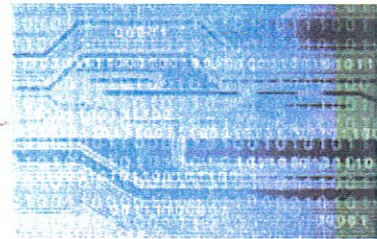
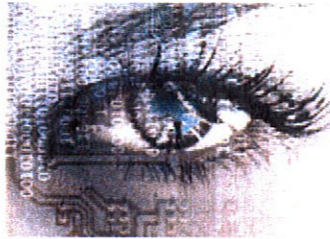


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Provincial Matters

AMO has recommended to the Legislative Committee considering the 2014 Budget Bill that they should complete a comprehensive review of the cumulative fiscal impacts of the budget and other decisions on rural and northern communities.

Government Bill, *Bill 6, Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2014* (would require municipalities to consider planning principles when making infrastructure decisions), two Private Member Bills, *Bill 3, Planning Amendment Act, 2014* (would enable councils to mandate a percentage of affordable housing units in new developments), and *Bill 25, Auditor General Amendment Act, 2014* (would allow the conduct of special audits on public bodies receiving financial assistance from the Crown), were introduced and received First Reading.

Federal Matters

Transport Canada is seeking comments on new railcar standards for flammable liquids. The new cars would handle such liquids as crude oil and ethanol. Recent improvements to DOT-111 were made earlier this year. Comments due by September 1, 2014.

Industry Canada's \$305 million Connecting Canadians program will connect 280,000 households in rural and remote regions across Canada to high-speed internet. If you would like to provide input on a community that could be eligible for project funding, visit the program's website.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? Then register today for the AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall. One of the largest municipal trade shows in Canada - this is one show you can not afford to miss. Download the exhibitor application today. With only 10 spots left, they will not last!

Looking for details on keynotes, concurrents, breakfasts and more? Visit us online today and get the information you seek on AMO's superior educational programming at the 2014 AMO Annual Conference. Haven't booked your hotel or travel? Discount details also on our site! Register today.

The Ontario PC Caucus looks forward to meeting with municipal representatives during the upcoming AMO conference. To arrange a delegation, please send a request to Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, at ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org or by fax at 416-325-1259.

The Ontario NDP Caucus looks forward to meeting with municipal representatives during the upcoming AMO conference. To arrange a delegation, please send a request to Jesse Calvert, Office of Andrea Horwath at calvertj@ndp.on.ca or by phone at 416-325-2257.

So you want to run for council? AMO presents an online course, offered through the Municipal Council Education Program (MCEP) site, that provides an overview of what you need to know before you decide to run for municipal office and what you should know to begin your candidacy.

LAS

Do rising natural gas rates concern your municipality? Know exactly what you'll pay for your natural gas commodity in the upcoming year. Discover how the LAS Natural Gas Procurement Program can do this and more!

Municipal Matters

The Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Return (FIR) and Municipal Performance Measure Program (MPMP) data free of charge for all Ontario municipalities. Watch a MIDAS training video to see what MIDAS can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

The City of London participated in FCM's Head Start program, an initiative to encourage women to actively participate in civic issues and politics. A documentary film will be released this fall that addresses the underrepresentation of women in political positions across municipal, provincial and federal governments. Watch and share the trailer with colleagues, friends, family and followers.

Career Opportunities

Asset Manager/GIS - Town of Penetanguishene. All applications must be clearly marked "Asset Manager/GIS private and confidential" and submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. noon on Friday August 1st, 2014.

Commissioner, Human Resources & Citizen Services - Region of Waterloo. To explore this opportunity further, please contact Margaret Vanwyck in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at margaret.vanwyck@odgersberndtson.ca or submit your resume and related information online.

General Manager, Housing - York Region. Location: Newmarket, Ontario. To explore this opportunity further, contact and/or email your résumé to: Patrick Rowan, Partner, Feldman Daxon Partners, Inc., 416.515.7600 ext. 254, prowan@feldmandaxon.com.

Director of Corporate Services-Treasurer - Town of Gravenhurst. Please apply no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2014 to the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst, Attention: Human Resources. Fax: 705.687.7016; email: HumanResources@gravenhurst.ca.

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