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### Guest Column\*

CAO Larry McCabe weighs in on the impact of the federal Gas Tax Fund in the Town of Goderich. [Read the column](#) and [watch the video](#).

### Provincial Matters

Draft regulations under *FPPA, 1997*, will require municipal fire chiefs to ensure the inspection of all buildings upon receipt of a fire safety complaint. Additionally, annual fire safety inspections of all care occupancies, care and treatment occupancies and retirement homes will also be required. [Comments](#) will be accepted until December 16, 2013.

Funding will assist [189 small and rural municipalities](#) implement [source protection](#) plans. [Grants](#) range from \$18,000 to \$100,000. AMO is pleased that the government has responded in this manner to municipal concerns about the unknown capital costs of implementing these plans.

### Eye on AMO/LAS Events

One month until a "Time for Action" - the [2013 Connections Energy Symposium](#), December 6, Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel. The program covers smart grids, energy planning, LED streetlighting, case studies and best practices. The Symposium has limited space and is already 75% sold out - don't delay, register today for the closeout event of the year.

Only one week until the 2013 Ontario West Municipal Conference "[Strengthening Relationships](#)." Sessions will focus on leading financial practices, development tools, municipal fire services, neighbourhood action strategies and more. Register today for the November 15 Conference at the London Convention Centre.

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!

### 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\*

The Municipality of Tweed resolution petitions the Federal and Provincial Governments to legislate a law prohibiting the sale, keeping, exhibition and transportation of exotic, wild and non-domestic animals.

The Township of Uxbridge resolution urges the Province to restore the Ontario Ranger Program for future generations of young people.

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