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### Guest Column \*

At today's CRST Symposium, MEPCO held a special session to explore what OMERS is doing to make sure that the Plan is healthy and sustainable for municipal employers and employees.

### Provincial Matters

A discussion paper on Strengthening Ontario's Trails Strategy has been posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry. Please provide your comments by Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

New soil matching registry and website is now available to assist municipalities who are receiving or sending commercial fill.

### Federal Matters

Construction signage is required for Gas Tax projects, particularly ones that have visible construction activity lasting several weeks. Please notify [gastax@amo.on.ca](mailto:gastax@amo.on.ca) when signage has been installed. More information is available on our website.

The Department of Justice Canada is accepting proposals under the Youth Justice Fund, Guns, Gangs and Drugs component for new project proposals to respond to youth involved in the justice system and involved in, or vulnerable to, gun, gang and drug activities. Municipal governments are eligible.

### Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Mark your calendar and register today for the 2013 Connections Energy Symposium - December 6, 2013. There was significant change this year to "business-as-usual" as the public sector complied with the long-awaited requirements under the Green Energy Act. The Symposium asks the question of expert speakers "so now what?"

Municipal communicators must be able to share information, give clear instructions and sell ideas. Messages should be easy to understand and easy to remember. AMO presents Media and Social Media workshops this fall and winter. A must not miss workshop for those looking to communicate clear messages to the media. Register today.

The Ontario West Municipal Conference theme of "Strengthening Relationships" focuses on leading

financial practices, development tools, municipal fire services, neighbourhood action strategies and more. Join the dialogue on November 15th at the London Convention Centre. Don't delay - register today.

### **LAS**

Join the dozen municipalities moving forward with [LED Streetlight Upgrades](#) or the 100+ obtaining free help from our [EESPs](#) on numerous other energy projects.

### **The Municipal Wire\***

Citizen engagement is an important part of inclusive decision-making. The [Dazzling Notice Awards](#) recognize municipalities that have made a substantial effort to inform the public about opportunities for citizen participation and have actively encouraged residents to get involved. The deadline for [2013 nominations](#) is November 1st!

The [Town of Greater Napanee resolution](#) advises the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Environment that the Town is not a "willing host" for Industrial Wind Turbines (IWTs).

### **Careers**

[Athletic Program Lead - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board \(SMCDSB\)](#). Effective Date: As soon as possible to June 30, 2014, with possible extension. Applications must be received through [Apply to Education \(ATE\)](#) by 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2013.

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