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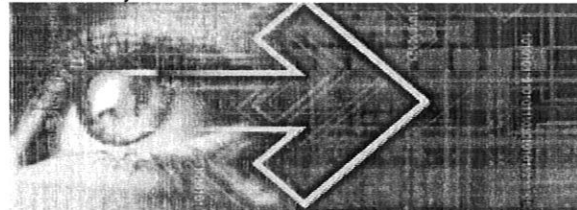
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Watch File



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In This Issue

- Changes to the list of municipal officials authorized to take affidavits.
- Ontario Government seeking comments on draft Cycling Strategy.
- Reminder – municipal responsibilities under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.
- Important please read - 2013 AMO Conference Hotel Guestroom Booking Policy.
- Save on your personal home/auto insurance with LAS.
- LAS helps you lower your group benefits costs.
- Career opportunities with AMO, Niagara Region and City of Guelph.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of the Attorney General has recently made changes to the list of municipal officials who are authorized to take affidavits by virtue of office. A commissioner for taking affidavits may take affidavits and administer other legal oaths, affirmations or declarations. The attachments [detail these changes](#).

Ontario's draft [Cycling Strategy](#), open for comments until January 29th, 2013, outlines measures aimed at improving cycling safety. Cycling infrastructure is eligible under the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy.

On January 1, 2013, section 19 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* will come into force. Section 19 extends legal responsibility to the people with decision making authority over municipal drinking water systems, including municipal councillors. A [guide](#) that outlines these legal responsibilities has been developed for municipal councils.

AMO/LAS Events

The Westin Ottawa Hotel (the official AMO AGM/Conference hotel) will release guest rooms at the AMO Conference rate for reservations on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. As in previous years, a non-refundable cancellation fee is being implemented at the hotel for reservations in order to deter the practice of overbooking guest rooms. For information on how to book at the Westin Ottawa please review the full [guestroom booking policy](#).

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Career Opportunities

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 February 1, 2013.

Director, Children's Services - Niagara Region. To explore this opportunity and [apply online](#) and click on the 'Careers' link. Job Opening ID: 9525. Closing date: December 26, 2012.

Waste Management Policy Analyst - City of Guelph. Candidates are invited to apply via our online application system by Wednesday, January 2, 2013. For more information and to access this online posting, visit [employment opportunities](#) current openings.

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