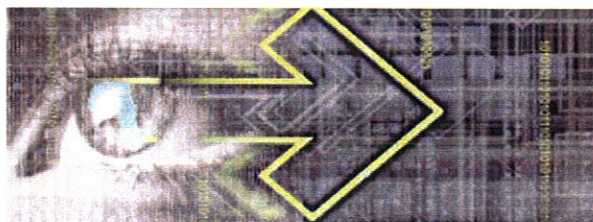
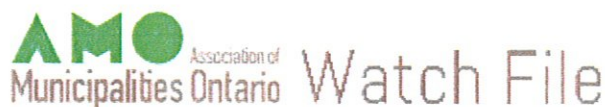


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Municipalities across Ontario have expressed their concern and sympathy for the people of Lac-Mégantic. The train derailment and explosion on July 5 has left the community devastated.

We all hold our communities dear, and we don't sit back when disaster strikes. It will take the will of the entire municipal sector to rebuild this community. Tragedies like this can strike any municipality, small or large. We cannot sit back.

Municipalities are stronger when we work together. Lac-Mégantic needs our help. Whatever you can contribute, please do.

For more information, please see the [appeal from Mayor Éric Forest of Rimouski, and president of the Union of Quebec Municipalities \(UMQ\)](#).

Guest Column *

3½ year old Hunter was killed when an ATV struck an unmarked chain across a road. [Should your municipality have a by-law](#) that promotes common sense improvements to trail safety?

Provincial Matters

96 municipalities will receive funding and permanency for the [Gas Tax for Transit Program](#). In related news, an AMO Caucus Committee has struck to develop recommendations to the government on the allocation of \$100 M provincial budget infrastructure funding for rural, small and northern communities.

The [draft policy](#) addresses the application of the species protection provision. It seeks to provide clarification on the Ministry's interpretations of the terms "harm" and "harass" in the context of the *Endangered Species Act*. [Public feedback](#) is due by August 26.

Federal Matters

AMO released payments to municipalities in compliance with the Agreement on July 5, municipalities should watch for the funds this week. The Federal Government has released the [national allocation](#), and Ontario's share, for 2014-2018. AMO is analyzing the impacts.

Eye on AMO/LAS Events

Good morning, Earth! Since blasting off Colonel Hadfield has become a worldwide sensation, harnessing the power of social media to make outer space accessible to millions. As the official opening keynote for the [2013 AMO Annual Conference](#) he headlines a program brimming with inspiring plenary and concurrent sessions and more. Don't miss out and register today.

The next requirement under Reg. 397/11 is to develop a Municipal Energy Conservation Plan before 1 July 2014. Come out to [LAS/NrCan Energy Planning Workshops](#) to develop targets, goals, and objectives and learn how to best implement your plan.

[AMO's Personal Responsibilities](#) workshop, covering topics such as Codes of Conduct, Procedure By-Law and more, is filling up fast. Register today for a pre AMO Annual Conference session on Sunday, August 18, in Ottawa.

[Meetings to Meet Your Needs](#) sessions have been added to the Fall AMO Councillor training schedule. Chairing and participating in meetings effectively places challenges and opportunities in front of you. Prepare yourself for successful meetings with this workshop. Space is limited, register today!

[AMO's Counties, Regions & Single Tier Symposium](#) will examine the changes and their impacts on housing, immigration, childcare modernization, social assistance and more. Find out what's "On the Horizon" at the 2013 CRST Symposium October 24 & 25 in Oshawa.

[AMO's Media & Social Media workshops](#) provide elected officials and staff the tools to communicate complex information in plain language, craft and deliver messages that stick, handle difficult conversations and navigate the world of social media. Don't miss out, register today!

Are you a municipal supplier or vendor? Do you have a product or service that would benefit the municipal sector? Then register today for the AMO Annual Conference Exhibit Hall. One of the largest municipal trade shows in Canada, this is one show you can not afford to miss. [Download the exhibitor application today.](#)

Careers

[ERP Co-Ordinator - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Qualified candidates should submit their resumes by Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Please ensure to clearly indicate the competition number (EO13-432) on your resume.

[Manager of Building Services - City of Kingston](#). Closing: July 22, 2013. File No.: J0713-0120. To apply and for more information, visit www.cityofkingston.ca/careers.

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