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Guest Column*

Ontario's universities have [released a new report](#) identifying key challenges for Ontario that need to be addressed by bold thinking and partnerships.

Provincial Matters

Ministry of Transportation has launched a new, five year, Community Transportation Grant Program, Municipal Stream. The [Municipal Stream](#) of the program invites municipalities across the province to deliver local and long distance inter-community transportation projects in underserved and unserved communities across the province. A total of up to \$30 million over five years is available to municipalities, who can apply for grants through [Grants Ontario](#).

Eye on Events

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. This half-day workshop on January 20, 2018 (pre ROMA Conference), walks participants through a checklist of things to do, timing and considerations. Space is limited, [register today](#).

Guest room reservations will open on January 17, 2018 at 10:00 am for the 2018 AMO AGM and Annual Conference. Please take a moment to [review the details of the policy](#) as changes have been made over previous years that impact both the deposit and cancellation policies.

Is making your municipality fully paperless a priority? Are you exploring opportunities for savings in storage and process redesign? Do you want a service that manages risk and enhances the security of your documents? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then AMO has a solution that might help you. Join us on Thursday, December 7 for a free webinar where we will be unveiling a new digital service available to our members. [Register today](#).

LAS

LAS holiday closure - [One Investment HISA](#) Investor's, please note the last day to request HISA deposit or redemption transactions prior to year-end is December 21st, 2017. HISA staff will be back in the office on January 3, 2018.

LAS and StreetScan are meeting with municipalities to plan for the 2018 roads season. Contact [Tanner](#) to learn how the [LAS Roads Assessment](#) program can help you make smart, objective decisions about your roads and sidewalk maintenance.

Natural Gas prices can change up to four times a year. Discover how the LAS Natural Gas Program provides [stable and predictable pricing for 365 days](#) and how this can make your budgeting process a

little easier and less confusing.

Municipal Wire*

The Town of West Lincoln resolution requests that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs immediately commence sending inspectors out to the field to adjudicate all incidents of Livestock Loss OR rely on the municipally appointed Livestock Evaluators for accurate accounting of incidence loss.

Careers

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Town of Parry Sound. Terms of Application Submission: Please submit by email only, a cover letter and your resume, with full details of your education, training and experience, by 4 PM on Thursday, December 14, 2017 to: Rebecca Johnson, HR Coordinator, Town of Parry Sound; rjohnson@townofparrysound.com.

Planning/Economic Development Co-ordinator - Township of Brock. Contract Position to December 31, 2018. Applicants are invited to submit a covering letter and resume addressing how the qualifications are met, marked confidential, by no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2018 to: Thomas G. Gettinby, CAO/Municipal Clerk at brock@townshipofbrock.ca.

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