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Federal Matters

Ontario communities and municipal leaders are concerned about the recent Greyhound Bus announcement cancelling inter-municipal bus services. Its action is not just about Western Ontario as it affects Northern Ontario too. AMO President Dollin has asked the Prime Minister and Minister Garneau to recognize and include Ontario municipalities in federal work underway to find solutions. AMO has offered to facilitate federal discussions with key Ontario municipal leaders soon, including NOMA and FONOM.

Despite commitments made in 2014, once again the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science & Economic Development is consulting on the 3500 MHz spectrum band, the key band used to deliver Internet service to rural Canadians. The options proposed could take away 3500 MHz spectrum from smaller providers, including their existing customers, in order to make it available for mobile use, primarily in Canada's densely populated areas. We ask that changes be made without impacting services for existing customers. Comments are requested prior to mid August.

Eye on Events

2019 ROMA Annual Conference registration is now open - early bird registration available until September 25, 2018.

Facebook remains the dominant social media platform globally, but the channel itself is evolving and changing – will it impact your use of the channel? Join us September 12 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for a webinar that will help you understand how to leverage the platform to effectively engage your community, create compelling content, and measure your impact. Click here to register today.

Unfortunately, social media is not always used for good. Municipal staff and elected officials are regularly challenged by angry Facebook groups, harmful posts, and online ranting that often doesn't go away easily. On October 10, AMO hosts a webinar that will help you move away from the emotion of the moment and make wise decisions to respond (or not) in a way that is helpful, not harmful. Drawing from true examples, you'll get practical advice to maintain a positive reputation and come out ahead. Click here to register today.

Andrea Horwath, Leader of The Official Opposition looks forward to meeting with municipal representatives during the 2018 AMO Conference. To arrange a delegation, please send a request to Ryan Gurcharn, Office of Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition, including preferred timing and topics.

LAS

Splash pads are a fun aquatic addition to any neighbourhood park and a great way to beat the heat. However, they are not maintenance free. Learn about best practices related to splash pads and how regular inspections and other precautions can minimize illness and injury while cooling off.

Utility costs can be controlled. LAS's Energy Efficient Building Operations workshops equip staff to identify money saving opportunities. Workshops include demonstrations, give-aways, and hands-on learning about the topics that matter most to you. Contact us today to set up a customized workshop at your location - now booking for Fall 2018.

Careers

Manager of Capital Rehabilitation & Technical Operations - City of Hamilton. Reports to: Director of Roads & Traffic, Public Works Department. If you are interested in working alongside a dedicated team that's contributing to the well-being of Hamilton's residents, please visit Hamilton's Jobs at the City (JOB ID #14200) for more details on this position and to apply online by Wednesday, July 25, 2018.

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