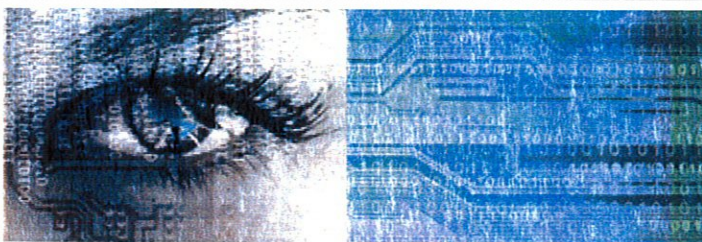


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AMO Matters

Ontario's Ombudsman has released his annual report on closed meetings and called for oversight of the "MUSH" sector. [AMO explains](#) why municipalities must demonstrate, on their own, that they can be trusted.

Provincial Matters

The [Community Conservation Awards](#) are presented to small, medium, and large communities that demonstrates strong achievement in: Conservation leadership; Innovation and market transformation; and/or Corporate/internal and community engagement.

Government [Bill 141, Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2013](#) (would establish mechanisms to encourage evidence based and strategic infrastructure planning) and Private Member [Bill 148, Spirits of Competition Act, 2013](#) (would amend [Liquor Licence Act](#) with respect to sale of liquor by manufacturers) and [Bill 150, Liquor Licensing Statute Law Amendment Act, 2013](#) (would amend [City of Toronto Act](#) and more general liquor licensing legislation regarding licensing establishments) were introduced and received First Reading.

The [ECB Program](#) funds diverse education and capacity-building initiatives to facilitate knowledge and participation in renewable energy. Application deadline is February 10, 2014, at 12 noon. For more information, contact staff at 1-888-471-2377 or email ecb@powerauthority.on.ca.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Nine hotels in London will release guest rooms for reservations, at the AMO Conference rate, on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. As in previous years, a non-refundable cancellation fee is being implemented at the hotels for reservations in order to deter the practice of overbooking guest rooms. For information on the hotels and how to book please review the [full guest room booking policy](#).

The Municipal Wire*

The Ontario Municipal Social Service Association (OMSSA) has developed two resources to help the public sector make their public engagement accessible. Guides on accessible meetings and public engagement are found on the [OMSSA website](#).

The [City of Stratford resolution](#) petitions the provincial and federal governments to implement province-wide standard rules to restrict the keeping of exotic animals.

Career/Employment Opportunities

[Director of Strategic and Enterprise Services - City of Brampton](#). Please apply directly to: Rob O'Brien

or Matt Morgan, Davies Park Executive Search. Tel: 416.238.5622; Email: Toronto@daviespark.com. Additional information available [here](#).

Clerk/Manager of Council Services, Deputy Clerk/Licensing Coordinator - Norfolk County. For more information please visit the Norfolk County website. Applications for both positions must be received by 4:30 p.m. Monday, December 16, 2013.

Policy Intern - AMO. Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. The Internship is a temporary position of up to 17 weeks. Please apply in confidence to: hr@amo.on.ca by January 31, 2014.

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