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- Compare data and implement best practices using MIDAS.

Guest Column*

Online accommodations services, such as AirBnB, may be vanguards of the shared economy. But their unregulated nature poses a risk to municipalities in terms of public safety and legal liability.

Federal Matters

Saving your federal Gas Tax Funds for a future project? We can help you earn some income on the funds until then – check out how here.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Looking for details on the program for the 2015 AMO Conference? Want to know who is speaking on the main stage? Need to plan your day? Program details are available on our Conference site now. Visit often as we release further details – and take a moment to register today!

Join fellow Heads of Council at AMO's Heads of Council Training on Sunday, August 16 in Niagara Falls. Get the information you need to be an effective Head of Council. Learn what skills you need to utilize, the tools you need to lead, manage and collaborate and more. Don't miss out, and reserve your space today!

Only 30 spaces remain for you to get the attention of the valuable Ontario municipal market and stand out from your competition. With signage, giveaways, booth space and more, you can stay top of mind with municipal leaders and decision makers at the AMO Conference. Start your exhibitor application today.

LAS

Understanding key risk management issues and best practices can help your municipality address a key cause of rising insurance costs. Through an education

partnership with LAS, Frank Cowan Company invites elected officials to take part in up to three FREE webinars about municipal risk.

Ontario municipalities saved an average of 13% when they switched to the LAS Group Benefits Program. Discover the benefits of aggregated buying power. Get your free, no obligation quote today!

Municipal Matters*

The Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS) is a web-based tool that provides access to over a decade of FIR data free of charge to all Ontario municipalities. Watch a MIDAS training video to see what MIDAS can do for you. To get access, email midasadmin@amo.on.ca.

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](https://twitter.com/AMOPolicy) on Twitter!

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