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### AMO Matters

The Used Tires program in Ontario is changing which will affect most municipalities. Join our [Free Webinar](#) on September 25 to learn more.

### Provincial Matters

Cybersecurity Alert: Three municipal governments in Ontario were recently the targets of ransomware attacks. Attached are bulletins from the [RCMP](#) and the [OPP](#) which offer tips on avoiding cybercrime.

Join the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility on September 26 for a [free webinar](#) featuring 2 accessibility champions who go above and beyond Ontario's accessibility laws to make communities more inclusive. Brent Kittmer, CAO/Clerk, Town of St. Marys, will discuss the experience of reconstructing their main street within a heritage conservation district while also integrating accessibility upgrades. Luke Anderson, Executive Director and founder of The Stopgap Foundation, will talk about the StopGap program to improve access by creating one-step ramps that are used in communities across Ontario.

### Eye on Events

The [2019 ROMA Conference](#) will once again deliver a strong program aimed directly at rural municipalities. [Register today!](#)

The demanding arena for elected officials requires knowledge and skills and a way to keep current. AMO is here to help! For the new council term ahead, AMO is pleased to offer 3 in-person training sessions: [Municipal Leadership Essentials](#) (November, 2018); [As a Member of Council What You Need to Know](#) (February/March, 2019) and [Land Use Planning: Beyond the Basics](#) (February/March, 2019). Learn more about the training program and register today! Don't forget to check out our bundle and save discounts.

Mark your calendars the 2019 AMO AGM and Annual Conference will be held at the Shaw Convention Centre and Westin Hotel in Ottawa from August 18 to 21, 2019. Guest room bookings at the AMO hotels will open on **Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 at 10:00 am** – details on the booking policy can be [found here](#).

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](#).

The [Investment Basics & Beyond](#) workshops are just around the corner. Join members of ONE Investment in Timmins, Exeter or Smiths Falls for a full day session covering the basics of municipal investing and applications of the new Prudent Investor Standard. [Register today](#) or download the [registration form](#).

### **LAS**

The ONE HISA is completely liquid with no fees. With a minimum deposit of \$5,000 you can [capitalize your municipalities' monies](#) in an investment product with a guaranteed return.

Aging can affect one's ability to perform home maintenance tasks. Home warranty companies provide home services that can address several important aspects of safely aging in place. The [LAS Sewer and Water Warranty Service](#) is one such service that can help older adults remain independent in their homes longer.

### **Municipal Wire\***

During every election cycle, the [CNIB Foundation](#) receives requests from municipalities across Ontario asking how they can be more accessible in conducting their election. As a result, CNIB has developed an [Accessible Election Guide for Municipalities](#) with resources to make the voting experience accessible for voters who are blind, partially sighted or deafblind.

Are you currently reporting on community vitality and mobilizing community action? ROI is [looking to work with municipalities](#) that are willing to document and share their successes and failures to a broader audience.

### **Careers**

[Executive Director - Ontario Municipal Social Services Association \(OMSSA\)](#). This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic, driven and people focused non-profit industry executive to lead the next step and path for a well-established association. All responses should be made to Elisa McFarlane at [emcfarlane@omssa.com](mailto:emcfarlane@omssa.com) by the posting deadline of October 5, 2018.

[Manager of Public Works - Township of Hamilton](#). A complete job description is available on the [Township website](#). Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume no later than 12 noon on October 10, 2018 to: Attention: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1060, 8285 Majestic Hills Drive, Cobourg, ON, K9A 4W5; Fax: 905.342.2818; Email: [hr@hamiltontownship.ca](mailto:hr@hamiltontownship.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](#) on Twitter!

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