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2018 AMCTO Provincial Budget Update

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This afternoon Finance Minister Charles Sousa delivered Ontario's 2018 budget, *A Plan for Care and Opportunity*. This year's budget, which comes just over two months before the 2018 provincial election, is full of new spending commitments in human services, health, and childcare. The most significant new investments in the budget were:

- Free daycare for children aged two-and-a-half (beginning in 2020)
- \$1 billion of funding for a Senior's Healthy Home Program
- New funding for mental health and hospital operations
- A new Ontario Drug and Dental Program
- Expanding OHIP+ to all Ontarians over the age of 65

For local governments the budget contains few funding commitments or new initiatives. With the majority of new money dedicated to social programs and healthcare, the budget document primarily highlights historical spending and previous commitments to the municipal sector.

While AMCTO will continue to review the budget in greater depth over the coming days and weeks, below is a brief summary of some of the highlights of the budget for the municipal sector:

Fiscal Overview

Ontario's Ministry of Finance is forecasting 1.9 per cent average growth over the 2018-21 period, and a net debt-to-GDP ratio below its 2014–15 peak of 39.3 per cent—resuming its downward trend in 2022–23. Last year's budget was the government's first balanced budget following a series of deficits that reached \$19 billion at the height of the global recession in 2009. After one year of balance, the government is once again plunging the province back into deficit for the next six years by way of \$20.3 billion of new spending.

Infrastructure:

Following several years of budgets that contained significant new investments in infrastructure, transit, and housing, Budget 2018 primarily confirms previous infrastructure commitments, existing programs, and recent agreements, such as the bi-lateral agreement that the province recently signed with the Government of Canada. Other commitments:

- Budget 2018 allocates approximately \$800 million from the Trillium Trust in 2018–19 to continue supporting key infrastructure investments across the province, including the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and the Small Communities fund. The Trillium Trust is funded from proceeds of the sale of shares of Hydro One
- A new Community Transportation Grant Program that will provide \$40 million over five years to help municipalities, Indigenous communities, Indigenous-led organizations and not-for-profits improve travel options in areas that are not served or are underserved by public transit and intercommunity bus service
- Increasing Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding by an additional \$5 million in 2018 to a total OMPF envelope of \$510 (announced in previous budgets)
- Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) funding will increase to \$300 million per year by 2018–19 to support the construction and renewal of critical road, bridge, water and wastewater infrastructure (previously announced)
- In 2018–19 connecting links funding will increase by \$5 million to \$30 million, benefiting 22 municipalities (previously announced)
- An increase in the gas tax from 2 cents to 4 cents by 2021-22 (previously announced)

Broadband Infrastructure

- \$500 million over three years to expand broadband connectivity in rural and northern communities. This will include an investment of up to \$71 million towards improving cellular coverage in eastern Ontario, and up to \$20 million to Telesat to support a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellation project

Regional Economic Development

- Additional investments of \$100 million over the next 10 years for the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund and the Eastern Ontario Development Fund

Public Library Funding:

- \$28 million over three years to create a provincial Digital Public Library that provides access to digital content
- An increase in the Public Library Operating Grant by \$51 million over three years

Cyber-security

- An additional \$64 million over three years to enhance existing cyber-security programs and practices (primarily at the provincial level)

Regional Transit Integration

- A commitment to undertake regional transit planning, including a new commitment to explore potential provincial ownership of the TTC and other regional transit assets
- A number of new initiatives around fare integration in the GTHA

Railway Right-of-Way Property Taxation

- Railway right-of-way property tax rates for 2018 will increase by approximately \$7 per acre for 2018
- The lowest property tax rates on mainline railway rights-of-way will be increase to a minimum of \$110 per acre in 2018
- Municipalities will have the option to increase rates per acre on high-tonnage rail lines based on a new adjusted tax rate schedule (Details of the schedule will be released in the spring)

- The Province will continue to freeze shortline railway property tax rates at 2016 levels

Airport Taxation

- Conducting a review of the current approach used to calculate payments in lieu of property tax (PILT) for municipalities that have airports and collect taxes under this method

Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction Programs

- Beginning in 2019 the education portion of property taxes will be aligned with changes that municipalities have made under the vacancy rebate and reduction program to ensure that they are consistent

MPAC Large Business Property Advanced Disclosure Process

- For the 2021 taxation year the valuation date for MPAC's Advanced Disclosure process for complex and specialized business properties will be January 1, 2019

Other MPAC Property Tax Updates

- A commitment to reviewing the format of MPAC's requests for information to ensure that they are clear and reasonable and introducing amendments in the fall of 2018 to provide a framework for addressing non-compliance

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PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2018: A PLAN FOR CARE AND OPPORTUNITY

Date: March 28, 2018

1. BUDGET AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

Click here for the 2018 [Provincial Budget](#), [Highlights](#), and [News Release](#).

2. PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2018 PRIORITIES

This budget is the last provincial budget prior to the provincial general election in June 2018. Budget initiatives focus on enhanced care for Ontarians such as:

- Strengthening Ontario hospitals
- Improved care for children
- Better care for seniors
- Improved supports for mental health services
- Financial support for drug and dental costs, and
- Strengthening income security

There are also initiatives to increase economic opportunity and increase jobs and growth.

3. MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS

The budget includes summaries of prior commitments as well as some new announcements.

TAXATION OF RAILWAY RIGHTS OF WAY (RRW) (P. 295-296)

- The Budget proposes a number of changes to the taxation of railway rights of way. Measures taken respond to three main issues raised by stakeholders, including:
 - Indexation of rates,
 - Variation in rates,
 - Implications of tax changes for shortline railways (p. 295).
- Specific measures proposed for 2018 for RRW taxation include:
 - Continue to increase rates based on average increases in commercial property. In 2018 rates will increase approximately \$7 per acre.
 - Current low rates on main lines will be increased to a minimum of \$118 per acre. This compares to the lowest rate of \$35 per acre in 2016.
 - Giving municipalities an option to increase rates per acre on high tonnage lines based on a new adjusted tax schedule. Details will be forthcoming to municipalities and the rail industry later this spring.

- Rates will continue to be frozen at 2016 levels for shortline railways (p. 296).

TORONTO CULTURAL SPACE

- The Province will provide the City of Toronto with authority to design and administer a new program to provide tax relief of up to 50% to qualifying facilities that offer affordable space for the arts and culture sector (p. 296).

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

- Tenants of land owned by Victoria University currently enjoy tax exemptions that neighbouring properties on land not owned by the University do not have. The Province proposes to amend the *Victoria University Act* to ensure that the exemption only applies to lands owned and occupied by the University. This would bring consistency to taxation in Toronto since lands leased by exempt owners are generally taxable (p. 297).

AIRPORTS

- The Province is proposing a review of policies dealing with payments in lieu of taxation (PILT) related to airports. Currently PILTs are based on rates applied to passenger volumes that pass through an airport. These rates have not changed since they were introduced in 2001 (p. 297).

CONSISTENCY IN BUSINESS VACANCY REBATE REDUCTION PROGRAMS

- The 2016 Budget gave municipalities flexibility to alter their vacancy rebate and reduction programs. Approximately 80% of municipalities will phase out these programs by 2020. This broader authority has resulted in a variety of tax treatments across the province on rebates and reductions (p. 297).
- The Province has been reviewing the appropriate treatment of the education portion of the rebates and reductions. As a result of the review, the Province commits to matching the municipal approach to ensure consistency of treatment of municipal and education taxation in a jurisdiction (p. 297)

EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

- The 2016 budget made some changes to the calculation of revenue neutral tax rates to recognize assessment losses from appeals. This Budget proposes similar changes for the calculation of education property tax rates to ensure that post reassessment rates raise the same revenues after reassessments as before (p. 298).

SUPPORTING FAIR AND ACCURATE ASSESSMENTS

- In 2016 the Province introduced an Advanced Disclosure process to support transparency with respect to the assessment of complex and specialized business properties. This level of disclosure requires earlier exchange of information. Consequently, the Budget proposes an earlier valuation date for the next reassessment that will occur for the 2021 tax year. The valuation date for this reassessment will be January 1, 2019. This new valuation date will apply to all properties (p. 298).

LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS

- The Budget cites the Provincial commitment to provide municipalities with \$40 M through an Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund. These funds will come from the federal excise tax on recreation cannabis by way of a federal-provincial agreement. If the amount exceeds \$100 M, the Province will provide municipalities with 50% of the surplus (p. 271).

INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Budget notes that Ontario and Canada signed a bilateral agreement on infrastructure on March 14, 2018. The agreement will provide \$31B in support over 10 years. Projects will be cost shared with municipalities and First Nation communities (p. 124).
- There are also summaries of numerous public transportation projects that are underway or planned (pp. 119-126). Projects include GO transit, municipal transit, and provincial highways.
- To facilitate transit, the Province is implementing initiatives to support a regional fare integration strategy in the GTHA which should result in lower costs.
- The Province will increase funding for collecting links by \$5 M to \$30 M, benefitting 22 municipalities (p. 128).
- The Province will provide \$90 M in 2017-2018 to support commuter cycling in Ontario (p. 128).
- \$490M in capital funding over the next 10 years for the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission to repair and refurbish railway tracks, bridges, and trains (p. 129).
- \$40M over five years to launch the Community Transportation Grant Program to help municipalities, Indigenous communities and other organizations throughout the province provide more travel options in underserved areas (p. 130).
- \$500M over three years to expand broadband connectivity in rural and northern communities (p. 133).

CLEAN WATER AND WASTEWATER FUND

- The Clean Water and Wastewater fund is continuing to invest in water and wastewater projects in Ontario (p. 274).

- Ontario will work with partners to invest a further \$2.8 B in water and wastewater projects.
- Projects will promote health, protect waterways, preserve local ecosystems and address climate change (p. 274).

MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS

- The Budget identifies a number of supports for the municipal sector. Many of these are announcements that have already been made. In total, the Budget indicates that \$4.2 B in support will be provided to the sector in 2018 or approximately four times the 2003 level (pp. 277-279).

4. OTHER INITIATIVES

Many municipalities have expressed concerns over issues such as unequal income distribution, social well-being, equality of opportunity for all groups and similar social justice issues. A number of initiatives are contained in this Budget that address issues that will be of interest to municipalities but are not, strictly speaking, municipal undertakings.

HEALTH CARE

- The Province is investing an additional \$822M in 2018/19 to improve access to key hospital services such as beds, hospital capacity, reducing wait times, and providing flexibility to meet the needs of local communities (p. 5).
- Starting in August 2019, OHIP+ will be expanded to seniors, eliminating the annual deductible and co-payment of seniors under the ODB program. This represents an investment of about \$575M per year by 2020/21 (p. 11).
- \$800M over two years to implement the Ontario Drug and Dental Program. Starting in Summer 2019, the program will provide coverage for individuals who do not have coverage from an extended health plan (p. 12).
- \$5M over three years to support the implementation of *Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety)*, 2018, which protects amateur competitive athletes and makes sports safer on the field and at school (p. 14).
- \$570M over four years to improve mental health and addictions systems for children and youth (p. 16).
- \$222M to implement a Strategy to Prevent Opioid Addiction and Overdose (p. 19).
- \$425M over four years to provide 2,475 additional supportive housing units to reduce homelessness and reduce reoffending for people in frequent contact with the justice system (p. 20).

CHILD CARE

- \$2.2B over three years to increase access to child care for Ontario families by introducing free preschool starting in September 2020 (p. 21).
- \$534M over six years to build 10,000 preschool child care spaces in schools and 4,000 community-based spaces (p. 22).
- \$1.6B over five years to create 45,000 licensed child care spaces in schools and community spaces (p. 23).
- Child care spaces are often housed in tax exempt facilities. Amendments will be made to the Assessment Act to ensure that the tax exempt status of community properties is not altered by housing non-profit day care spaces. This approach is consistent with the historic treatment of such facilities by MPAC (p. 296).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- \$547M over five years for repairs and retrofits to support energy efficiency and long-term sustainability of social housing buildings (p. 44).
- \$3M to establish a Cooperative Housing Development Fund to encourage the creation of new cooperative housing (p. 44).
- Unlocking surplus provincial land to create more than 2,000 new housing units with a mix of market-based and affordable units (p. 146).

OTHER

- \$1B over three years to implement the Seniors' Healthy Home Program, which will help reduce the costs of maintaining homes. The program will provide \$750 per year for every eligible household led by seniors who are 75 years or older (p. 27).
- \$300M over three years to employ more registered nurses in long-term care homes (p. 32).
- \$242M over three years to support survivors of gender-based violence and their children, including increased shelters, counseling, and sexual assault centres (p. 50).
- \$170M over three years in the new Ontario Apprenticeship Strategy (p. 63).
- \$63M over three years to create the Ontario Training Bank to serve as a one-stop shop for employers, job seekers and workers to access skills training (p. 64).
- \$3B over 10 years for capital grants to postsecondary institutions (p. 71).
- \$16B over 10 years in capital grants for new and improved schools (p. 78).
- \$45.6M over three years for the Ontario Bridge Training program, which serves skilled immigrants (p. 81).
- \$100M over 10 years to establish the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Fund, which invests and supports small and medium-sized businesses in the GTHA (p. 90).

5. PROVINCIAL ECONOMY

OVERVIEW (P. 169)

- Strong growth has led unemployment rates to a 17-year low.
- A less supportive global economic environment due to slightly higher interest rates, oil prices, and the Canadian dollar is expected to moderate real GDP and employment gains over the next four years.
- Recent tax reform in the U.S., trade negotiations and other protectionist measures; high household debt; and the housing market pose risks to the province's competitiveness and economic growth.

INFLATION (P. 181)

- Inflation is expected reach a 2.2% long-term trend rate in 2018.

%	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
CPI inflation	1.2	1.8	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9

INTEREST RATES (PP. 184-185)

- Interest rates are expected to continue to rise at a modest pace but remain below long-term averages.
- The Bank of Canada has hiked short-term rates three times since July 2017, raising the overnight rate from 0.5% to 1.25%, matching increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve.
- Short-term interest rates are expected to rise to 1.4% in 2018, compared to 0.7% in 2017.
- Canadian long-term interest rates have risen, reflecting stronger economic growth and expectations of further central bank tightening.

%	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3 Mo. Treasury Bill rate	0.5	0.7	1.4	2.2	2.7	2.7
10 Yr. Canada Bond rate	1.3	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.5	3.5

GDP (P. 181)

- The Ministry of Finance is forecasting a 1.9% average annual growth in Ontario's GDP over the 2018-21 period.
- GDP growth projections are slightly below the average of private-sector forecasts.

%	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Real GDP	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.9	1.7
Nominal GDP	5.0	4.3	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.0	3.9

EMPLOYMENT (P. 182)

- The province's unemployment rate has steadily declined from 9.6% in June 2009 to 5.5% in February 2018.

%	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Employment Growth	0.7	1.1	1.8	1.7	1.1	0.9	0.8

HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND DEBT (P. 190-191)

- High levels of household debt have left Ontario households more sensitive to rising interest rates. At the same time, the Ontario housing market is rebalancing after a period of sharp price appreciation
- Household income increased by 3.1% in 2017 and is projected to increase by 5.3% in 2018; and is projected to grow on average 4.43% annually to 2021.
- There is a projected decline in residential construction of 1.6% in 2018 from 4.4% in 2017 and 7.5% in 2016. Growth is expected at an average of 1.6% from 2019-2021.

CANADIAN DOLLAR (P. 191)

- In 2017, the Canadian dollar averaged 77 cents U.S.
- The Canadian dollar is expected to increase and reach 80.1 cents U.S. in 2018.
- The Canadian dollar is projected to reach 81.2 cents U.S. by 2020.

6. PROVINCIAL FINANCES

DEBT (PP. 166-167)

- The net debt-to-GDP ratio is project to fall to 37.1% in 2017/18.
- Ontario's program expense-to-GDP ratio is expected to remain at its pre-recession level of 16.6%.

- The government has a projected surplus of \$0.6 billion in 2017/18. The 2017/18 provincial fiscal year ends March 31, 2018.
- Beginning in 2018/19, the Province is projecting a modest deficit of \$6.7 billion, 0.8% of GDP (p. 165).

Medium-Term Fiscal Plan and Outlook (\$B)

Table 3.8 (p. 195)

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	% change 2018/21
Revenue	150.1	152.5	157.6	163.8	9.13%
Expense					
Programs	137.5	145.9	150.4	155.8	13.31%
Interest on Debt	12.0	12.5	13.1	13.8	15.0%
Total Expense	149.5	158.5	163.5	169.6	13.44%
Reserve	-	0.7	0.7	0.7	
Surplus/(Deficit)	0.6	-6.7	-6.6	-6.5	
Net Debt (as % of GDP)	37.1	37.6	38.2	38.6	
Accumulated Deficit (as % of GDP)	23.2	23.1	22.9	22.7	

Percentage column added

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INDUSTRY NEWS

City manager apologizes, commits to 3rd party review of harassment complaints and procedures at city hall

Global News Canada

London's city manager has offered an apology to employees who have struggled to come forward with allegations about harassment and workplace culture at City Hall. "I'm sorry that people have had to go through this, that they have to suffer this," said Martin Hayward, speaking with 980 CFPL-AM's "The Craig Needles Show." [READ MORE](#)



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Huron University College students boost own fees to help refugees

The London Free Press

Students at Huron University College have voted to dramatically increase their own fees to help pay for more refugees to attend the London school, officials have announced. The 33 percent boost in fees will be matched by a contribution from Huron itself. [READ MORE](#)



Indigenous history, culture now mandatory part of Ontario curriculum

CBC News

Ontario will incorporate the contributions, histories, culture and perspectives of Indigenous peoples into a revised curriculum for all students in the province, the education minister announced. Mitzie Hunter made the announcement at Milliken Mills High School in Unionville with David Zimmer, Ontario's Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. [READ MORE](#)



Facebook whistleblower pushed data-mining boundaries in Canada

The Canadian Press via CBC News

A Canadian data expert who set off an international uproar over the alleged leak of private Facebook user data lost his job years ago in the office of former Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, in large part because he was pushing a nascent form of the controversial data-harvesting technique, says a former senior party insider. Christopher Wylie, a 28-year-old originally from British Columbia, has told news outlets of how the inappropriately obtained private information of tens of millions of Facebook users helped political movements score 2016 victories in the U.S. election and the U.K.'s Brexit referendum. [READ MORE](#)



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Toronto council's executive committee pushes off controversial report that points to future fiscal problems

Toronto Star

Mayor John Tory's executive committee has ignored pleas to bring a key report on the city's long-term financial future before council. The long-awaited report from outgoing City Manager Peter Wallace explains the pitfalls ahead — including a \$1.42-billion gap in the operating budget in just five years — and a partial road map for the way out. [READ MORE](#)



Ontario-Quebec corridor to get 5G wireless technology through public-private partnership

The Canadian Press via Global News

The governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec are partnering with some of the world's digital heavyweights to usher in the next generation of wireless technology. A \$400-million, public-private investment will create a 5G wireless corridor through Canada's two largest provinces, which will support the growing network of physical devices, vehicles and other objects that are increasingly communicating directly with each other. [READ MORE](#)



Timmins getting another \$3-million for Connecting Link highway repairs

Timmins Daily Press

Another \$3-million grant has been confirmed for Connecting Link highway repairs in Timmins this year, said a news release from City Hall. This is the second time since 2016 that Queen's Park has contributed the maximum amount from the connecting link fund. [READ MORE](#)



Ontario establishes historic partnership for sustainable forest management

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry via Government of Ontario

Ontario, in partnership with local First Nations and industry in the Lac Seul Forest and the surrounding area of Sioux Lookout, has signed an historic agreement for the first Enhanced Sustainable Forest Licence. This agreement will allow for more economic opportunities for local and indigenous communities including more involvement in managing Crown forests. [READ MORE](#)



'It's not sustainable': Brampton's health care infrastructure running on borrowed time and money

Brampton Guardian

Brampton's hospital and health care infrastructure is in trouble, and the situation is becoming more concerning with each passing month. That's the prognosis from the president and CEO of the William Osler Health System, Dr. Brendan Carr. [READ MORE](#)



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London fire chief retires amid allegations of department-wide harassment

Toronto Star

The chief of the London fire service has retired amid allegations that his department was plagued by harassment and retaliation. The city of London announced that Chief John Kobarda was retiring "effective immediately" after 27 years with the service, 14 of which were spent in the top job. [READ MORE](#)



Wynne Liberals target hospital wait times, mental health in throne speech

The Canadian Press via Toronto Sun

The final budget before a looming provincial election will offer measures to cut hospital wait times, lower child-care costs and expand mental-health services while reducing the overall deficit, the Ontario government said. The Liberal governments' speech from the throne, read out by Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Dowdsell, offered no specific numbers for the promised investments, simply saying they would be announced in the March 28 budget. [READ MORE](#)



Uber suspends self-driving vehicle testing after pedestrian death in Phoenix suburb

The Associated Press via Toronto Star

Uber suspended all of its self-driving testing after what is believed to be the first fatal pedestrian crash involving the vehicles. The testing has been going on for months in the Phoenix area, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto as automakers and technology companies compete to be the first with the technology. [READ MORE](#)



Health Canada releases legal pot consultation results — support for strict packaging rules

The Canadian Press via The London Free Press

The federal government says the Canadian public broadly supports the tight regulations it has proposed for marijuana packaging, which will include a bright red stop sign emblazoned with a pot leaf and the letters THC. Health Canada unveiled the results of a 60-day consultation around its proposed regulations, in which it emphasized a focus on reducing the appeal of marijuana to youth and preventing accidental consumption. [READ MORE](#)



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Municipal Tax Advisory Group

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NextBridge '100 per cent' committed to East-West Tie



Thunder Bay News

The consortium that was originally selected to develop a 450-kilometre transmission along the north shore of Lake Superior line is intent on moving forward to meet a 2020 completion date, despite Hydro One's application to take over the project. The Ontario Energy Board in 2013 designated NextBridge Infrastructure as the developer of the East-West Tie, which would connect the Lakehead Transformer Station just east of Thunder Bay to the Wawa Transformer Station. [READ MORE](#)

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Business Insider via PR Newswire

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NDP dental plan to cost \$1.2 billion: Horwath



The Canadian Press via Toronto Sun

Ontario's NDP leader says the party would spend \$1.2 billion to provide dental coverage to an additional 4.5 million people if it wins the spring election. Andrea Horwath says that her party's plan — called Ontario Benefits — would provide coverage for students, seniors and people working jobs without dental benefits. [READ MORE](#)

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Canada and Ontario sign infrastructure agreement



The government of Canada and the province of Ontario [signed a funding agreement](#) for billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding over the next 10 years.

■ UPCOMING MUNICIPAL EVENTS



March 23 – [AMCTO Municipal Leaders' Forum](#) Toronto, ON

April 10 — [Parks & Recreation Ontario, Forum & Trade Show](#) Collingwood, ON

April 11 — [OMHRA Annual Spring Conference](#) Niagara Falls, ON

April 15-18 — [Ontario Business Improvement Area Association National Conference](#) Collingwood, ON

April 29-May 2 — [Ontario Water Works Association/Ontario Municipal Water Association](#) Niagara Falls, ON

May 2-4 — [OMAA Spring Workshop](#) Niagara on the Lake, ON

May 2-4 — [NOMA Conference & GM](#) Kenora, ON

May 7-9 — [Town & Gown Association of Ontario](#) Hamilton, ON

May 17-18 — [2018 Municipal Licensing and Law Enforcement Forum](#) Toronto, ON

June 10-13 — [AMCTO Conference](#) Blue Mountains, ON

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Council believes Ajax Downs will still close despite province announcing millions in funding for horse racing

Durham Radio News

Ontario announced \$105-million a year for horse racing over the next 19 years, but Ajax council isn't buying it. In a statement, council believes the funding announcement is part of larger strategy to close slots facilities like Ajax



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'Die-in' held outside City Hall ahead of Yonge Street vote



CityNews Toronto

Dozens of demonstrators lay on the ground at the doorsteps of City Hall for a "die-in." Pedestrians and cyclists who participated say it was a vigil for those who have died on our streets, struck down by motorists. Some of those who attended have been affected firsthand. [READ MORE](#)

Official: Gananoque in the running as permanent home for Canada 150 rink



The Recorder & Times via Ottawa Citizen

Gananoque is on the short list to receive the Canada 150 skating rink once it is dismantled on Parliament Hill, according to the town's Recreation Director Terry Gilmer. The federal government doesn't want to store the rink once it is taken down so it has been shopping it around to local municipalities, Gilmer said. [READ MORE](#)

Brampton talent comes together to tackle the urban future



Mississauga News via Brampton Guardian

Tackling the challenges of urbanization through technology and innovation was the focus of young entrepreneurs, civic workers and tech experts who participated in a 12 hour-plus hackathon at Brampton City Hall March 25, part of the federal government's Smart Cities Challenge. Teams of competitors pursuing up to \$2,000 in prizes worked on data- and technology-based solutions that aim to make the fast-growing community just west of Toronto a better place to live, said Devin Ramphal, Brampton's innovation and technology sector manager. [READ MORE](#)

2017 Ontario public sector salaries disclosed



Government of Ontario News

The government has released the salaries of Ontario Public Service and broader public sector employees who were paid \$100,000 or more in 2017. The government is releasing the annual compendium in a downloadable, machine-readable format. [READ MORE](#)

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Thibeault downplays dispute between auditor, electricity system operator

The Canadian Press via Toronto Sun

The bad blood between the Ontario government and auditor general bubbled to the surface once again recently, with the Liberal energy minister downplaying a dispute between the auditor and the Crown corporation that manages the province's electricity market. Glenn Thibeault said concerns raised by auditor general Bonnie Lysyk during testimony before a legislative committee aren't new, and the practices being used by the Independent Electricity System Operator are commonly endorsed by major auditing firms. [READ MORE](#)



Program proposes free transit for preteens

Brantford Expositor

Preteens soon may be able to ride Brantford buses for free. City councillors at a committee meeting supported a three-year pilot program to provide free transit to children up to 12 years old. [READ MORE](#)



25-metre tower will offer a whole new view of Point Pelee's tip

CBC News

A towering structure almost 25-metres high will soon offer visitors to Point Pelee National Park an uninterrupted, 360-degree view of Canada's southern-most point. Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, announced \$5.5 million in funding for projects at the park, which is celebrating its centennial. [READ MORE](#)



HSR partners with McMaster to reimagine transit based on riders' feedback

CBC News

The Hamilton Street Railway announced that the transit system will be collaborating with researchers at McMaster University in an effort to improve customer service by using extensive feedback from riders. The project's goal is to "re-envision" transit in Hamilton. [READ MORE](#)



Toronto landlord drops bid to raise rents for striking tenants

The Canadian Press via Toronto Sun

A rent strike at a west Toronto high-rise is expected to end after a landlord abandoned a bid to raise tenants' rents by more than double the amount recommended by the government. Property management firm Nuspor Investments issued a letter to tenants of a 189-unit building at 1251 King St. W., in Toronto's rapidly gentrifying Parkdale neighbourhood, saying it had decided to withdraw its application to Ontario's Landlord and Tenant Board for the special increase. [READ MORE](#)



Lucan on short list for Hockeyville grand prize

The London Free Press

Lucan may yet see Logan Couture playing at Lucan Community Memorial Centre with his San Jose Sharks. That cream might have been inconceivable not that long ago, but no longer. Lucan was named one of four Canadian communities in the running to be crowned Kraft Hockeyville for 2018. [READ MORE](#)



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Historic Northumberland and First Nation agreement signed in Alderville

Cobourg Now

A smudging ceremony preceded the official signing of a historic waste-service agreement between Northumberland County and Alderville First Nation at the Alderville Community Centre. Residential waste was formerly collected by a private contractor, now the area serviced by the county. [READ MORE](#)



Here's what's happening with affordable housing in Oakville, Burlington and Milton

inhalton

It's no secret the cost of living is atrocious, and many people in Oakville, Burlington and Milton — and the GTA in general — are in desperate need of affordable housing. Delivering new, affordable and assisted housing opportunities "is one of Regional Council's strategic priorities," said Halton Region spokesperson Stacey Hunter. [READ MORE](#)



Assessment Base Management Program Delivers Results

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The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, minister of health, announces new measures to reduce barriers to treatment and \$231 million to address the opioid crisis

Health Canada via Business Insider

The opioid crisis continues to have a devastating impact on families and communities across the country. In 2017 alone, projections suggest over 4,000 people will have lost their lives as a result of this epidemic. Despite significant actions taken to date, more needs to be done to help address the crisis and save lives. [READ MORE](#)



MANAGEMENT RESOURCES

How to work with a bad listener



It's a challenge to work with people — peers, junior colleagues or even bosses — who just don't listen. Whether your colleagues interrupt you, ramble on, seem distracted or are always waiting for their turn to talk, the impact is the same: You don't feel heard, and the chances for misunderstandings — and mistakes — rise. [READ MORE](#)



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How to highlight your talents in a job interview without showing off



Harvard Business Review

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AMCTO LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Speech from the Throne update



Lt. Gov. of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell delivered a [Speech from the Throne](#), laying out of the government's priorities for final few months of the current sitting of the legislature.

Final OMB/LPAT regulations posted



The government has posted the [final regulations](#) for the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), the body that will replace the Ontario Municipal Board.

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL EVENTS



April 10 — [Parks & Recreation Ontario, Forum & Trade Show](#) Collingwood, ON

April 11 — [OMHRA Annual Spring Conference](#) Niagara Falls, ON

April 15-18 — [Ontario Business Improvement Area Association National Conference](#) Collingwood, ON

April 29-May 2 — [Ontario Water Works Association/Ontario Municipal Water Association](#) Niagara Falls, ON

May 2-4 — [OMAA Spring Workshop](#) Niagara on the Lake, ON

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June 10-13 — [AMCTO Conference](#) Blue Mountains, ON

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March 28, 2018

The 2018 Provincial Budget

Today the Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, presented the 2018 Provincial Budget. As context, the budget projects a \$6.7 billion deficit for 2018. Deficits are also projected for 2019-20 (\$6.6 billion) and in 2020-21 (\$6.5 billion). Provincial revenues from income tax and the health premium are \$2.8 billion lower than projected.

These are the highlights of interest to municipal governments:

- **Upload Agreement:** The budget reaffirms the commitment to the upload agreement, which matures this year.
- **Connecting Links:** the fund is increased by \$5 million to \$30 million as planned for 2018-19.
- **Broadband:** the budget allocates \$500 million (new) over three years, further details on specific project funding is to come.
- **Public libraries:** \$28 million is provided over three years for digital library services. The Public Library Operating Grant is increased by \$51 million over 3 years.
- **Gasoline Tax for transit and OCIF:** previously planned program spending increases are included in the budget. The gas tax allocation for transit will increase from 2 cents to 4 cents by 2021-22. The OCIF will increase to \$300 million by 2018-19.
- **Community Transportation Grant Program:** provides \$40 million over three years to help municipalities and others in underserved areas.
- **Policing Grants:** remain stable at \$74.8 million.
- **Police Board training:** Officials confirm dollars will be set aside for the training of police service board members. Exactly how these dollars will be allocated has not been announced however this is an initial acknowledgement of a key ask of municipal governments following the passage of the *Safer Ontario Act, 2018*.
- **Property Taxation:** a number of adjustments are made to the property tax system including,
 - **Railway Right-of-Way:** further adjustments will continue related to the indexing of rates (an increase of \$7 per acre for 2018), the variance of rates (minimum of \$110 per acre), and will provide municipalities with the option to increase rates per acre on high-tonnage lines.
 - **Non-Profit Child Care in Schools:** these facilities will be exempted from taxation.
 - **Business Vacancy Rebate and Reduction:** the provincial education portion will be aligned with changes made by municipalities to ensure greater consistency.

- **Valuation Date:** for the next assessment update, the valuation date of January 1, 2019 will be used to provide better quality data. The rest of the process will remain the same.
- **Previous Announcements:** the budget reaffirmed previous government announcements from earlier this month. These include: \$1.2 billion for mental health and addiction services, \$2.2 billion for child care expansion, \$2.3 billion for income security reform, \$1.8 billion to expand services to those with developmental disabilities, \$1 billion to expand drug coverage for seniors, and \$1.3 billion for health care among other new initiatives.

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AMO President Lynn Dollin provides a [municipal reaction](#) to the Ontario Budget as our province heads into a general election.

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March 29, 2018

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- Career with Town of Lakeshore.

AMO Matters

Municipal colleagues across Ontario saddened by Roger's passing. Click here [<http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Watch-File/AMO-Matters/AMOsGoodbyetoRogerAnderson>] for more.

To help us with our advocacy and program development, AMO wants your feedback [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQPKNHF>] on local experiences with Community Energy Planning. Respondents that complete the survey have the chance to win one of two \$25 Tim Horton's gift cards. The survey is open until Wednesday, April 4.

AMO is partnering with Solutions Notarius Inc. to offer members a digital signature service. To test the proof of concept, we're launching a 6-month pilot program. Learn more about the pilot [<http://las.on.ca/Blog/The-LAS-Blog/March-2018/AMO-Notarius-Digital-Signature-Service-Pilot-Launc.aspx>] and how your municipality might make use of digital signatures in the future.

Eye on Events

Nik Nanos to speak at AMO AGM and Annual Conference (August 19- 22, 2018 in Ottawa). Join him as he addresses what the polls are saying for municipal election priorities. Find out what else is on the program [<http://www.amo.on.ca/Events/AMOConference/Programming>] , and register today.

AMO presents the Codes of Conduct clinic. Codes of conduct serve a number of purposes. One is to help establish and clearly communicate the sort of behaviors prioritized in your municipal workplace. This 2-hour clinic looks at what your code must include and what you should have. Bring your current codes to fully participate in this interactive session.

You do not need to register for the AMO Conference to attend. Register today [<https://www.amo.on.ca/Training/Clinics>] , space is limited.

AMO presents a hands-on social media clinic prior to the start of the AMO Conference (Sunday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon). This clinic will focus on how to create compelling content, manage the risks and maximize the rewards of social media. It will also cover developing social media policies that reflect current social media and traditional media environments. You do not need to register for the AMO Conference to attend. Register today [<https://www.amo.on.ca/Training/Clinics>] , space is limited.

Municipal governments in Ontario are trying different ways to manage social media platforms. Join us for a deep dive into 3 different models of social media management - a larger municipality that is managing dozens of social media accounts, a mid-sized municipality experimenting with greater staff access to improve engagement, and a smaller, rural government that is managing social media with little staff and fewer resources. Register today [<http://www.amo.on.ca/Training/SocialMedia>] for this hour long webinar on April 18, 12 - 1 p.m.

So You Want to Run for Council? This updated for 2018 course will provide an overview of what you should know before you decide to run for municipal office and sign your candidacy. The course contains quotes from Ontario municipal councillors, links to relevant sites, materials, and Acts, participatory elements such as short quizzes, and a learning journal which can be printed at the end of the course. Register today [<https://municipaleducation.skillbuilder.co/catalog/10/1>] .

The wise use of energy in a community is a municipal responsibility. Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Planning is the key tool to achieving this goal. Join the CDM webinar April 30, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and hear municipal and government experiences on how to succeed in energy planning for your community. Register for this free webinar [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RxduwolqSXmokOXd8yLfvg] today.

Did you know LAS offers a number of energy related courses for municipalities? From online courses [<http://www.las.on.ca/Events/eLearning.aspx>] to customized hands-on workshops [<http://www.las.on.ca/Services/EnergyTraining.aspx>] with Stephen Dixon, we have something to suit your needs. Book now for your spring training! Contact Christian [<mailto:ctham@amo.on.ca?subject=Energy%20training%20>] for more information.

LAS Town Hall information sessions return this spring. Five sessions are being held across the province, with the first in Ingersoll on April 13th. Information about dates, locations and topics, as well as registration, are available on the LAS Town Hall web page [<http://las.on.ca/Events/TownHalls.aspx>] .

LAS

Government and BPS procurement regulations in Canada have changed. On July 1, 2017, the Canadian Free Trade Agreement came into effect. Join LAS on Tuesday, April 24 at 11:00 am to explore the ramifications on municipal procurement. Register today [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__v9WTdqyR9OF28odw8ZQ9w] for this FREE webinar.

Municipal Wire*

Lucan was named as a Top 4 Finalist for Kraft Hockeyville [<https://www.krafthockeyville.ca>] , the only Ontario community to be in this year's contest and they are looking for all of Ontario's support for votes! Voting opens Friday, March 30 at 12:00 PM. Voting will only be open until 8:30 p.m., Saturday March 31, so don't miss your chance to cast your vote!

Careers

Director of Legislative and Legal Services - Town of Lakeshore [<https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/About/Careers/LakeshoreDirLegalLegislativeServices20180418.aspx>] . Please visit the Town's website [<http://www.lakeshore.ca>] to view the full job description of this position. Qualified candidates must submit a resume

by 12 noon on April 18, 2018 by email to jobs@lakeshore.ca [<mailto:jobs@lakeshore.ca?subject=Director%20of%20Legislative%20and%20Legal%20Services%20job%20posting>] clearly indicating "Director of Legislative and Legal Services" in the subject line. Please note that preference may be given to individuals with municipal finance experience.

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March 23, 2018

To keep members informed, AMO provides updates on important issues considered at regular AMO Board of Directors meetings.

AMO President, Lynn Dollin provides a [video update](#) from AMO's March 23 Board Meeting, one week before Ontario's Budget is released.

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Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner is coming to Hamilton

May 11, 2018 – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Healthcare Centre
West 5th Campus
100 West 5th Street
Hamilton

[Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner \(IPC\)](#) is coming to Hamilton on May 11.

Commissioner [Brian Beamish](#) will headline an informative event at St. Joseph's Healthcare Centre, West 5th Campus that will focus on the emerging access and privacy issues facing the province's health and public sectors.

This free, special event is one of a series of public meetings held across the province by the IPC as part of its Reaching Out to Ontario (ROTO) outreach program to update Ontarians on access, privacy and personal health information matters.

ROTO Hamilton will feature a variety of discussion topics including:

- the burgeoning challenges of public surveillance
- protecting patient privacy
- recent developments in access to information
- mandatory breach reporting in the health sector
- the IPC's education and awareness plan related to the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act*

We hope you will be able to join us in Hamilton on May 11 and be a part of this very important discussion.

A full agenda will be posted [online](#) in the coming weeks.

Be sure to share the news about this event with your colleagues.

Registration

While there is no cost to attend this event, we kindly ask that you RSVP.

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March 26, 2018

Join Us for the Provincial Budget De-Brief Teleconference

Dear Members,

AMCTO staff will be attending the provincial budget lock-up this Wednesday in order to provide members with a summary of key policy and funding decisions put forward by the government. In an effort to provide additional value, staff are hosting a member-only teleconference whereby we will present the findings of the provincial budget and allow members to engage with us for a Q&A session.

The teleconference will be held on **Thursday March 29th, 2018 from Noon – 1pm**.

[To register, please complete our on-line form](#). Upon registering, you will be e-mailed dial-in instructions for Thursday's teleconference.

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Spring 2018 put-in-place construction forecasts for Canada



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Whereas construction 'starts' numbers are lump-sum figures entered at the time of groundbreaking, the 'put-in-place' data series are meant to mirror progress payments as projects proceed. The history in those previously mentioned Cansim Tables, however, currently stops at 2017. But there is another source for 2018 estimates – the non-residential Capital and Repair Expenditures (CARE) survey. [READ MORE](#)



What to expect on B.C. roads this Easter long weekend

Global News

Another long weekend approaches many British Columbians are planning another family road trip, but some are warning this could mean hectic roads and busy border crossings. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) says just last year more 80,000 vehicles and 160,000 travellers entered Canada through the five Lower Mainland border crossings over Good Friday and Easter Monday. [READ MORE](#)



Road conditions deteriorating as spring snowstorm arrives in Sask.

CBC News

Travel not recommended on several highways. A spring storm hammered Saskatchewan Friday, dumping snow, reducing visibility and making for treacherous roads. Some areas near Moose Jaw were facing up to 10 centimetres of snow. Weather advisories are also in place in Saskatoon, Regina and other communities. [READ MORE](#)



Hwy. 401 near Chatham reopens after downed hydro tower wire closed road

CBC News

A downed wire from a hydro tower that was lying across both sides of Highway 401 prompted the closure of the road in both directions near Chatham Monday morning. Westbound lanes of the highway between Communication and Bloomfield roads were opened first, then the eastbound lanes after crews made repairs. It took six hours to perform the work. [READ MORE](#)



Asphalt shingles used in roofing can be recycled for road paving

Press Herald

As we were thinking about making the annual trek around the house to assess how the roof held up over the winter (which the calendar does say should be over), we came across Martin Grohman's name. He's the Biddeford-based director of sustainability for one of the country's biggest roofing companies, and we wanted to know what that means. Read on to find out about the roots of his green life (his mother is pretty famous), what role recycled roof materials played in paving his driveway and what you can do to make your own roof a little greener. [READ MORE](#)



Alberta gives troubled Carillion Canada \$8.9M for highway maintenance

CBC News

The Alberta government will provide nearly \$9 million in temporary funding to help financially troubled Carillion Canada continue its highway maintenance operations and pay its employees. In a news release Wednesday, the province said it will make up to \$8.9 million available to the company, which is responsible for maintaining 43 per cent of the provincial highway network. The funding will help Carillion maintain its Alberta highway operations until April 30, the government said. [READ MORE](#)



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2018 Municipal Asphalt Paving Tonnage Survey



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The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) has been asked to participate in the Ontario Asphalt Pavement Council (OAPC) Partners in Quality Road Tour and deliver a presentation on Local Municipal Paving Forecasts. [READ MORE](#)

Thinking outside the bus: Innisfil tran - webinar



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thinking About Infrastructure 2018: Querying the Infrastructure Gap



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The infrastructure gap is in the news almost every day. It's a massive number that keeps on growing. How do we respond? Join The Conference Board of Canada on **April 25-26, 2018**, for [Thinking About Infrastructure 2018: Querying the Infrastructure Gap](#) in Ottawa and connect with leading professionals from public, private and academic sectors, in the areas of infrastructure planning and policy. Agenda can be found [here](#). Special rebate for **Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)** members: [Register online](#) with rebate Code **PRM14** and save \$400 off your registration. [READ MORE](#)

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Read about the Ombudsman's oversight of universities, the new policing law, career opportunities, and more in the Ombudsman's March newsletter.

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ACCOUNTABILITY ON CAMPUS

In this month's [University Affairs](#) magazine, read about how Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé works with universities to resolve issues and build positive relationships to promote accountability and transparency.

"I think that going forward, the strength of [our] relationships [in the university community] will allow us to add value and be an agent of positive change ... in the same way that we are in the broader public sector," said Ombudsman Dubé, pictured here at the Ontario University Registrars' Association annual conference in February.



The Ombudsman's Office has received more than 500 complaints since its oversight of universities came into effect in January 2016. Most complaints have been resolved quickly and efficiently, through referral to existing university complaint mechanisms or early resolution.

"Local problems are best served locally," the Ombudsman said, noting that a university ombudsperson's familiarity with the institution may lead to a quicker and more efficient resolution. "We'll explain to the complainant, 'Go through that process and if you remain dissatisfied at the end of that process, then we're here.'"

[Read the full article here](#)

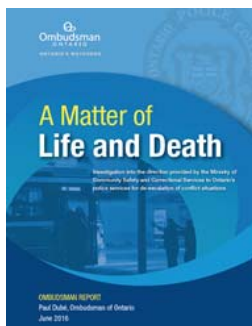
For more about our process for resolving university issues, [watch General Counsel Wendy Ray and Laura Pettigrew's recent presentation](#) at the Ontario University Registrars' Association conference in Toronto.



NEW POLICING LAW PASSED, DE-ESCALATION TRAINING ADDED

Ombudsman Paul Dubé's recent recommendations to improve police training and oversight were reflected in amendments to the province's new policing law, which was passed and received royal assent on March 8.

In his [submission to the committee reviewing Bill 175, the *Safer Ontario Act*](#), the Ombudsman warned that gaps in the bill could undermine strong civilian oversight of police. Most notably, the final version of the bill requires that police officers' training include "techniques to de-escalate conflict situations." This reflects a key recommendation in Mr. Dubé's 2016 report, "[A Matter of Life and Death](#)."



When the new law is proclaimed in force (a date for which has not yet been set), the Ombudsman will also be able to take complaints about all three provincial police oversight bodies. The law was also amended to ensure, as Mr. Dubé recommended, that the new Inspector General cannot be a former police officer, and that inspectors for the organization who are former police officers cannot investigate matters related to their former police services.

INVESTIGATION UPDATES

Our investigation continues into how the Ministry of Transportation communicates licence suspensions and reinstatements to drivers who were suspended for unpaid fines; watch this space for updates on when the report will be released later this year.

Fact-gathering in our investigation of a December incident at a Niagara regional council meeting (at which a journalist and a citizen blogger were asked to leave and their property seized) has wrapped up and the Ombudsman's report is being drafted. As in all our formal investigations, the council will be given a chance to review and respond to the Ombudsman's findings and recommendations before they are finalized and published.

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE



This month, Ombudsman staff gave presentations to groups around the province about the types of issues we resolve and what they can expect when dealing with our Office. In mid-March, legal staff met with clerks in both Sudbury and Lion's Head to answer their questions about our work with municipalities. Later in the month, one of our Early Resolutions Managers provided information to Settlement Officers at Toronto's COSTI Immigrant Services about how our office might be able to help people new to the province.

What else have we been doing lately? [Read the latest Message from the Ombudsman here.](#)

You may have also seen our legal team at university career fairs across Ontario, talking to law students about working with our Office. If you're smart, resourceful, and interested in making a real difference in the lives of people in Ontario, you should work here, too - [click here to learn about our current job openings.](#)



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GOING THE DISTANCE

The owner of a home for adults with mental health issues contacted the Ombudsman, frustrated that he couldn't get ODSP or Developmental Services Ontario to provide funding to take one of his residents to her cancer treatments. The resident wasn't capable of travelling to the treatments by herself, and it meant the owner had to pay staff to cover for him at the home while he drove her to and from medical appointments. [Read about how we helped.](#)

File a complaint or contact us here

The Ombudsman is an independent officer of the Ontario legislature who conducts oversight of provincial government agencies and municipalities, universities and school boards. Ombudsman Paul Dubé began his five-year term on April 1, 2016.

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To assist students with the 2018-2019 academic year at university, up to ten (10) children/dependents of municipal employees and Councilors entering a university engineering program will be selected from across the Province to receive a \$1,500 bursary.

For more information, please [click here](#) to view the application or visit <http://www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary/index.html>.

The deadline for applications is April 8, 2018.

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Dear Members,

Government and Broader Public Sector procurement regulations in Canada have changed. On July 1, 2017, the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) came into effect. How does this affect municipal procurement in Ontario? What is LAS doing to comply with the new agreement? How do LAS' processes affect municipalities participating in our programs and services?

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Thank you,

AMO Contact: Jeff Barten, Energy & Asset Services Manager, jbarten@amo.on.ca, 519-998-2557

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[Thinking Outside the Bus - Innisfil Tran](#)

*Tim Cane – Manager of Land Use, Planning; Town of Innisfil
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Innisfil wrestled for years with how to provide a sustainable transit system for a growing population. Traditional transit was simply too expensive and too limited to meet the needs of the community and contribute to the concept of placemaking in the Town.

After being inspired by a local resident trying to get to work, Town staff initiated the first stage of a demand based transit system. The “Door to Destination” 24/7 service was developed in partnership with Uber. Both the Town and Uber saw an opportunity to provide a more viable transit option that supported a collective vision of connecting communities. While this specific solution may not be the right fit for others, it does point to what is possible when a municipality is honest about its challenges and open-minded about potential solutions. Innisfil will share the background and insights of this

exciting project with the hope of encouraging other communities to 'think outside the bus'.

Tim Cane: Tim manages the Land Use Planning Department to facilitate development and establish land use policies in the Town. In Tim's previous life, he worked as a planning consultant in Canada and Australia acting on behalf of clients for a variety of commercial, industrial, residential and institutional projects. Tim enjoys family life with his wife and two young boys.

Adam Blinick: Adam Blinick is the Head of Public Affairs for Uber Canada. Prior to joining Uber, Adam held many senior roles in the Canadian government, including Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister of Public Safety, Director of Policy to the Minister of Transport, and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister. Adam holds a Masters in International Affairs from the George Washington University.

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