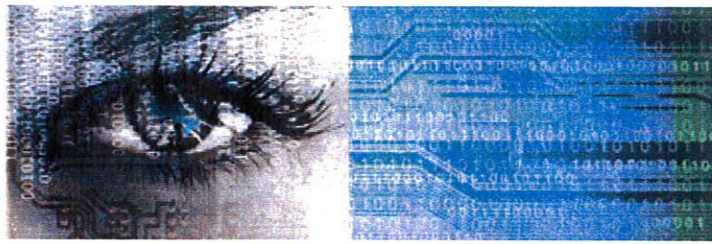


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### AMO Matters

AMO's Economic Development Task Force met on November 27, 2013 and received presentations from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the National Research Council, Share the Road Cycling Coalition and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

### Provincial Matters

AMO is partnering on a social media campaign to urge MPPs to move forward on Bill 91. The bill aims to increase industry funding for Blue Box and spur innovation in recyclable packaging. Help spread the word by sharing this ad on your municipal social media accounts.

Government Bill 143, Child Care Modernization Act, 2013 (would establish a new quality, accessible child care system and provide for oversight) and Private Member Bill 144, Planning Amendment Act, 2013 (extends timelines for specific OMB appeals and Committee of Adjustment hearings), were introduced December 3 and received First Reading.

Applications are open for the Investment Ready: Certified Site Program through the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment. The program offers financial and international marketing support to private or public property owners located in industrial zoned areas. The inaugural round to accept pre-screening applications closes on January 31, 2014.

### Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Nine hotels in London will release guest rooms at the AMO Conference rate for reservations on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. As in previous years, a non-refundable cancellation fee is being implemented at the hotels for reservations in order to deter the practice of overbooking guest rooms. For information on the hotels and how to book please review the full guest room booking policy.

### LAS

Continue to be frustrated by rising group benefit costs? LAS' Group Benefits Consortium Program offers average savings of 12% at time of enrollment and very competitive renewal rates. The program is designed for small and medium-sized municipalities and members have full flexibility related to their plan design. Request a no-obligation quote to see what you can save.

### The Municipal Wire\*

Municipalities in Ontario can now easily access three new free tools designed to help battle the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), raise awareness, and aid in the development or review of sound EAB management strategies.

"[Advancing Community Energy Planning in Ontario: A Primer](#)", a new 'how-to' guide for communities that want to create a Community Energy Plan in their community. Find more resources on the [QUEST website](#).

#### Careers

[Program Analysts - Ontario Public Service](#). Four temporary (up to 12 months with possible extension). Location: Toronto. Please [apply online](#), by December 16, 2013, entering Job ID 58505 in the Job ID search field.

[Licenced Electrician - City of Elliot Lake](#). Deadline for submissions: December 18, 2013. Please send your resume to Human Resources Department, City of Elliot Lake, 45 Hillside Drive North, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 1X5. Fax: 705.461.7269 Email: [personnel@city.elliottlake.on.ca](mailto:personnel@city.elliottlake.on.ca).

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. The Internship is a temporary position of up to 17 weeks. Please apply in confidence to: [hr@amo.on.ca](mailto:hr@amo.on.ca) by January 31, 2014.

[Director of Planning and Development - Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands](#). Resumes of applicants will be received until January 3, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. by Milena Avramovic, CAO, Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands. Fax: 613.659.3619; Email: [mavramovic@townshipleeds.on.ca](mailto:mavramovic@townshipleeds.on.ca).

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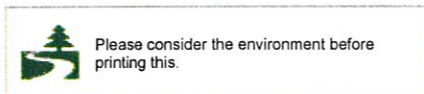
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