



## Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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### Local Government Week

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**This year Local Government Week takes place from October 20-26.**

Local Government Week aims to increase youth and public awareness about the important role local government plays in our communities.

Visit our partner, the [Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario \(AMCTO\)](#), for materials and more information about engaging young people in local government. AMCTO materials include activity ideas as well as a number of resources for teachers, school board trustees and municipalities for all grades and subject areas.

The week provides a range of opportunities particularly for grades 5 and 10 to educate students on the operation and importance of our civic institutions.

Some examples of what communities and schools can do to celebrate local government:

- Debate a school board trustee on a school issue
- Hold a Mayor for a Day student essay contest
- Host a mock council
- Tour your Town Hall
- Organize a "Lunch and Learn" on local government

While we celebrate Local Government Week from October 20-26 this year, we encourage schools and municipalities to participate in local government activities throughout the school year.

- [AMCTO Local Government Resource Guide:](#)
- [ServiceOntario, Publication #016076:](#)

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# Proclamation

## Local Government Week

*{Date ----}*

*Whereas*, The week of *{date s}*, will be celebrated in Ontario as *Local Government Week*, and

*Whereas*, the municipal order of government performs functions that significantly impact the day-to-day life of citizens throughout the world, and

*Whereas*, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), acknowledge and celebrate the significant role that municipal governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario;

Now, *Therefore*, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head of Council of

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the week of *{ insert dates }*, as

*Local Government Week* in the municipality of

\_\_\_\_\_ and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year

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Head of Council