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Provincial Matters

Current intake for the Rural Economic Development (RED) program closes on December 1, 2017. Prior to developing your [application](#), read the [program guidelines](#) to understand if your project is eligible. If you have questions or want your application reviewed before submitting, call 1-877-424-1300. The next intake will open on July 30, 2018.

The government is [accepting applications](#) from organizations, including municipal governments, interested in opening new Seniors Active Living Centres. The program is cost shared between the province and municipal governments. Deadline for applications is December 21, however applications will be accepted on a continuous basis for future years.

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](#).

Keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon's keynote address "Building Resilience in a Turbulent World: Choices and Pathway for Southern Ontario" will kick start a full day of educational programming at the 2017 Ontario West Municipal Conference. [Check out the full program and register today!](#)

[ROMA Speaks Conference 2018](#) updated [program available](#) - designed specifically for municipally elected officials and municipal staff working in rural communities in Ontario.

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

Procurement practices are as wide and varied as the municipalities that follow them. A number of internal and external factors can affect purchasing decisions, but is one way really better than another? Discover the [differences in two procurement practices](#) at opposite ends of the spectrum, as we explore capital and life cycle costing.

Careers

[Policy Intern](#) - AMO. Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in confidence to: hr@amo.on.ca by Friday, January 19, 2018 at 12 noon.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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