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In the News

- P.J. Marshall Award for Innovation - deadline Friday, May 3rd.
- Three Private Member bills introduced that impact municipalities.
- Best practices for Zoo and Aquarium By-laws.
- Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5-11) to focus on seniors.
- The International Joint Commission recommends governments restore lake water levels.
- LAS helps you lower your group benefits costs.
- Save on your personal home/auto insurance with LAS.
- Growing Good Food Ideas.
- Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference May 30th to June 1st.
- Career opportunities with Vaughan, District of Muskoka, Niagara Region and Waterloo Region.

AMO Matters

Don't delay, submit your project that demonstrates excellence in the use of innovative approaches to improve capital and/or operating efficiency and generates effectiveness through alternative service delivery initiatives and partnerships. Submit your application by May 3rd for the P.J. Marshall Award for Innovation.

Provincial Matters

Three Private Member Bills, including *Bill 62, Defending Employees' Rights Act* (Certification of Trade Unions), 2013; *Bill 63 Labour Relations Amendment Act* (Ontario Labour Relations Board), 2013 ; and *Bill 64, Defending Employees' Rights Act* (Collective Bargaining and Financial Disclosure by Trade Unions), 2013 were introduced and received First Reading.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is interested in developing best practice examples of municipalities that license or have bylaws pertaining to zoos, aquariums or any other exhibits of animals. Contact Mike Zimmerman for more information.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) is focusing this year's Emergency Preparedness week (May 5-11) on reaching seniors and teaching them about the importance of emergency preparedness. Information for long-term care homes is also being made available on the EMO website.

Federal Matters

The International Joint Commission (IJC) has recommended that the governments of Canada and the United States investigate options that would help restore water levels in Lakes Michigan and Huron.

LAS

Continue to be frustrated by ever-rising group benefit costs? LAS' Group Benefits Consortium Program offers average savings of 12% at time of enrollment and very competitive renewal rates. Members also have full flexibility related to plan design to accommodate any collective agreement requirements. Request a no-obligation quote from LAS today to see what you can save.

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and auto insurance discounts. Contact the [Cowan Insurance Group](#) for a no-obligation quote.

Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network

Sustain Ontario, a partner in the OMKN Municipal Local Food Practices project, has released a second round of [Growing Good Food Ideas videos](#) to demonstrate innovative approaches to more resilient local food systems.

Municipal Wire

The Ontario Association of Police Services Boards Spring Conference is being held May 30th to June 1st, 2013 at the Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre in Toronto. More details available at [OAPSB](#).

Careers

[Manager of Special Projects - City of Vaughan](#). Please forward your resume in MSWord or PDF only, quoting File #13-1345-SN in the subject line by May 8, 2013 to Human Resources Department, City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1, Fax 905-832-8575 or email: resume@vaughan.ca.

[Chief Administrative Officer - District of Muskoka](#). To explore this opportunity further, please contact Julia Roberts in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at 416-366-1990 or apply by submitting your resume [online](#) by May 30, 2013.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Niagara Region](#). To explore this opportunity further, please contact Julia Roberts in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at 416-366-1990 or apply by submitting your resume [online](#) by May 29, 2013.

[Director/Chief of EMS - Region of Waterloo](#). To explore this opportunity further, please contact Trevor Smith in Odgers Berndtson's Toronto office at trevor.smith@odgersberndtson.ca or apply by submitting your resume [online](#).

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