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Provincial Matters

The government is using over \$320,000 in penalties collected from spill violations to fund 10 projects through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#). Municipalities are eligible for funding if the penalty occurred within one of the [13 affected communities](#).

The [Progressive Conservative](#) and [New Democratic Party](#) caucuses have named several new portfolio critics. Of interest to municipalities: Jim McDonnell becomes PC critic for municipal affairs and housing, Vic Fedeli becomes PC critic for finance and Percy Hatfield becomes NDP critic for infrastructure.

The Minister of Education is consulting Ontarians on a new Education Vision for the province. To learn more about the vision, to make an online submission or to hold a community consultation in your area please visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) for further details.

Feedback to the OPA on [Draft Rules for Municipal Hydroelectric Projects](#) (500kW) will be accepted until October 11th. A webinar with an overview of the Municipal Stream will be held on October 8th.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

AMO's [Media & Social Media](#) training provides elected officials and staff the tools to communicate complex information in plain language, craft and deliver messages that stick, handle difficult conversations and navigate the world of social media. Don't miss out! Space still available in Kingston, Toronto and London.

[Meetings to Meet Your Needs](#) sessions are coming up in October. Chairing and participating in meetings effectively places challenges and opportunities in front of you. Prepare yourself for successful meetings with this workshop. These two sessions are first-come-first-served and almost sold out. Space is limited, register today for Stratford and Belleville sessions.

AMO's [Counties, Regions & Single Tier Symposium](#) will examine the changes and their impacts on housing, immigration, childcare modernization, social assistance, emergency communications and more. Find out what's "On the Horizon" at the 2013 CRST Symposium October 24 & 25 in Oshawa.

The [Ontario West Municipal Conference](#) returns to London on Friday November 15th. Look for details

on concurrent sessions, plenary programming and more and register today!

Municipalities are urged to register for a special no-cost session on OMERS prior to AMO's CRST Symposium. A pension expert will outline the stark realities of OMERS sustainability and ask "What Does Tomorrow Demand from us Today?"

The Municipal Wire*

Ontario Backflow Prevention Association 11th Annual Conference & Workshop. Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, Concord. Learn about Changes to the OBC Sect. 7, updates on the Surveyors course, challenges of fire systems. Special presentation by Bruce Davidson with the Concerned Walkerton Citizens. Visit the OBPA website for further details.

Careers

Clerk - Town of Orangeville. Qualified candidates are invited to submit their applications, in confidence, to the attention of Ms. Jennifer Gohn, Human Resources Manager, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2013.

Director of Public Works - Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. Resumes of qualified applicants will be received in confidence until October 18th, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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