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Provincial Matters

The deadline for written submissions relating to *Bill 73, Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015* has been moved to Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 Species at Risk Research Fund for Ontario (SARRFO). The SARRFO supports the protection and recovery of species at risk by funding scientific research that addresses key threats. For more information, please contact Kim Jaxa-Debicki at 705-755-5506 or SAR.stewardship@ontario.ca.

The Attorney General's Victim Services Awards of Distinction nomination package, including a nomination form and frequently asked questions about the program, is available on the [ministry website](#). For further information on how to submit a nomination, please contact [Laura Ostler](#).

Waste Diversion Ontario approved an Industry Stewardship Plan to manage pesticide, solvent and fertilizer waste, possibly as soon as January 1, 2016. Like the Paints and Coatings ISP, Product Care (PCA) will take on this responsibility. A transition team will be working with PCA to ensure municipal concerns are addressed.

AMO/LAS Events

Only two weeks left to register for the Ontario West Municipal Conference (OWMC). Keynote presentations by Mike Harcourt, former Premier of British Columbia and Laura Pettigrew, Senior Counsel, Office of the Ombudsman bookend two sets of concurrent sessions with topics such as climate change, Bill 73, Public Sector Accountability and Transparency and more. Complete details on the conference including registration are available [online](#).

Municipal Wire*

The Township of Blandford-Blenheim resolution requests that action be taken to curtail the presence of stray electrical current throughout the Province of Ontario.

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