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AMO COVID-19 Resources

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

Over the last few weeks, AMO has been hosting webinars to support members in communications during COVID-19, and guidance for council meetings with electronic attendance. These are now available on AMO's [COVID-19 Resources page](#) under the

AMO Podcasts and Webinars tab.

AMO Matters

Municipal Act and the *City of Toronto Act* amendments now permit councils, council committees, and local boards to meet virtually during a municipal or provincial emergency. [Learn how AMO's digital meeting management partner, eSCRIBE](#), can help your municipality implement electronic meetings so that elected officials and staff can meet virtually and interact through the platform.

If your municipality has an innovative approach to service delivery and partnerships that have improved capital and/or operating efficiency, submit your [Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award entry](#) by May 1 for committee review.

[Register today](#) for an AMO Webinar Update on the Blue Box Program, Wednesday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. For more information, contact [Amber Crawford](#).

As COVID-19 impacts ways of working, Notarius' electronic signatures are helping municipalities ensure business continuity and work remotely efficiently. AMO members can try the [Business 5 version](#) of their e-signature platform ConsignO Cloud free for 60 days. This includes 5 users, unlimited signature projects and signers. Contact [Marc St-Jacques](#) for details.

Provincial Matters

The consultation period for MNRF's Regulatory Proposal entitled *Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 244/97 and the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards under the Aggregate Resources Act* on the [Environmental Registry](#), number 019-1303, has been extended from March 30 to **May 15, 2020**.

Eye on Events

AMO monitors all COVID-19 developments and will advise members of changes to the Annual Conference as they emerge. Please contact [Poonam Ruparelia](#) with questions. Visit the AMO [website](#) for updates, details and registration information.

Recognizing how quickly things are changing in the environment of COVID-19, and in appreciation of our valued exhibitors, AMO is extending the exhibitor cancellation deadline. We are committed to taking every step necessary to ensure the health and safety of those attending our conference. Exhibitor information can be [found here](#).

The OSUM Executive is pleased to announce that the this year's OSUM Conference has been moved to 2021 and will be held in Brant County. OSUM 2020 - *Springtime in Paris* - was cancelled due to COVID-19. Refunds for this year's event are being processed. Contact events@amo.on.ca.

ONE Investment

Access our [brand new website](#) with the latest information! HISA Rate Update: The Bank of Canada has made a third emergency interest rate cut in response to COVID-19 hit on the economy that has reduced the Bank Prime Rate to 2.45%. New effective rate for [HISA](#) is 0.915% (based on Bank Prime Rate less 1.535%) as of March 30,

2020.

LAS

Did you know that since 2015, LAS has helped municipalities to save over **\$300,000** in energy/maintenance cost savings? Take advantage of our turn-key [Facility Lighting Service](#) to upgrade your old light fixtures to LED. Contact [Christian Tham](#) today for a free proposal.

Energy treasure hunts are just one of the favorite things about our custom [Energy Training Workshops](#). And all workshops qualify for up to 75% SaveONenergy incentives. Don't wait - book your 2020 workshop with LAS and Stephen Dixon today. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more details.

Spring is here! Pollinators are the hidden heroes who keep our gardens green and our grocery store full. Check out the [LAS Blog](#) to learn more about pollinators, and find out how your municipality can be a welcoming host to these tiny superheroes.

Webinar April 8 @ 10am - The [Capital Purchasing](#) offering through our [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) uses Sourcewell for products - from tractors and fire trucks to rentals and facility equipment. Join us to learn more about Sourcewell, their processes and how this offering works. [Register here](#).

Webinar April 22 @ 10am –The [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) started in Alberta and has been adopted for municipalities by their Associations nationwide. Join LAS and RMA for a deep dive on the procurement and set up of a wide range of offerings in this program. [Register here](#).

Careers

[Director of Information Technology Services - City of Brantford](#). Job ID# 1036. Reports to: General Manager, Corporate Services/City Treasurer. To apply online, please visit [City of Brantford Careers](#) and click on Current Opportunities. Closing date for applications: Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

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