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Guest Column *

In recognition of Local Government Week, AMO asked two of Ontario's most successful municipal leaders, and the youngest, to weigh-in on what tomorrow's mayors and councillors should know before they run for office.

Provincial Matters

The ESA has announced increases averaging 3% on electrical inspection and other services. The updated fee guide will be available on the ESA website toward the end of 2013.

The plan will provide up to \$400 million over five years for Ontario's horse racing industry. Funding will support activities and programs such as branding, marketing and animal welfare. Racetracks will be required to provide business cases to receive funding.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Municipalities are urged to register for a special no-cost session on OMERS prior to AMO's CRST Symposium. A pension expert will outline the stark realities of OMERS sustainability and ask "What Does Tomorrow Demand from us Today?"

The 2013 AMO CRST Symposium program will examine successes and lessons learned from Ontario and around the world on topics of importance to you. Emergency Management, Adaptable Housing, Pan Am Games and other sporting legacies are some of the topics that will be discussed. The discussion starts October 24, 2013 in Oshawa - are you registered?

Mark your calendar and register today for the 2013 Connections Energy Symposium - December 6, 2013. There was significant change this year to 'business-as-usual' as the public sector complied with the long-awaited requirements under the Green Energy Act. The Symposium asks the question of expert speakers "so now what?"

Municipal communicators must be able to share information, give clear instructions and sell ideas. Messages should be easy to understand and easy to remember. AMO presents Media and Social Media workshops this Fall and Winter. A must not miss workshop for those looking to communicate clear messages to the media. Register today.

The Ontario West Municipal Conference theme of "Strengthening Relationships" focuses on leading financial practices; development tools; municipal fire services, neighbourhood action strategies and

more. Join the dialogue on November 15th at the London Convention Centre. Don't delay - register today.

LAS

Leverage the buying power of all Ontario municipal staff and elected officials to achieve sizeable home and auto insurance discounts. Contact the [Cowan Insurance Group](#) for a no-obligation quote.

The Municipal Wire*

The November 4th [Low Impact Development \(LID\) workshop](#) will help you understand your risks and liability, define your level of service for stormwater management and gain tools to help you develop risk management strategies.

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