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## Registration Now Open: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

Designed for Ontario's elected officials, this program offers a practical, post-election introduction to leading on council to build the knowledge, confidence and skills to succeed from day one.

Municipalities can register now to reserve spots for their incoming council members. A limited number of bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Register Here](#)

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### Don't Miss: Housing & Homelessness at AMO 2026

Take part in plenary and concurrent sessions addressing various municipal priorities, including housing and

### June is Indigenous History Month

Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ people continue to experience higher rates of violence due to the ongoing effects of colonialism. Find resources developed

homelessness. For program information and to register, click here.

with and for Indigenous and 2SLGBTQ+ communities to support this work.

[Program Info](#)

[Get the Resources](#)

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## Provincial Updates

### Energy Reporting Deadline Less Than a Week Away

Report your annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by July 1! This helps manage costs, identify energy-saving opportunities, and reduce emissions. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Applications Open – Hydro One Community Partnership Grant

Municipalities and municipality-endorsed charitable partners are invited to apply for Hydro One’s Community Partnership Grant, supporting initiatives enhancing emergency preparedness, critical infrastructure, or community well-being. [Applications close on June 30.](#)

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## Events & Education

- **JUN 30 - Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities - Session Four (Community Members)**

For community members considering running for office, this free workshop is

session two in the series and will cover how to prioritize and protect mental health and well-being. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Indigenous-Municipal Relations Workshop**

Looking to improve Indigenous-Municipal relations? Don't miss this hands-on workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Preventing Escalated Behaviours Workshop**

Gain practical strategies for safer municipal workspaces with this educational workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

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## **LAS AMO Business Services**

### **Reduce Employee Group Benefits Costs**

The LAS Group Benefits program offered by Mosey & Mosey helps reduce your employee group benefit costs. The plan offerings are customizable to your municipality's needs, and quotes are free of charge. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

### **The All Risk Municipal Grant Winners Will Be Announced at the AMO Conference**

The [All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency](#) recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. Three municipalities will receive \$10,000 towards their project. The winners will be announced at the AMO Conference in August.

## **Combine Group Buying Power for your Healthcare Buying Needs**

Combine group buying power and knowledge for public health departments and long-term care facilities with our [HealthPRO Canada asset service](#). Municipalities can access high-quality, safe health-care-related products and services while saving both time and money.

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## **Municipal Wire\***

### **It's Not Too Late: Complete Your Census Questionnaire**

Municipalities are encouraged to spread the word that it's not too late to complete the 2026 Census. It only takes a few minutes and makes a big difference. This data helps to paint a portrait of Canadians and their stories – from small communities to entire provinces and territories. [Share the website](#).

### **Applications Open - 2026/27 MHS4PSP Grant Program**

Applications for the MHS4PSP Grant are now open to eligible Ontario Public Safety Organizations in the EHS, fire, and police sectors. The [deadline to submit your application is July 7, 2026](#), at 4:00 p.m.

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## **Careers**

[Manager, Planning & Heritage - Municipality of Meaford](#). Closing Date: July 10, 2026.

[Supervisor of Utility, Revenue and Billing - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: July 5, 2026.

[Director, SVC System Planning & Integrity - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: July 13, 2026.

[Asset Management Analyst - City of Belleville](#). Closing Date: July 14, 2026.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal

AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*. [Read the AMO Policy Update](#).

### Canada-Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program

On June 1, the federal and Ontario governments launched The Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program. Municipalities have until June 19, 2026 to submit projects for funding consideration. [Read AMO's Policy Update for more information](#).

### New Code of Conduct Bill Passes,

Bill 9, the Municipal Accountability Act, passed third reading, a significant achievement for the municipal sector. Read the [AMO Policy Update](#).

### June is Pride Month

Find a list of municipalities celebrating and raising flags for the month [here](#).

[Read More Past Issues](#)



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**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION  
NON-AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Mayor and members of Council  
FROM: Jessica Scheuermann, Procurement Supervisor  
DATE: June 25, 2026  
SUBJECT: 26-02 Clearwater Ball Diamond #1 - Van Roestel Contracting Ltd.

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During the June 22, 2026, City Council meeting, staff were directed to report back with information about the company. This report provides additional background and context regarding the recommended contractor, Van Roestel Contracting Ltd., in support of the pending award for Tender 26-02 Clearwater Ball Diamond #1 Upgrade.

In accordance with the City's standard tendering practices, bidders are required to demonstrate relevant experience, qualified personnel, and the organizational capacity necessary to successfully deliver the work. Proponents must provide detailed information on comparable projects, including project scope, completion date, client, references, and project value, enabling the City to verify experience and assess overall capability.

Van Roestel Contracting Ltd., a registered construction firm based in Lucan, Ontario, has met the submission requirements and demonstrated experience delivering municipal and park-related infrastructure projects. Their submission included a valid Certificate of Insurance, a Workplace Safety and Insurance Board clearance certificate in good standing, and 100% labour and material bonding for the full project value, satisfying all standard procurement requirements for compliance and risk mitigation.

The company's experience is directly relevant to the scope of the project, including construction and rehabilitation of ball diamonds with red clay surfaces, sport courts, and park infrastructure across multiple municipalities. Notable projects include construction of new tennis and pickleball courts for the Municipality of South Huron (approximately \$200,000), as well as ongoing park and field construction and rehabilitation projects between 2018 and 2025 for the Municipality of Middlesex Centre and the Township of Lucan-Biddulph, with values typically ranging from \$50,000 to \$300,000. They have also completed ball diamond and sport court improvements for the Municipality of Lambton Shores,

including work at Utter Park in 2018 and 2022 (approximately \$300,000), demonstrating clear alignment with the current project requirements.

Van Roestel has identified qualified subcontractors for specialized components of the work, including Turf Drainage Systems Ltd., Fortress Fencing, and 3-Phase Electrical. The City has prior experience working with these firms, which provides additional confidence in their ability to deliver these elements. In addition, the City's Recreation Superintendent has direct experience working with Van Roestel on projects in Lambton Shores, providing additional assurance of the contractor's performance and reliability.

Based on the evaluation of the submission, Van Roestel Contracting Ltd. has demonstrated relevant experience, appropriate qualifications, a capable subcontractor team, and full compliance with mandatory procurement requirements. This due diligence supports the recommendation for award and provides confidence in the contractor's ability to successfully deliver the project.

**CORPORATE SERVICES DIVISION  
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TO: Mayor and members of Council  
FROM: Andrea Lane, Manager, Customer Service  
DATE: June 25, 2026  
SUBJECT: Door-to-Door Salesperson Licences

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Bell Canada was recently issued two Salesperson Licences in accordance with the City's Business Licencing By-Law. The licences are valid for an annual period June 16 to December 31, 2026.

The permitted items offered for door-to-door sale include TV, Internet, Telephone, and Bell Smart Home products.

In 2018, the provincial government introduced restrictions on door-to-door sales for a variety of home products. Additional details can be found on the Provinces website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/door-door-sales-and-home-service-contracts>

Under this legislation, a salesperson is not allowed to go door-to-door to sell any of the following restricted products and services:

- furnaces
- air conditioners
- air cleaners
- air purifiers
- water heaters
- water treatment devices
- water purifiers
- water filters
- water softeners
- duct cleaning services
- any good or service that performs or combines one or more of the above functions



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**AMO Policy Update – AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal; Build Communities Strong: New Stream Launches; New IESO Process for Major Projects; and Various ERO Submissions**

**Top Insights**

- AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*
- Federal government launches new Local Impact Stream providing up to \$1 million for community infrastructure projects
- IESO launches a new process to identify major projects and facilitate collaboration between stakeholders, including municipalities, to plan for future factual energy demand
- AMO welcomes the province’s proposed new framework for e-bike classification, which will help address public safety and municipal liability challenges
- The province has proposed changes to landfill requirements that reflect AMO advocacy calling for a balance between approvals speed and protections

- AMO has made recommendations to the province on its proposed regulatory framework for municipal consent of communal water and wastewater systems

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## **AMO Opposes Appointment of Regional Chairs, Calls for Reversal of Bill 100**

Bill 100, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* was passed on May 7. AMO has sent a [letter to the province](#) opposing the government’s decision to move forward with the appointment of regional chairs, the Warden of Simcoe County, and the Chair of Muskoka District. Municipal leaders should be elected by, and accountable to local voters – not Queen’s Park. AMO calls on the province to restore the balance of local governance by reversing Bill 100 and maintaining the democratic election of heads of council.

The appointment of regional chairs with “strong chair” powers is fundamentally undemocratic. It erodes accountability to voters, undermines the ability of councils to represent the interests of their residents, move forward on local priorities, and deliver effective services. The selection of heads of council should be kept local. This is key to ensuring:

- Regional chairs have a strong, local mandate to deliver local priorities and drive growth
- Residents can hold elected officials to account and elect people who care about their priorities
- Unelected appointees cannot overturn decisions made by democratically-elected council members
- Regional chairs have a deep understanding of how municipal government works, and are able to build consensus, trust and buy-in at Council and in the community to advance shared local goals

## Local Impact Stream of the Build Communities Strong Fund

The federal government has announced a new \$1 billion national Local Impact Stream allocating funding from the Build Communities Strong Fund towards community infrastructure. Municipalities can apply for up to \$1 million to build or improve community infrastructure that is primarily for public use and/or benefit. This includes community buildings, recreation and sport facilities, parks, and cultural infrastructure.

The Local Impact Stream will be administered by Canada's regional development agencies – [FedDev](#) Ontario for Southern Ontario, and [FedNor](#) for Northern Ontario. Applications are now open for the first intake with an initial deadline of July 8 for Northern Ontario, and July 9 in Southern Ontario.

AMO is hosting a joint webinar with FedDev Ontario on June 24 explaining the eligibility criteria, funding details, and how to prepare a strong application. **Register now over [Zoom](#).**

## IESO Launches new Major Project Identification Committee Process

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has established a new [Major Projects Identification Committee \(MPIC\)](#) process intended to serve as an early warning system for identifying large projects that could drive significant new demand for electricity (e.g. manufacturing facilities, mines, housing developments, data centres). MPICs will not replace existing energy planning, grid connection or local development processes, but are intended to help identify major projects earlier, and facilitate planning between the IESO, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders.

When projects are identified, municipalities will be invited to participate in a voluntary process along with relevant partners and authorities. The intent is to provide all stakeholders with a structured approach to coordinating growth and electricity demand planning. For more information about MPICs, please contact [majorprojects@ieso.ca](mailto:majorprojects@ieso.ca).

## AMO Comments on Proposed E-Bike Framework

AMO submitted [comments](#) on the Ministry of Transportation's [proposal](#) to modernize Ontario's framework for power-assisted bicycles (e-bikes). AMO supports the province's

proposed approach as a way to introduce more standardized safety and usage requirements for e-bikes across the province. AMO's submission emphasized that any new framework should preserve municipal authority to determine where different e-bike classes are permitted based on local infrastructure, transportation networks, and community safety needs.

The submission also highlighted the need for province-wide direction on enforcement roles, lithium-ion battery safety, public education, and compliance, including clear guidance for local police services, municipalities, manufacturers, retailers, and users. AMO welcomes the proposed 12-month education and awareness period included as part of the proposed framework and looks forward to working with the province to implement a framework that balances innovation with public safety, municipal liability considerations, and local decision-making.

### **AMO Comments on Proposal to Streamline Landfill Requirements**

AMO submitted [comments](#) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on the province's [proposal](#) to streamline approval requirements for changes to waste disposal site service areas and fill rates. AMO and the municipal sector are broadly supportive of the proposed changes that would reduce duplicative processes and increase site flexibility, while still ensuring that appropriate environmental controls and oversight remain in place. In the past, AMO has [advocated](#) for a balanced approach that would empower municipalities and the province to protect the environment and community well-being while taking decisive action to expand landfill capacity in Ontario. We are pleased to see the province has incorporated these recommendations into this proposal.

### **AMO Comments on a Regulatory Framework for Communal Water and Wastewater Systems**

AMO has submitted [comments](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on its [proposal](#) to establish a regulatory framework for municipal consent of communal water and wastewater systems. To be successful, AMO advised advancing clear regulations and governance requirements that do not undermine municipal fiscal health or the integrity of Official and capital plans. AMO's recommendations included:

- Establishing clear definitions for the types of systems subject to the framework
- Maintaining a level regulatory playing field between private communal and municipally-owned systems
- Ensuring the development of communal systems is aligned with long-term settlement patterns, servicing strategies, and infrastructure capacity
- Clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of municipalities and the province in the event of system failure, and adopting a one-window model for provincial approvals and oversight

We will monitor next steps and share feedback with the province to help ensure any future regulations deliver a clear, consistent, and fiscally sustainable framework.

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*An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).*

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