legislation and that Bill 148 requirements do not override statutory obligations that municipal governments are required to provide for public safety;

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 provide an exemption to the 4-day scheduling requirement [s.21.5] for public safety needs including but not limited to snowplowing, child care, long-term care, water operations, emergency landing at municipal airports, emergency services (police/fire/EMS), emergency management (e.g.: floods, fire, safety threats, extreme weather events);

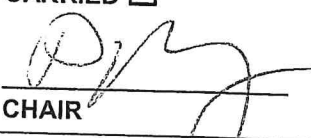
AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 provide an exemption from s. 21.4 for all municipal employees who are required to be on call to provide legislated obligated public safety services;

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 maintain the exemptions for firefighters as defined by section 1(1) of the Fire Prevention and Protection Act from hours of work, daily rest periods, time off between shifts, overtime, public holidays and clarify a new exemption from paid personal emergency leave days;

AND that The Township of Muskoka Lakes requests that Bill 148 specifically exempt all firefighters as defined by section 1(1) of the Fire Prevention and Protection Act from the minimum three-hours rule (s. 21.3) as it is built into their work responsibilities;

AND that the Township of Muskoka Lakes request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;

AND that this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

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October 2nd, 2017

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building - Room 281
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Via Email

Dear Premier Wynne,

Please be advised the Council of the Township of Montague passed the following resolution at its meeting of Committee of the Whole of September 19th, 2017:

MOVED BY: K. Van Der Meer RESOLUTION NO: 104-2017
SECONDED BY: I. Streight DATE: September 19, 2017

WHEREAS The Township of Montague maintains a motivated and well-functioning volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS changes proposed to on-call provisions in the Employment Standards Act by Bill 148 will result in exorbitant tax increases to maintain fire prevention services in a rural municipality;

AND WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities will be unable to maintain fire services if this change is enacted;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has submitted a position paper to the Ontario government specifically requesting the exemption of all municipal volunteer firefighters;

NOW THEREFORE The Township of Montague requests that all municipal employees be specifically exempted from the on-call changes proposed by Bill 148;

AND That the Township of Montague request that the government of Ontario conduct a full economic impact study of Bill 148 to study the effect of the Bill on businesses and municipalities across Ontario;

AND That this resolution be circulated to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Labour Kevin Daniel Flynn, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

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Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

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Jasmin Ralph
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Ahead of the Curve: Ontario's New Proposals to Regulate the Testing of Automated Vehicles

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5 killed in deadly day on Ontario roads

Toronto Star

Five people have died and three others are in hospital following three separate collisions across the GTA Thursday. A head-on collision in Mono, near Orangeville, left one person dead and two others in life-threatening condition. Officials were called to the scene around 5:45 a.m. [READ MORE](#)



Police: 341 traffic fatalities on OPP patrolled roads in 2017

Global News

The Ontario Provincial Police say that 341 people died on OPP patrolled roads in 2017, up 11 per cent from 2016. OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt discussed the breakdown of the numbers in a periscope released recently. The number one cause of death was aggressive driving and speeding, up 35 per cent from the previous year, which led to 75 fatalities. [READ MORE](#)



Northern Ontario highways pose distinct safety concerns traffic expert says

CBC News

Highways in northeastern Ontario present distinct challenges when it comes to preventing collisions. At least that's according to an expert who once helped police roadways in the region. Four people died in three separate crashes last week on OPP-patrolled highways in the region. Police are still investigating the cause of each collision. [READ MORE](#)



Ontario opens new section of highway in Durham Region

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Ontario is improving traffic flow and reducing congestion in Durham region, with the next phase of Highway 407 from Harmony Road to Taunton Road in Clarington now open. The first phase of the Highway 407 extension, which opened last year and included a new Highway 412, is already seeing approximately 40,000 vehicles per day, improving travel times across this growing region. The new addition of 9.6 kilometres to Highway 407, including two new interchanges, will allow even more commuters and families travel across the region faster. [READ MORE](#)



Infrastructure bank could be 'key' for U.S.-Canada high-speed rail

CTV News via Toronto Star

A multibillion-dollar proposal to connect Vancouver to the U.S. northwest by "ultra high-speed" rail appears to check off most, if not all, the boxes for funding consideration by Canada's new infrastructure bank, argues a report commissioned by the Washington state government. The analysis says the Trudeau government's \$35-billion infrastructure-financing tool could boost the likelihood of successful procurement for the project — and improve the chances of the link's eventual delivery. [READ MORE](#)



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January 11, 2018

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- Inclusionary zoning regulation spells big change.
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Provincial Matters

The draft regulation [<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MDk1&statusId=MjAzOTg2&language=en>] to implement the recently passed Promoting Affordable Housing Act, 2016 (Bill 7) looks to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to manage the market for affordable housing units. Comments received on the EBR posting until February 1, 2018.

Bill 148, the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017, is now in force. For the Bill 148 provisions and when they come into force, see the Hicks Morley summary [<https://hicksmorley.com/2017/12/05/the-road-ahead-are-you-prepared-for-bill-148>]. We are also expecting the ESA regulation to exempt firefighters from s. 42.1 before April 1, 2018 as the Equal Pay section comes into force at that time.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is seeking feedback on a draft guideline to support GHG reductions. The guideline will help planners reduce GHG emissions to benefit communities. Webinars [<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/community-emissions-reduction-planning-a-guide-for-municipalities-tickets-41702144236>] and an Environmental Registry [<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0MjUy&statusId=MjA0MjMy&language=en>] proposal are available.

The provincial government has made several funding announcements supported by Ontario's Cap and Trade program. Municipal governments, businesses and residents are eligible for these funds to reduce GHG emissions. Announcements of successful projects under the Ontario Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge Fund [<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR017538>] are expected in 2018.

Cycling program funding announced [<https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2017/12/major-new-investment-to-make-cycling-safer-and-more-convenient.html>] on December 4th doubled the investment in municipal cycling facilities, such as bike lanes, by providing \$93 million this year to municipalities. The program [<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR017150>] is slated to continue over four years and all municipal governments are eligible to apply.

The Minister of Transportation announced [https://news.ontario.ca/mto/en/2017/12/ontario-to-offer-rebates-for-businesses-buying-low-carbon-vehicles.html?_ga=2.70520343.640768389.1513785799-435001001.1486744858] the Green Commercial Vehicle Program [<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/trucks/green-commercial-vehicles.shtml>] with funding incentives to businesses and municipalities of up to 50 per cent of eligible vehicles. Purchases after September 1, 2017 are eligible. Applications will open in early 2018.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change announced [<https://news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2017/08/ontario-launches-the-green-ontario-fund-to-help-people-save-money-and-fight-climate-change.html>] \$377 million in funding to help Ontario residents, businesses and industry to reduce their carbon footprint through building upgrades. For more information, visit GreenON [<https://greenon.ca/GreenON-Installations>] .

Eye on Events

Don't miss out, reserve your seat today at the January 20th Bill 68 Workshop. This half-day workshop walks participants through a checklist of things to do, timing and considerations for the year ahead. Join facilitators as they help you navigate the challenges and opportunities of Bill 68. Register today [<http://www.amo.on.ca/Training/Bill68Workshop>] .

Mark Your Calendars [<http://www.amo.on.ca/Events/AMOCongress/Hotels>] - January 17, 2018 - guest room booking for the 2018 AMO Annual Conference opens up. Take a moment to review the deposit and cancellation policies and bookmark the hotel reservation links today. Please note the 2018 AMO AGM and Annual Conference will be held in Ottawa from August 19 - 22, 2018.

What's the risk of a special event in your community? How do you plan for the unknown? What can you do when an event goes 'viral'? Special events are an important part of your community calendar. Join us online on March 21, 2018 for a free one-hour webinar that explores what could happen and what you can do to prepare. Register today [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G6zVoAWgSZaL-kBb4Px7kQ] .

LAS

The emerging LAS Roads Assessment Service [<http://las.on.ca/Services/RoadsAssessment.aspx>] is just one of the many interesting topics being discussed at the upcoming ROMA conference. Be sure to stop by our booth or contact Tanner Watt [<mailto:tswatt@amo.on.ca?subject=LAS%20Roads%20Assessment%20Service%20and%20the%20new%20sidewalk%20assessment%20feature>] to learn more about the NEW sidewalk assessment feature.

With advances in technology and enhancements to document security, municipal governments and other organizations are closer than ever to the benefits of a paperless world. AMO is pleased to announce a formal partnership with Montreal-based Notarius to offer AMO members state-of-the-art digital signature and e-signing solutions [<http://las.on.ca/Blog/The-LAS-Blog/January-2018/Digital-Signatures-The-Last-Mile.aspx>] .

January 1st signalled the start of a new calendar year, and with it came some amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 affecting Closed Meeting Investigations. LAS Program Partner Amberley Gavel Ltd. (AG) cover changes to the definition of a "meeting," as well as some additions to open meeting exceptions in this post [<http://las.on.ca/Blog/The-LAS-Blog/January-2018/Municipal-Act-2001-Amendments-and-Implications-fo.aspx>] .

Careers

Policy Intern - AMO [<https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/AMOPolicyIntern2018.aspx>] . Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please

apply in confidence to: hr@amo.on.ca [<mailto:hr@amo.on.ca?subject=Policy%20Intern%20posting>] by Friday, January 19, 2018 at 12 noon.

Senior Financial Analyst 2 (Job ID 9217) - Region of Durham [http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/Durham_SrFinancialAnalyst2_20180131.aspx] . Additional Information: 2 Regular, Full-time positions; 1 Temporary Full-time position. Reports to: Manager of Business Planning & Budgets. To learn more about this opportunity, apply online at Region of Durham [<http://www.durham.ca>] directly to Job ID 9217 no later than January 31, 2018.

Data Analysis Coordinator (DAC) - Northumberland County [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/NorthumberlandDataAnalysisCoordinator20180119.aspx>] . Duration: Permanent, full-time. When emailing your application, please ensure all your documents are submitted in one file (preferably MS Word (.doc or .docx) or Adobe (.pdf)). Please submit a resume and cover letter by 4:30 pm, Friday, January 19, 2018 to: Human Resources, County of Northumberland; email: hr@northumberlandcounty.ca [<mailto:hr@northumberlandcounty.ca?subject=Data%20Analysis%20Coordinator%20>] ; fax: 905.372.3046.

Manager of Public Works - Town of South Bruce Peninsula [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/SouthBrucePeninsulaMgrPublicWorks20180118.aspx>] . A complete job description for this position is available from the Town's municipal office and on the Town website [<http://www.southbrucepeninsula.com>] . Please submit your resume by 12:00 noon, January 18, 2018 to: Brad McRoberts, Chief Administrative Officer, Town of South Bruce Peninsula, PO Box 310, 315 George St., Wiarton, ON N0H 2T0; tsbpcao@bmts.com [<mailto:tsbpcao@bmts.com?subject=Manager%20of%20Public%20Works%20job%20posting>] .

Director of Engineering Services - Elgin County [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/ElginDirectorEngineeringServices20180124.aspx>] . Learn more about Elgin County [<http://www.elgincounty.ca>] and this senior leadership opportunity. To apply for this leadership role, please send a cover letter and resume (in one Word or PDF document) to: jobs@elgin.ca [<mailto:jobs@elgin.ca?subject=Director%20of%20Engineering%20Services%20job%20posting>] no later than Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Please specify "Director of Engineering Services" in the subject line.

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk – Municipality of Whitestone [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/WhitestoneCAO20180201.aspx>] . For a detailed candidate profile and to explore this opportunity in strict confidence, email or call Tracey McQueen of Tim L. Dobbie Consulting Ltd. at tracey@tdobbie.com [<mailto:tracey@tdobbie.com?subject=Chief%20Administrative%20Officer>] or 905.637.0000. To submit resumes, email resumes@tdobbie.com [<mailto:resumes@tdobbie.com?subject=Chief%20Administrative%20Officer>] by February 1, 2018.

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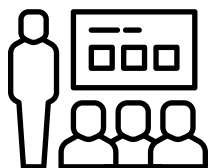
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Bill 68: Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Registration Form

Please type or print clearly. Use one form per registrant. Payment MUST accompany registration. Please fax registration form to 416.971.9372

Crystal balls not required! All of Ontario's municipal councils will be impacted by Bill 68, but does your municipality have a plan on how to handle these changes and impacts? We now know that certain changes will take effect January 2018 and March 2019. Join AMO at one of two events that will walk participants through a checklist of things to do, timing and considerations.



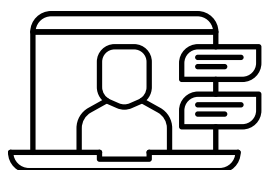
In Person: Half-Day Workshop

Highlights of what will be discussed include:

- Understanding the Role of the Mandatory Integrity Commissioner, including Conflict of Interest
- Choosing an Integrity Commissioner
- Codes of Conduct
- Meeting Definitions
- Budgets, Plans and a Lame Duck Council
- New Policy Requirements

The Details:

- Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018
- Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (please note lunch is not included)
- Location: Sheraton Centre Hotel, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario
- Cost: AMO Members: \$205 plus HST (\$231.65) | Non-Members: \$225 plus HST (\$254.25)



Webinar

Highlights of what will be discussed include:

- This one-hour webinar will provide a high-level look at the major impacts to you and your Municipality, and will provide a checklist of what you need to do now.

The Details:

- Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018
- Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
- Location: Online at your desk, log-in credentials will be e-mailed
- Cost: AMO Members: \$75 plus HST (\$84.75) | Non-Members: \$95 plus HST (\$107.35)

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First Name	Last Name	
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Sign me up!

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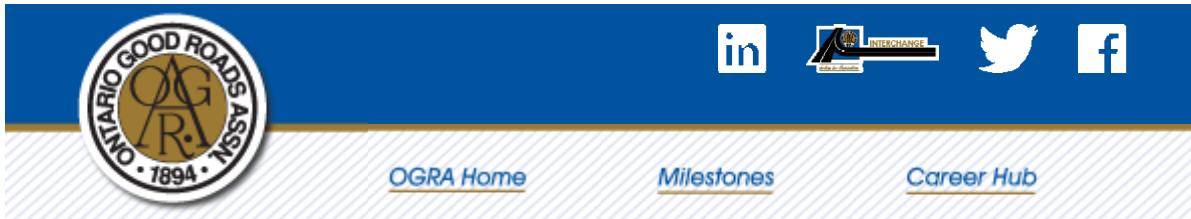
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January 22 - February 2, 2018

8:00am - 5:00pm

Course Objectives: To familiarize participants with material and equipment specifications, inspection techniques, testing and construction practices pertaining to flexible pavement construction.

Course Content

- Fundamentals of bituminous products
- Testing bituminous products
- Aggregates in bituminous construction
- Mix design
- Asphalt plants
- Hot mix paving

- Hot mix compaction and segregation
- Hot mix testing and analysis
- Warm Mix Asphalt
- Surface treatment
- Pavement deficiencies
- Pavement maintenance and rehabilitation
- New developments
- End result specifications

Who Should Attend?: Construction technicians/technologists responsible for the inspection/testing of flexible pavement construction, surface treatments and production of hot mix aggregates.

Have a look at the [OGRA Career Hub](#). Where you look for a career, not just a job.

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MFOA e-Newsletter

January 2018

What's New In Training?

LOTS! First off, we wish to thank you for taking the time to provide us your evaluation feedback at our training sessions and Annual Conference. Our goal is to deliver relevant training to you, and we can't be successful without your valuable input back to us! Please keep it coming in 2018!

In 2018...

The focus is to continue the delivery of our online training in addition to our workshops. We also will continue to record our live webinars so that our members can download the [OnDemand](#) webinar at a later date.

Live Streaming...

We continue to offer 'live streaming' for most of our workshops delivered from our Brampton location. All you need is access to a computer, a microphone or a phone line for audio purposes, and an internet connection. You will be able to view the presentations, hear the speakers, raise your hand to ask questions, chat with others online, and will receive the same presentation materials as those at the event.

NEW E-Learning - **Municipal Finance 101 Course - Coming Soon in 2018!**

We'll be offering the delivery of relevant training through self-directed learning, in order to better reach our members when and as needed. This means you'll be able to learn at your own pace from your computer at a time and location that is convenience for

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAINING

O.Reg.588/17: AMP IN MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE
[January 17 - Webinar \(Complimentary\)](#)

INTERNAL CONTROLS TO HELP MANAGE RISKS 201

[February 27 - Kingston](#)
[February 28 - Brampton](#)
[February 28 - Live Stream](#)
[March 1 - London](#)

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES 101

[March 21 - Kingston](#)
[March 27 - Brampton](#)
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[March 29 - London](#)

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES 201

[November 14 - Kingston](#)

you!



2018 Training at 2017 Prices!

That's correct. We are offering all MFOA training, workshops, courses, live webinars, OnDemand webinars, and our Annual Conference for the same prices as last year.

EXCEPTION: any combined training we deliver with one of our partners is not included in this price freeze.

PLUS, remember to renew your membership. If your municipality is a member then all the staff in your municipality are members. Members can receive up to 30% in savings!

CPD Credits

Remember all MFOA training is eligible for continuing professional development credits. After the training session, simply ask for a certificate that includes your verifiable hours for your records.

THE POLICY AGENDA

Update on Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017

On December 12, 2017, [Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017](#), received Royal Assent. New regulations to support the legislative changes needs to be made and an authorized nominating authority needs to be created. In February, the regulations will be posted on the Regulatory Registry, where the public may provide comments. In February, the ministry will also hold meetings with key stakeholders to receive feedback on the regulations related to adjudication.

O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure Released

Under s.6(2) of the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015 (IJPA), principles are set out for the provincial government to regulate asset management planning for municipalities. On December 27, 2017, [O. Reg. 588/17](#) under IJPA was released. Changes from the draft regulation include:

- Extending the phase-in period from four years to six years;
- Removing the licensed engineer sign-off requirement; and,
- Reducing the level of detail required under the financial planning aspects of the regulation.

On December 28, 2017, a letter sent by the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) to municipal Heads of Councils and CAOs provided details on plans to align the regulation under the Development Charges Act and information regarding investments up to \$25 million over the next five years in tools and supports for phasing in the regulation.

[Click here to register for the complimentary O.Reg. 588/17:](#)

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

MFOA's Annual Conference & AGM
September 19 - 21, 2018
Sheraton on the Falls Hotel
Niagara Falls, Ontario

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**Get the latest presentations, updates,
and videos from the MFOA.**



AMP in Municipal Infrastructure webinar that will be delivered on Wednesday, January 17 @ 12:00 pm ET.

New Chronic Mental Stress Policy Now Available

Starting January 1, 2018, employees may be eligible for WSIB benefits if they have chronic mental stress caused by their workplace. To be eligible for WSIB benefits, the chronic mental stress must be predominantly caused by a substantial stressor in the workplace. If a claim is allowed, WSIB will help with recovery and return to work. WSIB benefits can include psychological assessment, treatment, prescription medications, and wage replacement. [See webpage](#) for more information.

Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017

Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017 received Royal Assent on May 30, 2017, and the majority of the amendments to the tax sales provisions came into force upon proclamation on January 1, 2018. These regulations include consequential amendments as a result of the Bill 68 changes to the tax sales provisions in the Municipal Act and the City of Toronto Act, and changes which expand the options available to municipalities when advertising property for tax sale, and changes to allow the deposit that is required to accompany a tender to be made by a cheque certified by a credit union.

The tax sales regulation under the Municipal Act, 2001, O. Reg. 181/03, is amended by O. Reg. 571/17, which can be accessed on e-laws at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r17571>.

The tax sales regulation under the City of Toronto Act, 2006, O. Reg. 579/06, is amended by O. Reg. 572/17, which is available on e-laws at <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r17572>.

O. Reg. 181/03 and O. Reg. 579/06 will be updated and the consolidated versions will appear on e-laws shortly.

Small business programs/ business incubators

The new regulation pertaining to small business programs or business incubators under section 108 of the Municipal Act is now in effect. It eliminates the requirement that municipalities must obtain approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs before establishing and offering financial incentives under business incubator programs. Municipalities can now put in place and bonus these programs subject to requirements in the regulation.

[Link to the regulation](#)

Stewardship Ontario has released a draft of their amended-Blue Box Program Plan

The Plan responds to the August 14, 2017 Minister's Request Letter to the Authority and Stewardship Ontario to develop a proposal to amend the Blue Box Program Plan. The proposal sets out the first phase of transition for the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility under the WDTA thereby setting the stage for a second phase of transition that will result in individual producer responsibility under the RRCEA. Comments on the draft are due on January 15th, 2018.

[Link to the Blue Box Program Plan](#)

[Click here](#) for a full list of MFOA's research projects, guides, policy positions and tools

Upcoming Training Lineup

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NEW O.Reg.588/17: AMP in Municipal Infrastructure - COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR!

In partnership with the Ministry of Infrastructure, Township of Centre Wellington, and KPMG, MFOA will host an informational webinar that will detail the new requirements and municipal implications of O.Reg.558/17: Asset Management Planning in Municipal Infrastructure.

Our panel of speakers will provide an overview of the legislation, how it will affect you and your municipality, and discuss tools and resources to help you in the future. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity for Q & A.

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- [Click here to REGISTER - January 17 \(Webinar\)](#)
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Internal Controls to Help Manage Risks 201

This workshop builds on the Internal Controls to Mitigate Risk 101 workshop. Using a combination of presentation material and hands-on exercises, the workshop presents real-world examples of risks, controls and controls monitoring.

This workshop is eligible for up to 6.0 CPD hours

What our past attendees have said about the Internal Controls 101 workshop:

"I feel I have moved much closer to knowing how to develop and maintain a comprehensive, integrated framework. Terrific course. Thank you" - J. Butler, County of Peterborough

"Excellent presenters. Very relevant to my current position." - N. Matos, Town of Halton Hills

"I loved the live stream workshop." - L. Van Alstine, Township of Drummond/North Elmsley

100% of participants were satisfied with the content and delivery from the presenters

97% of participants perceived the training as credible, practical and relevant

All
Dates

Register

- [Click here to REGISTER for February 27 in Kingston](#)
- [Click here to REGISTER for February 28 in Brampton](#)
- [Click here to REGISTER for February 28 Live Stream](#)
- [Click here to REGISTER for March 1 in London](#)



Development Charges 101 & 201

Development Charges 101 & 201 workshops are designed to provide the attendee with a full perspective of the Development Charges Act (DCA).

The 101 workshop is targeted towards those with limited knowledge of the DCA or those who only participate in segments of the DCA process and would like a broader understanding of how all departments play a role in the development of the charge.

The 201 workshop is targeted towards those with limited knowledge of the DCA. This second session will focus on a more advanced level of the Act and how to manage the financing of the capital requirements for growth.

- **Each workshop is eligible for up to 6.0 CPD hours**
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- What our past attendees have said about this workshop:
- **99% of participants were satisfied with the content and delivery from the presenter**
- **100% of participants perceived the training as credible, practical and relevant**

BEST VALUE! [Click here](#) to register for Development Charges 101 & 201 - Kingston - Mar 21 & Nov 14

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[Click here](#) to Register for Development Charges 101 - London - Mar 29

[Click here](#) to Register for Development Charges 201 - London - Nov 22



FINAL CALL! - SUBMIT TOPICS FOR THE MFOA CONFERENCE!

MFOA is inviting proposals for topics and speakers for the 2018 Annual Conference (Sept. 19-21, 2018) and Professional Development throughout the year. We encourage you to submit a topic proposal or suggestion related to municipal finance so that MFOA can continue to serve our members by offering practical, relevant and credible training.

[Click here](#) to complete our 2018 Call for Topics Survey.

MFOA NEWS

MFOA Roadshow - Where We Will Be in January

Staff	Event	Date and Place
Shira Babins (speaking) Christine Duong Brina McMillan	Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) 2018 Conference	January 21-23rd, Sheraton Centre, Toronto

OTHER NEWS

Municipal Survey - Care and Maintenance Fund

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services undertook a survey of municipalities in November 2017 regarding the current requirements with respect to abandoned cemeteries under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA). The survey's aim was to understand the level to which care and maintenance funds for these cemeteries provide municipalities with adequate resources for proper maintenance. Based on information provided by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) on the total number of municipalities (386 of 444) that operate or maintain cemeteries, less than 3% of municipalities responded. Due to a low response rate, the ministry plans to continue to monitor the issue and will consider potential changes as part of a broader review of the FBCSA

[Appendix 1- survey questions](#)

[Letter to municipalities](#)

ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

New to your inbox, MFOA monthly e-newsletters will now include brief legislative updates to keep our members informed about proposed changes in the sector. Are we missing an update? Is there an issue you would like to learn more about or believe we should monitor more closely? Let us know at policy@mfoa.on.ca.

Bill/Regulation/Review	Status	Proposed Changes Highlights	MFOA Action
Bill 142, Construction Lien Amendment Act, 2017	Royal Assent received Dec 12, 2017. Comments will be accepted in February and the ministry will also hold meetings with key stakeholders to receive feedback on the regulations related to adjudication.	Establishes new construction lien and holdback rules, creates a prompt payment system, and speeds up dispute resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring AMO and group of municipal lawyers leading advocacy efforts
Amendments to O. Reg. 438/97, O. Reg. 84/16 and O. Reg. 653/05 under the Municipal Act, 2001 and O. Reg 610/06 under the City of Toronto Act, 2006	Ordered referred to Standing Committee on General Government	Amend rules governing municipal investments and other municipal financial activities. Proposed regulatory amendments under the Municipal Act, 2001 would set the rules for certain municipalities to invest using a the new prudent investor standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFOA submission
Protecting Water for Future Generations: Growing the Greenbelt in the Outer Ring	Comment Period: submissions may be made until March 07, 2018.	The MMA is seeking input on a study area for proposed greenbelt expansion. The study area is comprised of the Greater Golden Horseshoe's 'outer ring' - the portion of the GGH on the outer edge of the current Greenbelt with the highest concentrations of important water resources under pressure from current or forecasted urban growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring
Proposed regulation under the Planning Act related to inclusionary zoning	Comments until Feb 1 2018	Will enable municipalities to adopt official plan policies and pass zoning by-laws related to inclusionary zoning to help increase the supply of affordable housing through various measures. This includes giving municipalities the option to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring

		implement inclusionary zoning, which would mandate the inclusion of affordable housing units in residential developments and redevelopment approvals.	
Bill 139, Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017	Royal Assent received Dec 12, 2017.	Amends the Planning Act to replace the OMB with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring
Bill 151, Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (PTSD Benefits), 2017	Referred to Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills (2017-09-14)	Amends the <i>Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997</i> to expand PTSD benefits to workers other than police officers who provide or support police services, among others .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring
Bill 158, Protecting Vulnerable Road Users Act, 2017	Carried First Reading (2017-09-26)	Amends the <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> to deal with the legal consequences of a collision that seriously injures or kills named individuals, including municipal protection officers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outside of scope
Bill 177, Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2017	Royal Assent received, Dec 14, 2018.	Amends numerous acts to implement initiatives announced in the Fall Economic Statement. The bill proposes to amend 46 Acts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring MFOA summary
Bill 179, Flood Avoidance, Insurance and Recovery Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017	Referred to Standing Committee on General Government	Amends rules regarding flood avoidance and disaster recovery assistance. The Minister would provide assistance to owners of residential property that experience flood damage caused by sewer backup related to natural disasters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring
O Reg. 589/17 made under the DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT, 1997	Effective July 1, 2024	Subsections 8 (3) and (4) of the Development Charges Act have been revoked and substituted. Transit service details must be included in an Asset Management Plan in order for the municipality to impose a development charge in respect of those transit services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring

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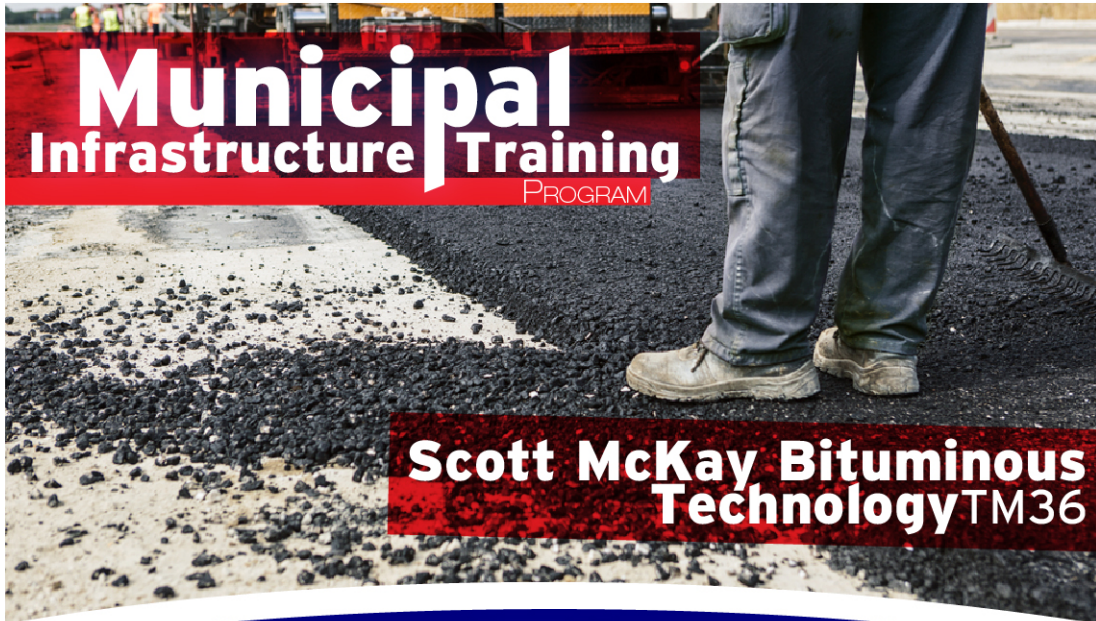
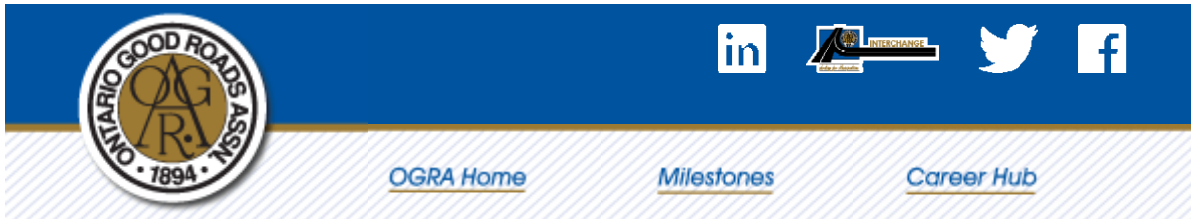
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- End result specifications

Who Should Attend?: Construction technicians/technologists responsible for the inspection/testing of flexible pavement construction, surface treatments and production of hot mix aggregates.

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Peter

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January 5, 2018

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WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY AT 7:00PM
GREENWAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Brampton CARP Board of Directors, best wishes to you and yours for a most successful 2018 - good health, good fun, and much prosperity.



CHAPTER MEETING - WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY, 2018, 7:00 P.M. AT GREENWAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE

At the January meeting Ms. Chris Allum, from the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) will present - "Protect Your Money". This informative session will give us an overview of the OSC; identify the "red flags" of investment fraud and some common types of fraud; advise what to do if you are approached with an investment "deal"; what questions to ask before

you invest; and, where to find unbiased information.

Please plan on joining us for what promises to be a very useful, pragmatic event.

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A CHRISTMAS THANKS

Because of your donations at our Christmas meeting two full boxes of food were delivered to

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CITIZENS' AWARDS

The City of Brampton's Citizens' Awards recognize residents who have made meaningful contributions or significant achievements in a number of categories. Details and nomination forms can be found at <brampton.ca>, specifically at: <https://goo.gl/sWakdA>

MAYOR LINDA JEFFREY AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

This year's Levee will be held at City Hall on Saturday, 20 January 2018, 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Join the Levee, meet the mayor and City Councillors and enjoy some local entertainment and light refreshments.

Parking will be free at the City Hall and the West Tower parking garages.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

“There are two educations.
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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

January 16, 2018

VIA EMAIL

Essex County Federation of Agriculture
360 Fairview Ave. West
Essex, ON
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Dear President, Mr. Lyle Hall:

RE: Tax Changes Proposed by the Federal Liberal Government

At its meeting of December 11th, 2017, Amherstburg Town Council passed the following motion:

Resolution # 20171211-1000 - That the correspondence from the Essex County Federation of Agriculture regarding their concern over the proposed tax changes BE SUPPORTED.

Best Regards,

Tammy Fowkes
Deputy Clerk

cc: The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance
Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

encl. Essex County Federation of Agriculture Letter

December 5, 2017

RE: Tax Changes proposed by the Federal Liberal government.

Dear Mayors and members of council,

We are writing to you today because we believe that the concerns of small business must be taken seriously by governments at every level, including the Municipal level. We are also concerned about the tax changes proposed by the federal Liberal government this past summer.

We are extremely concerned about the manner of the announcement, the short consultation period and the possible negative effects on Farmers, and Farm Families in our communities.

We are very aware of the unfairness of the current tax system, and we do encourage a system of tax fairness to address rising inequalities in Canada, however the decision by government to launch a consultation process in the middle of summer limited the capacity of Canadians, especially our local farmers, to fully participate.

Family farms represent a particular kind of small business, and differ from other small businesses. MP Guy Caron, tabled Bill C-274 during the 42nd parliament and the aim of this Bill was to facilitate the transfer of small businesses, or farm and fishing businesses, between family members by modifying the Income Tax Act. Sadly, this initiative was rejected by the Liberals during second reading.

Today's government announcement of a reduced small business tax is good news. However, we remain concerned and uncertain of what is coming next.

We are asking you to write to the Minister of Finance and to continue to pressure the government to honour its campaign promises and focus on real tax fairness.

Sincerely,

Lyle Hall

President, Essex County Federation of Agriculture

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The OPS General Conditions Committee has now completed the final draft of the planned November 2018 GC MUNI 100 public release. Over the past year the Committee has conducted a jurisdictional scan of various municipalities' General Conditions to look for common elements that could constitute an appropriate requirement to revise and update the current Nov 2006 GC MUNI 100 to bring it up to today's standards. This review also included a study of the MTO's Nov 2016 GC PROV 100.

The main goal of this review was to ensure that any changes that were to be made to the 2006 MUNI GC incorporated only content that could commonly apply across all of the 400 plus Municipalities in Ontario.

The Committee also acknowledges that Bill 142 for the Construction Act, replacing the Construction Lien Act, had its 3rd reading on Dec 5, 2017 and received the Royal Assent on December 12, 2017. The phased implementation of the Act is scheduled for July 1, 2018. While certain articles in the General Conditions (GC) may require revisions to align with the provisions in the new Act, the Committee request that the review of the GC document be conducted in isolation of the new Construction Act.

The timeline for November 2018 public release includes a 3 month review period from **January 1st 2018 through to March 31st, 2018** whereby we would provide the opportunity for all members to take the final draft back to their home municipalities and organizations to allow one last opportunity for comment.

Please visit the [MEA website](#) for the Final Draft GC MUNI 100 document and a chart for comments. Any questions or comments should be sent to hilda@ogra.org with the **subject line “OPS MUNI 100 GC Comments”**. The GC committee will meet in April to begin reviewing any comments received and to address revisions arising from the phased implementation of the new Construction Act.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation in this final draft review and for any comments your municipality or organization provides.

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2018 OGRA Conference Announcement — Travel Discounts



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With the holiday season now in the rear-view mirror it's time to look ahead to the winter months. The OGRA Conference is an annual winter tradition like no other and the 2018 edition promises to be the best one yet. In order to make winter travel to Toronto easier, OGRA has secured some discounted rates for out-of-towners looking to fly in. Be sure to use these promo codes when making travel arrangements! [READ MORE](#)

MIT General Inspection Course — Ready for Inspection!



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To provide participants with an introduction to the basic practices related to the municipal inspection of sewer, watermain and road construction projects. Note: The focus of this course is municipal projects. MTO projects/procedures will not be covered. [READ MORE](#)

Ahead of the Curve: Ontario's New Proposals to Regulate the Testing of Automated Vehicles



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In this presentation the Ministry of Transportation will be soliciting input from municipalities on changes to the province's existing automated vehicle (AV) testing pilot. [READ MORE](#)

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INDUSTRY HEADLINES

Carillion's collapse leaves Canadian road, hospital, military contracts in question



CBC News

The collapse of the United Kingdom's second-biggest construction firm seems set to reverberate around the world, including Canada. Carillion PLC, which was forced into bankruptcy this morning, has 20,000 employees in Britain where it has been busy with more than 450 government contracts, including building hospitals and a high-speed rail line, and managing schools, military housing and prisons. [READ MORE](#)

Sudbury earns recognition for bike friendliness



Sudbury Star

The Share the Road Cycling Coalition announced the latest Bicycle-Friendly Community awards for Ontario. The most recent application round saw Greater Sudbury earn a bronze award, making it Ontario's 40th bicycle-friendly community. Ajax received a silver award and the city of Ottawa got gold, making it one of Ontario's leading bicycle-friendly communities. [READ MORE](#)

Driverless cars could be coming soon to Ontario roads



CTV News via The Canadian Press

Ontario drivers could soon find themselves motoring along the highway next to a car with no one in the driver's seat. The province's Liberal government is proposing to change the rules of its 10-year automated vehicle pilot project to allow for driverless testing. Currently, the testing of fully autonomous vehicles is only allowed with a driver behind the wheel, but the government is seeking public comment on a proposal to scrap that requirement. [READ MORE](#)

Project Century work ongoing



Northern Ontario Business

By making the right business decisions, Marc Lauzier is hoping to put Porcupine Gold Mines (PGM) in a good position for the future. Lauzier, the mine general manager, was the featured speaker at the Timmins Chamber of Commerce's Inside their Business event at the Dante Club on Jan. 11. He gave guests a peek at what's happening at Goldcorp's projects in the area, their involvement in the community, and recruitment challenges. [READ MORE](#)

Crunching the numbers: U of T leads multidisciplinary team studying King Street pilot project



U of T News

Research team brings together experts in air and noise pollution, transportation and public health from U of T and Ryerson Toronto's King Street transit pilot aims to improve transit reliability, speed and capacity, along with a

number of other measures included in an evaluation and monitoring program. For a team of U of T researchers, it also presents an ideal opportunity to study the effects — both direct and indirect — of traffic changes on air and noise pollution, public health and commuter decision-making. [READ MORE](#)

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Want to learn more about an idea supported by 73% of Ontarians? AMO has produced a short video to help explain [the Local Share](#) to enjoy with a cup of coffee. Be in the know, it will be a hot topic of discussion at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) [conference](#) that runs January 21-23, 2018 in Toronto.

Already a Local Share supporter? These resources can help explain the Local Share to others. They include a two minute [explainer video](#), background reports and presentations available at: www.amo.on.ca/localshare, and here is a quick summary website: <http://thelocalshare.ca/>

Questions and Feedback? Please write localshare@amo.on.ca

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THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO WATCH FILE

January 18, 2018

In This Issue

- Province consulting on a New Vision for Student Transportation.
- Land use planning guidance for development near pipelines.
- Municipal input sought: Proposed Source Protection Regulations.
- Firefighters exempted from recent Bill 148 equal pay changes to Employment Standards Act.
- Join LAS at the 2018 ROMA Conference.
- LAS Energy Workshop series coming to Southern Ontario.
- Providing continuity to surface discontinuity: Automated Sidewalk Assessments.
- Careers.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Education is consulting to develop a new vision for student transportation which will focus on how transportation services can best support the education system now and in the future. The new vision will also provide guidance for future policy development on issues such as funding and accountability. To learn more and to provide input to the consultation, see the ministry discussion paper [<https://www.ontario.ca/page/discussion-paper-new-vision-student-transportation>] .

The CSA is looking for your comments on new planning standards and guidelines [<https://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/2822>] until March 12, 2018. This information will be helpful for site planning and building departments (Annex C.3).

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change is consulting on two proposed regulations regarding protection of drinking water sources before drinking water system development or expansion [<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTM0Mjg3&statusId=MjA0Mjc4&language=en>] and pipelines [<https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTMzOTUw&statusId=MjAzNzUx&language=en>] in source water areas. Comments will be accepted until February 20, 2018. To attend a consultation session or for more information contact Jennifer Moulton [<mailto:Jennifer.l.moulton@ontario.ca?subject=Source%20Protection>] .

The firefighters exemption regulation is already public and in force as of April 1, 2018. Exemption is in section 9.1 of Ontario Regulation 285/01 [<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/010285>] .

Eye on Events

LAS will be exhibiting and hosting sessions at the upcoming 2018 ROMA Conference [<http://www.roma.on.ca/Events/2018ROMAConference.aspx>] in Toronto. Drop by booth #403 or check out one of our sessions:

- Sunday, January 21, 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.: On the Road Again;
- Sunday, January 21, 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.: The Impact of Bill 68 on Municipal Investments, and

- Tuesday January 23, 7:45 - 8:30 a.m.: Digital Signatures - The Last Mile.

LAS and TdS Dixon partner to offer public sector organizations the opportunity to empower staff through a series of Train-the-Trainer Energy workshops [<http://www.las.on.ca/Events/TrainTheTrainer.aspx>] . These workshops combine education, motivation, and workplace cultural changes to easily capture energy savings in your facilities. Registration for March workshops is now open - sign up [<http://www.las.on.ca/LAS-Docs/Events/Train-the-Trainer/Train-the-Trainer-AODA.aspx>] today!

LAS

Sidewalks are an important part of every municipality's asset portfolio, and one with a potential for high liability if poorly maintained. LAS and program partner StreetScan are pleased to introduce automated sidewalk assessments [<https://las.on.ca/Blog/The-LAS-Blog/January-2018/Providing-Continuity-to-Surface-Discontinuity-Aut.aspx>] as part of its Roads Assessment Service [<https://las.on.ca/Services/RoadsAssessment.aspx>] offering.

Careers

Program Manager, Social Policy #21854 - York Region [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/YorkRegionProgramMgrSocialPolicy20180122.aspx>] . Department: Community & Health Services (Strategies & Partnerships Branch). Location: Newmarket. Duration: Temporary Full-Time, Approx. 12 months. Please apply online [<http://client.njoyn.com/CL2/xweb/xweb.asp?clid=60295&page=jobdetails&jobid=J0118-0440&BRID=EX185260&SBDID=21028&LANG=1>] by January 22, 2018, quoting competition #21854.

Executive Director, Employment & Social Services - City of Windsor. [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/WindsorExecDirectorEmploymentSocialServices-201802.aspx>] Job Posting #: 2018-0013-K. Resumes are to be addressed to and received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Resumes may be provided to the Human Resources Department, 400 City Hall Square East, Suite 408, Windsor, ON, N9A 7K6 (email: recruitment@citywindsor.ca [<mailto:recruitment@citywindsor.ca?subject=Executive%20Director>]) OR you may drop off your resume to one of the Customer Care Centres [<http://www.citywindsor.ca/cityhall/customerservice/Customer-Care-Centres/Pages/Customer-Care-Centres.aspx>] .

Director of Corporate Services - Grey Bruce Health Unit [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/GreyBruceHealthUnitDirCorpServices20180220.aspx>] . For more information about us, or a copy of the job description, please visit our website [<http://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca>] . Please submit a resume and cover letter in writing, quoting competition code 2018-01 by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2018 to: Grey Bruce Health Unit, ATTN: Erin Meneray, Executive Assistant, 101 17th St. East, Owen Sound, ON N4K 0A5. Email: e.meneray@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca [<mailto:e.meneray@publichealthgreybruce.on.ca?subject=Director%20of%20Corporate%20Services%20>]

Executive Director - Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC) [https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/LPASC_ExecutiveDirector20180215.aspx] . The Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 will create the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre (LPASC), to provide support services to the public with respect to planning matters under the jurisdiction of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. An immediate priority for the new LPASC will be the appointment of an inaugural Executive Director. To explore this exciting opportunity further, please apply online at Odgers Berndtson [<https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/14578>] .

Manager of Waste Diversion - Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority [<https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/EWSWAManagerWasteDiversion20180209.aspx>] . Applications are accepted up to 5 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2018. Apply in confidence, via mail or email to: Eli Maodus, General Manager, Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority, 360 Fairview Ave. W., Suite 211, Essex, ON N8M 3G4. Email: emaodus@ewswa.org [<mailto:emaodus@ewswa.org?subject=Manager%20of%20Waste%20Diversion%20>] .

Senior Project Manager - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville [<https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/WhitchurchStouffvilleSeniorProjectMgr20180129.aspx>] . Reports to Manager, Capital Projects.

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TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
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January 16, 2018

All Ontario Municipalities

VIA EMAIL

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE: ALLOCATE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING DEDICATED TO
MUNICIPALITIES FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

At their meeting of November 7, 2017 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

Councillor Wilder moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

WHEREAS weather patterns seem to have changed, in that excessive and prolonged precipitation is now becoming more frequent and regular;

WHEREAS there is an increased chance of flooding, as result of excessive and prolonged precipitation;

WHEREAS municipalities are now faced with the reality that significant storm water management and drainage infrastructure improvements are required to mitigate against flooding, which will come at a significant cost;

WHEREAS it is not feasible for municipalities to pass along the costs of all storm water management and drainage improvements onto property owners through property tax increases or drainage assessments;

WHEREAS municipalities are almost entirely reliant upon property taxes for their funding needs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have recognized the need for infrastructure investments and have promised funding for these investments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to immediately allocate infrastructure funding dedicated to municipalities for storm water management and drainage improvements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario prioritize funding allocations according to the recent propensity of specific regions to flood, with a specific focus on regions that have flooded multiple times, within a 1 year period;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, all Members of Parliament, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse
Clerk

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cc: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
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cc: Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada
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Robinson, Laurie

From: Ontario Good Roads Association <DoNotReply@ConnectedCommunity.org>
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Statement from Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation

Over the past few days, the Ministry of Transportation has been holding productive conversations with Carillion Canada about the continuation of winter maintenance services in their 8 contract areas.

Both parties came to the table with a shared goal – to ensure that Ontarians could travel on well-maintained highways and safely arrive at their destination.

Today, I can report that an arrangement is in place that will allow these services to continue uninterrupted for the remainder of this winter. This arrangement protects over 1,100 jobs in Ontario while also ensuring value-for-money.

Winter highway maintenance is a vital service for commuters across the province and we will continue to work closely with Carillion Canada in the coming weeks and months.

Join the conversation about this *Heads Up Alert* at [the OGRA Interchange](#)

The mandate of the Ontario Good Roads Association is to represent the transportation and public works interests of municipalities through advocacy, consultation, training and the delivery of identified services.



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January 19, 2018

Toward 2022 – AMCTO’s 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

Dear Members:

It is my pleasure to present “[Toward 2022](#)”, the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan for AMCTO. The AMCTO Board of Directors and Staff, with valuable input from our members and customers, undertook substantial research, consultation and discussion to develop this new Plan which sets out our broad objectives for the next five years.

Our Association has achieved a great deal since our inception 80 years ago and we are proud of our achievements in developing and delivering programs and services that have focused on building and enhancing the technical, management and leadership skills of today’s municipal professionals. But recognizing that we cannot rest on our laurels, we are equally focused on ensuring that the needs of future municipal professionals will also be met. “**Toward 2022**” details how we will do so.

Today’s municipal professionals work in a complex and challenging environment. As an organization dedicated to serving the needs of these professionals, we have set out broad Goals that build upon what we have already achieved in the areas of education and accreditation; legislative advocacy; and member services and support. At the same time, these Goals acknowledge the importance of collaboration and partnerships; information technology; and strong financial and human resource capacity in ensuring that current and future programs and services are developed and delivered in a sustainable manner.

As a backdrop to all that we do, our Board of Directors and Staff recognize that we must never lose sight of our organizational Values and the Operating Principles that have led to our reputation as a leader in the world of municipal professional associations. They have served us well in the past and will continue to be an important touchstone as we make decisions about our future.

Along with the rest of the Board of Directors; all AMCTO Staff; and the numerous volunteers that we rely upon on a regular basis, I am committed to seeing AMCTO fulfil its stated Mission and strive towards our Vision to be

recognized as **the leading organization in fostering, promoting and sustaining excellence in municipal management and administration in Ontario.**



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Municipal Open Data Governance

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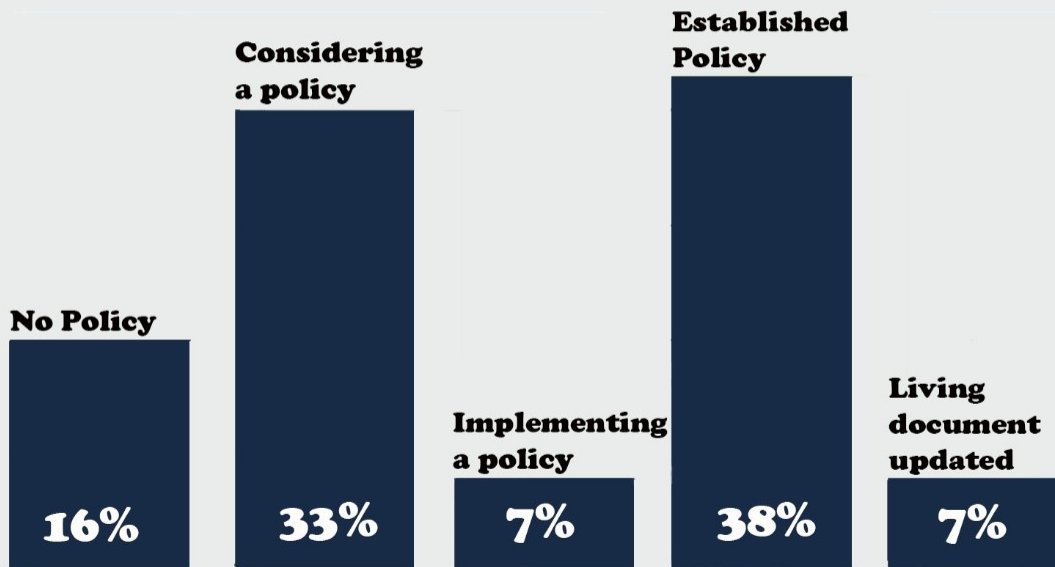
Today, Public Sector Digest (PSD) released the first report in its 2018 Open Cities Index Report Series entitled "MUNICIPAL OPEN DATA GOVERNANCE." After surveying 61 Canadian municipalities, PSD found that local governments are steadily maturing in their open data governance strategies.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- **45 percent** of municipalities surveyed have an open data committee in place
- Of those respondents with an open data committee, very few are having regular meetings

- The vast majority of respondents are either considering an open data policy (**33 percent**), are in the process of implementing one (**7 percent**), or already have an established policy (**45 percent**)
- While few municipal respondents have an open data strategic plan currently in place, more than half are considering a plan or are currently implementing one
- **69 percent** of surveyed municipalities report having internal educational resources in place for their open data program, while 51 percent report having external resources available for the community

Open Data Policy



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TOWN OF LAKESHORE

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January 22, 2018

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:

RE: MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE

At their meeting of January 16, 2018 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

577-01-2018 Councillor Wilder moved and Councillor McKinlay seconded:

It is recommended that:

WHEREAS marijuana will soon be available for purchase through retail outlets in Canada;

WHEREAS the sale of marijuana will generate new tax revenues;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have been actively discussing how to distribute the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have thus far not agreed to distribute any of the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana to municipalities directly;

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for critical infrastructure projects, such as roads, bridges, water treatment and delivery of potable water;

WHEREAS municipalities face a significant challenge in funding critical infrastructure projects and have limited options for increasing revenues, aside from raising property taxes, which negatively impacts all taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, could be used to help offset infrastructure costs for municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to allocate a proportionate share of the new tax revenues generated from the sale of marijuana, to municipalities directly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario be urged to create a fund, similar to the Gas Tax Fund and the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, from the new tax revenues generated by the sale of marijuana, to provide funding to municipalities for infrastructure projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, Ms. Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, all Members of Parliament, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario, and all Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



Mary Masse
Clerk

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cc: Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario
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TOWN OF LAKESHORE

419 Notre Dame St.
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January 22, 2018

Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

RE: POPULATION GROWTH PROJECTIONS

At their meeting of January 16, 2018 the Council of the Town of Lakeshore duly passed the following resolution.

576-01-2018

Councillor Wilder moved and Deputy Mayor Fazio seconded:

That:

WHEREAS municipalities are required to create and implement master plans and asset management plans, as part of prudent financial planning;

WHEREAS population growth projections and estimates are a key foundational component, relied upon in creating master plans and asset management plans, as part of prudent financial planning;

WHEREAS population growth projections and estimates are simply estimates of future events, often several years into the future, and are highly susceptible to ultimately being inaccurate, due to changes in circumstances, such as economic conditions and housing patterns;

WHEREAS both upper-tier municipalities and lower-tier municipalities often prepare their own growth projections and estimates, which can result in a significant discrepancy between their respective, anticipated population numbers in future years;

WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities are essentially forced to accept and rely upon upper-tier municipalities growth projections and estimates, regardless of whether those projections and estimates reflect reality; and

WHEREAS inaccurate growth projections and estimates, negatively impacts municipal financial planning, resulting in significant financial difficulties for municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to grant more autonomy to lower-tier municipalities, to adopt and rely upon their own growth projections and estimates, especially for financial planning purposes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to create a mechanism, whereby lower-tier municipalities can more easily dispute growth projections and estimates of upper-tier municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Government of Ontario be urged to require upper-tier municipalities to update growth projections and estimates, when reality indicates that the previous projections and estimates are inaccurate and unreliable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Should you require any additional information with respect to the above matter, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,



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