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November 23, 2020**

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November 10, 2020

Mayor Rick Bonnette and members of Council  
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c/o Suzanne Jones, Clerk  
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Your Worship and members of Council:

As you may know, since our founding in May 2019 Halton Hills Climate Action has hosted ten local rallies attracting hundreds of people in Halton Hills. This September during the pandemic, our shoes represented us at shoe strikes for climate action in Acton and Georgetown. We press politicians at three levels of government, we now coordinate plans with climate action leaders in Burlington, Oakville and Milton, and we have 290 supporters on our subscriber list for regular e-news.

Attached please find our submission to the Halton Regional Official Plan Review public consultation. As you are aware the Region released four discussion papers covering the subjects of *Agriculture and the Rural System*, *Natural Heritage*, *Urban Structure*, and *Climate Change*. Although climate change has its own discussion paper we believe that all of these discussion papers need to be viewed through a climate change lens.

The Regional official plan review is progressing with a statutory public meeting scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **It concerns us that there was not been a Halton Hills discussion on the issue of the Regional Official Plan**, which is poised to allocate population and employment growth targets to the local municipalities. These will set in stone the future of Halton Hills until the year 2041 or perhaps 2051. We fear that by the time the public is made fully aware of this process it will be too late to have meaningful community input.

Our particular concern is climate change. We know that in order to address this worldwide threat we must make fundamental changes in how we live, and that land use planning is particularly important. It is abundantly clear that the physical form of our communities must change from sprawl to compact form and that we must preserve prime agricultural lands and

natural areas if we are to preserve a livable planet. *These changes must be addressed now*, at the planning phase, not ten years from now when it is too late.

With these issues in mind, we ask that our submission form part of the public consultation that must precede a formal position adopted by Halton Hills Council.

What plans does Halton Hills have for community consultation on the future growth of our town? Can you confirm that our submission would be included in the process? Janet has requested to appear as a delegation at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting to present our paper and seek clarification on the process.

Finally, we compliment the Town on declaring a climate emergency on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, and for ramping up real actions to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of our town. The actions both accomplished and planned are necessary and appreciated, and they give us hope.

Yours sincerely,



Janet Duval



Jane Fogal

Co-leaders, Halton Hills Climate Action



## Response to Halton Regional Official Plan Review – Climate Change Discussion Paper

**Halton Hills Climate Action** is a citizen-led group formed in 2019 that focuses on climate change, and advocates for climate action by all levels of government as well as by people and businesses. Our actions have included ten rallies, petitions to upper levels of government, interviews with our MP and MPP, and climate action information e-newsletters to our mailing list of 300 subscribers.

Halton Hills Climate Action believes that climate change and associated global warming pose the greatest hazard to natural systems and human health that humans have ever experienced.

In 1959, when measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere were first taken through sampling at the Mauna Loa volcano in Hawaii, CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere stood at 315 ppm. That level was worrying to scientists. In 1988 NASA scientists first alerted the public to the fact that CO<sub>2</sub> had reached 350ppm which is about the upper safe level. **The CO<sub>2</sub> level has now surpassed 415 ppm.** And it is still rising unabated with devastating effects around the globe. It was 1989 when Margaret Thatcher first sounded the alarm at the UN, leading to the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change and eventually the Paris Accord. And still, leaders dither.

Halton Hills declared a Climate Emergency on May 6, 2019 and Halton Region did likewise on Sept. 11, 2019. During COVID times the Climate Emergency has not gone away and the emissions have continued to climb.

The updated Regional Official Plan will not only guide growth in the Region but will impact how the Region functions; how people and goods move, how homes are built and how much energy they use. It will impact the likelihood of flooding, the health of our forests, the resiliency of our electrical system, and the health of our people.

When Halton Regional staff hosted a workshop with Dr. Dianne Saxe, former Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, she was asked what was the most important thing Halton Region could do to address climate change. The answer she gave was '**Land Use Planning**'. The Regional Official Plan, as the overarching land use planning policy document, must utilize its power by making **climate change mitigation and adaptation a consideration in all aspects of the plan.** And it should go a step further by laying out **goals for GHG emission reduction** along with policies that result in meeting those goals.

The Regional Official Plan should assist local municipalities reach their climate change goals. It is therefore important that the Region consult with the local municipalities regarding their strategies to address climate change mitigation. Local municipalities have been working on Green Development Standards and community energy plans. It would be helpful if the region

could assist in harmonizing those standards across the region. A harmonized approach would be more attractive to developers and increase the level of compliance. By achieving **a regional set of Green Development Standards** the Region could then write into the OP goals for GHG emission reduction targets that matched the agreed upon Region-wide standards.

There is an opportunity to make climate change **mitigation** a clear overarching objective in the preamble to the plan. **It should be part of the vision statement.** Previous plans have focused on accommodating and shaping growth. The new plan must still do those things but must also layer on top of that the need to grow in a new low-carbon regime.

The low-carbon regime should then be explained as it not only reduces carbon emissions but also sequesters carbon.

Sequestering carbon requires the region to consider the role of agriculture and how **eco-friendly agricultural practices contribute to reaching our sequestration goals.** Agriculture can be a significant carbon sink; just as significant as forests, and should be recognized as a partner in our community's efforts to rebalance emissions against sequestration as we strive to achieve a net-zero Halton.

**In order for agriculture to thrive, it needs investment.** Investment is unlikely to occur if good agricultural land is owned by developers waiting for the urban boundaries to expand. Farmers rent the land and renters do not invest.

The idea of permanence should be enshrined in the OP wherever it makes sense from an agricultural operation point of view. The flip side of this is the **creation of hard boundaries on urban areas.** The fact that the agricultural land is the easiest area to develop should not be the driving force. Sprawl is wasteful and undesirable for many reasons, but the most important reason comes back to climate change. **Sprawl is simply too inefficient and should be discontinued.**

The issue of creating a hard urban boundary will be controversial but we must remember that all 4 local municipalities are going to hit the wall at some point. Burlington has already built out to its limits, one of which was artificially created by the Provincial Greenbelt. Somehow, Burlington has continued to grow and prosper thus illustrating that it is not a given that a boundary will result in stagnation. Oakville likewise can no longer expand its urban area but in this case it is still actively building on its last greenfield expansion. Milton and Halton Hills do, however, have room to push out their boundaries. In both cases the push would cause the conversion of productive farmland into urban uses including residential and employment uses.

It would be useful to have **scenario modelling undertaken for both Milton and Halton Hills** to see both the economics and the physical shape each municipality would experience comparing urban expansion to maintaining current urban boundaries. This would give some facts to present to the public during consultations prior to Halton Hills and Milton taking a position on the issue.

Regarding mapping of the **Agricultural lands, they should be on map 1 with the Natural Heritage System shown as an overlay.** Agriculture indicates a permitted use on the land whereas the Natural Heritage system is not a use but is rather a constraint. Also the exact

mapping of the natural heritage system is reliant on opinion whereas the agricultural area is much easier to delineate.

On the issue of **increased density, it must be accommodated** in our municipalities in order to grow without sprawl. However, the shape of a higher density community must be controlled in order to achieve livable, healthy communities. One such control relates to **building height**.

Greater density can be achieved without depending on very high buildings but instead rely on many mid-rise buildings. **Six storey buildings can provide people with a human scale** built form that bears a relationship to the height of trees. Buildings of this height can be found scattered around through our cities where they have little impact on surrounding low density housing and yet they have a major impact on accommodating growth. When buildings are no taller than the tallest trees, over time they practically disappear from the streetscape. The core areas of European cities offer fine examples of human-scale buildings generally with retail on the ground floor. The point is to have more mid-level buildings and few if any tall buildings. **The OP should add language that caps building height to 8 storeys and encourages residential buildings to be 6 storeys or less as a means of creating livable communities.** This approach would allow for a gradual **intensification** in existing low density neighbourhoods. This should apply both within the existing urban boundary and in any approved greenfield expansion area.

With increased density there is an opportunity to encourage **20 minute neighbourhoods**. In the 20 minute neighbourhood a resident should be able to access all essential services within a 20 minute walk. This includes shopping for food, banks, services, schools, parks and natural areas. Neighbourhoods should be designed to be pedestrian and bike friendly with traffic calmed streets. Communities that embody this vision are healthier and use much less energy for heating, cooling and transportation.

This vision for neighbourhoods is different from the simple intensification of transportation corridors. Focusing development along a highway or arterial road is good for loading up people on transit but runs the risk of not achieving other goals necessary to make a livable community. It is more difficult to make a linear community function well for all aspects of people's lives. High density, high traffic corridors are not quiet, pedestrian friendly streets but are meant first and foremost to facilitate the movement of vehicles.

If high traffic corridors are put into the OP as desirable locations to focus density, it will be necessary to **write into the plan additional language about pedestrian friendly amenities** such as wider sidewalks , and increased standards for tree planting. Once again European cities illustrate how to distance the pedestrians from the traffic with double rows of trees and very wide sidewalks to accommodate outdoor cafes. Additional pocket parks and landscaping add to the ambiance necessary to separate the people from the traffic.

In contrast to concentrating density along a corridor, density surrounding a transit hub or an existing urban centre can become a 20 minute neighbourhood as it can expand in all directions from the core. Traffic can diffuse away from the hub in many directions so that no one street carries the whole load. It provides an opportunity to create a core for people where shops and restaurants can spring up and a park is reachable within a 20 minute walk. Some examples:

- Examples of measures cities are using to create walkable neighbourhoods, including Ottawa <https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2019/9/6/7-rules-for-creating-15-minute-neighborhoods>.
- YouTube explanation 49 seconds: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1oYvbrDVjcY>
- Several cities are doing it <https://steadystatemanchester.net/2019/11/20/the-future-is-20-minutes-away-20-minute-neighbourhoods/>
- Portland and Melbourne <https://www.domusweb.it/en/news/gallery/2020/09/16/the-20-minute-neighbourhood.html>

## In Conclusion

Our main concern is Climate Change and we feel that many policies within the Official Plan play a role in reducing Halton's GHG emissions and balancing sequestration of carbon. Those same policies have multiple benefits to the health and wellbeing of our residents and our economy.

- **Our vision for Halton Region is that it restrains growth to existing urban areas and follows a path of human-scale density** to achieve population targets and employment growth.
- At the same time agriculture will continue to be a major contributor both to Halton's economic health and its goal of carbon neutrality. **Agriculture and the Natural Heritage System are twin pillars** in meeting our need to sequester carbon and both should be protected and encouraged to flourish through policies in the Official Plan.
- In order to tackle the difficult task of reducing Halton's greenhouse gas emissions Halton should bring together the local municipalities to discuss harmonized **Green Development Standards** which would support reaching their emission reduction targets. GHG emission reduction targets should be added to the OP.
- **Livability** should be the cornerstone of all new growth in Halton Region. It is totally consistent with the Climate Change imperative that we limit sprawl, limit tall buildings, encourage mid-rise buildings and focus on hubs to meet our growth goals. The Region should add language to the OP that encourages 20 minute neighbourhoods which will reduce trips, encourage active transportation, offer health benefits to the residents while reducing GHG emissions.

This vision for Halton is one that responds to the Climate Change Emergency with positive measures to both act responsibly by taking action to reduce GHG emissions and address carbon sequestration to move towards carbon neutrality.

Respectfully submitted by: Janet Duval Co-Chair HHCA [jduval@cogeco.ca](mailto:jduval@cogeco.ca)

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November 12, 2020

MPP Will Bouma  
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Sent via email: [will.bouma@pc.ola.org](mailto:will.bouma@pc.ola.org)

Dear MPP Bouma:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its Special meeting held November 10, 2020 passed the following resolution:

**Bill 218 - Ranked Ballots for Municipal Elections**

WHEREAS Bill 218 – “Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020” removes the option for municipalities to choose the ranked ballot system for an election; and

WHEREAS in 2016 the Ontario Provincial Government gave municipalities the tools to use Ranked Balloting in Municipal elections commencing in 2018, which was deployed in the City of London thereby becoming the first Municipality in Canada to make the switch, while Cambridge and Kingston both passed referendums in favour of reform and Burlington, Barrie, Guelph, Meaford and others are now exploring a change as well; and

WHEREAS the change of election method process does not impact the Provincial election models but greatly impacts a Municipalities execution options; and

WHEREAS the only explanation given for this is that we should not be ‘experimenting’ with the electoral process during a pandemic mindful that ranked ballot voting is not an experiment but widely used throughout the world and should be a local option that Municipalities can look to utilize in the next election which is just under two years away

WHEREAS Bill 218 also moves up the Municipal nomination date from the end of July to mid September for no apparent reason thereby reinforcing the power of incumbency and potentially discouraging broader participation in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS these changes are being proposed without any consultation with AMO, Municipalities or the public;



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to submit the following comments on behalf of the Council of the City of Brantford to the Province of Ontario with respect to the proposed changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*:
- i. Council does not support the proposed changes to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, specifically related to the removal of the option for a municipality to hold a ranked ballot election;
  - ii. Council does support the principle that each Municipality should be able to choose whether or not to use first-past-the-post or a ranked ballot election; and
  - iii. Council encourages the Provincial government to meaningfully consult with Municipalities on municipal issues before introducing legislative changes of this magnitude; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to MPP Will Bouma, Premier Doug Ford, and the list of other Municipalities and include a request to delay the decision until such a time that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and comments from Municipalities have been collected and submitted to the Province.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Tanya Daniels  
City Clerk  
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cc: Hon. D. Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities;  
Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario;  
All Ontario Municipalities



## Community Services

### Legislative Services

November 17, 2020

File #120203

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Town of Grimsby - Amendment to Bill 108 - *More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019*, which amended the *Ontario Heritage Act* - Request to Remove the Powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, Retain Authority for Hearing Certain Appeals by the Conservation Review Board, and Return the Authority for Final Decisions to Municipal Councils**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of November 16, 2020 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Grimsby dated November 4, 2020 strongly recommending that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to return the authority for final decisions to municipal council's as the elected representatives of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Grimsby's correspondence dated November 4, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours very truly,

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The Honourable Lisa MacLeod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries [Lisa.macleodco@pc.ola.org](mailto:Lisa.macleodco@pc.ola.org)

Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP [horwatha-gp@ndp.on.ca](mailto:horwatha-gp@ndp.on.ca)

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Devanne Kripp, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Grimsby [dkripp@grimsby.ca](mailto:dkripp@grimsby.ca)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)

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All MPP's in the Province of Ontario

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To: "doug.fordco@pc.ola.org" <doug.fordco@pc.ola.org>  
Date: 2020-11-04 10:20 AM  
Subject: Proposed Regulation under the Ontario Heritage Act – Bill 108

Dear Hon. Doug Ford:

At its meeting of October 19, 2020, the Town of Grimsby Committee of the Whole passed the following resolution, which was subsequently approved by Council on November 2, 2020:

Moved by Councillor Bothwell; Seconded by Councillor Freake;

Resolved that the Report PA20-22 dated October 19, 2020, be received; and,  
That the report be endorsed and submitted to the Province, along with the following motion, as the Town of Grimsby's comments to the Environmental Registry.

WHEREAS Royal Assent has been granted to Bill 108 entitled 'More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019' on June 6, 2019; and,

WHEREAS Schedule 11 of Bill 108 contains amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act which require appeals under the Ontario Heritage Act to be heard by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal not the Conservation Review Board; and,

WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board is an adjudicative tribunal that, through the mandate provided by the Ontario Heritage Act, considers a number of matters such as:

- The proposed designation of a property as having cultural heritage value or interest;
- Applications for the repeal of a By-law on a specific property;
- Applications related to the alteration of a property covered by a By-law; and,
- Matters related to archaeological licensing, and,

WHEREAS Schedule 11 of Bill 108 will come into effect on a date to be proclaimed by the Lieutenant Governor; and,

WHEREAS the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal are not experts in heritage matters unlike members of the Conservation Review Board; and,

WHEREAS the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal decisions are binding decisions unlike the Conservation Review Board non-binding recommendations; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act provides a means for municipalities to protect and preserve the cultural heritage value or interest of the municipality for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS the Conservation Review Board currently provides reports to municipal council's setting out its findings of fact, and its recommendations so that a final decision can be rendered by municipalities about what is valuable in their community;

WHEREAS the Town of Grimsby remains committed to the preservation and protection of property of cultural heritage value or interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Grimsby strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to remove the powers provided to

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the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, retaining authority for hearing certain appeals by the Conservation Review Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Grimsby strongly recommends that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 be amended to return the authority for final decisions to municipal council's as the elected representative of the communities wherein the property and its features of cultural heritage value exist; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Lisa McLeod the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, Andrea Horwath, MPP and Leader of the Official Opposition and the Ontario NDP Party, MPP Steven Del Duca Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Mike Schreiner MPP and Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Sam Oosterholf MPP Niagara West; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all MPP's in the Province of Ontario, the Niagara Region and all Municipalities in Ontario for their consideration."

We strongly recommend that the Ontario government consider amendments to Bill 108 to return the final authority to municipal Council's to determine what is of cultural heritage value or interest in their communities with the benefits of the expert and professional advice provided by the Conservation Review Board.

**CARRIED**

*YES: Councillors Bothwell, Dunstall, Freake, Kadwell, Ritchie, Sharpe, Vaine, Vardy and Mayor Jordan*

A copy of the report has been enclosed.

Regards,

**Devanne Kripp, Dipl. M. A.**

Deputy Town Clerk

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November 11, 2020

County of Wellington  
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[donnab@wellington.ca](mailto:donnab@wellington.ca)

Attention: Donna Bryce,

RE: Resolution of Support - Assessment Methodologies for Aggregate Resource Properties

At the October 27, 2020 special electronic meeting of Council, the following resolution was passed:

**Moved by Pinkney, Seconded by Nevills**

**Be it Resolved that:**

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands; and

WHEREAS *Township of East Garafraxa* Council supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS *Township of East Garafraxa* Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

(a) That *Township of East Garafraxa* Council does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

(b) That *Township of East Garafraxa* Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and

(c) That *Township of East Garafraxa* Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

(d) That *Township of East Garafraxa* Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s). **CARRIED.**

Trusting you will find this satisfactory.

Regards,



Susan M. Stone, AMCT  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Corporation of the  
Township of East Garafraxa

Cc: Honorable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance [rod.phillips@pc.ola.org](mailto:rod.phillips@pc.ola.org)  
Honorable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [steve.clark@pc.ola.org](mailto:steve.clark@pc.ola.org)  
Honorable John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry [john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org](mailto:john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org)  
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November 5, 2020

### **In This Issue**

- Accessible municipal websites.
- eSCRIBE's Ontario Made certification.
- Federal Rapid Housing Initiative - Applications open.
- ROMA 2021: Request for delegation meetings is open!
- ROMA 2021: Exhibitor information now available.
- City of Brampton Economic Empowerment and Anti-Black Racism Conference.
- The "Echo" Pandemic: Supporting employee mental health in wake of COVID-19.
- AMO partner webinar: Digital Contract Tracing Solutions.
- LAS Blog: LAS Natural Gas Program price change notice.
- Upcoming Municipal Group Buying Program webinars.
- Investments 101 - Online training.
- Careers.

### **AMO Matters**

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is [offering](#) members engaging and accessible municipal websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

AMO's [digital meeting management and livestreaming partner](#), eSCRIBE, has recently been accepted as part of the Ontario Made Program by the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters. [Read the message](#) from eSCRIBE's CEO, Rob Treumann.

### **Federal Matters**

The federal government has released details to create new affordable housing for people and populations who are vulnerable and opened up the [application process for the new Rapid Housing Initiative](#). Municipal governments and housing providers are eligible to apply. The deadline is December 31, 2020.

### **Eye on Events**

Delegates attending the [2021 ROMA Conference](#) can now [request their virtual delegation meetings](#) with minister's or parliamentary assistants at the ROMA conference. You must be a registered delegate to participate in these meetings.

Put your products and services front and centre at the 2021 ROMA Conference for rural municipal decision makers. Exhibitor information is now available - register today!

On November 10 join the City of Brampton, AMO and more than 20 municipalities for the first ever [virtual municipal conference](#) on breaking down economic barriers and addressing anti-black racism. [Register now](#) for an opportunity to join in this important discussion.

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join [AMO's partner BEACON](#) for a [complimentary webinar](#) on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help employees protect, nurture, and improve their mental health in the post-COVID reality.

To help your municipality with contact tracing during the pandemic, AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) is hosting a complimentary webinar on digital solutions to help you screen, track and detect COVID-19. [Join us on November 26](#) at noon for more information.

## **LAS**

The [LAS Natural Gas Program](#) has issued a pricing update for the November 2020 - October 2021 period. [Check out the LAS Blog](#) to learn more.

Join our webinars to learn how the [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) helps our municipalities save time and money. [Register here](#) to learn about technology solutions from CDW on November 18 and [register here](#) to learn about fire equipment (PPE, etc.) on December 2.

## **ONE Investment**

Learn at your pace from your place in 2020 [by registering online](#) for the Investments 101 course. The course is developed to educate municipal staff on the fundamentals of investing and discusses options available to municipalities under the [Legal List](#) and [Prudent Investor Standard](#).

## **Careers**

[Chief Administrative Officer - County of Essex](#). For more information on this position, please visit [CAO Recruitment](#). To apply for this leadership opportunity please submit a resume and cover letter to [CAORecruitment@countyofessex.ca](mailto:CAORecruitment@countyofessex.ca) no later than 4:00 p.m., November 16, 2020.

[Senior Policy & Business Analyst - Ministry of the Attorney General](#). Division: Court Services. Job Term: 1 Temporary up to 12 months (with possible extension). Location: Toronto. Job ID 155034. Apply by: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020. To view the job description and to apply online, please see [Ontario Public Service Careers](#).

[Deputy Clerk - Town of Lincoln](#). Reports to: Director of Legislative Services/Town



Clerk. Qualified candidates can forward their resume by Monday, November 23, 2020 to [resume@lincoln.ca](mailto:resume@lincoln.ca) noting the position in the subject line, or apply online by using the [Career Application Form](#).

[Director, Planning & Development - County of Bruce](#). Reports to the Chief Administrative Officer. Location: Walkerton. Interested applicants should review the entire job posting, and then apply online at [Bruce County](#), following the outlined process. Deadline for applications is 12:00 midnight on Sunday, November 29, 2020.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Tiny](#). Join our community and lead a dedicated team which strives to make Tiny the best place to live, work and play. Visit [Township of Tiny](#) for a detailed job description. To explore this opportunity, please apply by 12 noon on November 30, 2020 to: Township of Tiny, 130 Balm Beach Road West, Tiny, ON L0L 2J0, Attention: Human Resources Department. Email: [humanresources@tiny.ca](mailto:humanresources@tiny.ca).

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### AMO Matters

There are 2 vacancies on the AMO Board: staff positions on Rural and Large Urban Caucuses. Details about qualifications and appointment process are [here](#). Deadline, including Council resolution, is November 30.

Need an AODA compliant municipal website in time for January 1, 2021? AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) has you covered. eSolutionsGroup is [offering](#) members engaging and accessible websites on a budget. Contact [Karen Mayfield](#), eSolutionsGroup President, for more information.

### Provincial Matters

Through the new Inclusive Community Grant, municipalities and local organizations can receive up to \$60,000 for projects that facilitate community involvement for seniors and persons with disabilities. Applications will be accepted until December 21, 2020. For more information and to apply, visit the [Ontario website](#).

### Eye on Events

Delegates attending the [2021 ROMA Conference](#) can now [request their virtual delegation meetings](#) with ministers or parliamentary assistants at the ROMA conference. You must be a registered delegate to participate in these meetings.

Put your products and services front and centre at the 2021 ROMA Conference for

rural municipal decision makers. Exhibitor information is [now available](#) - register today!

The mental health of your employees is at risk from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Join [AMO's partner BEACON](#) for a [complimentary webinar](#) on November 12 at noon (ET), which will describe the critical principles municipalities should embrace to help employees protect and improve their mental health in a post-COVID reality.

AMO's partner [eSolutionsGroup](#) is hosting a complimentary webinar on available products and services for the AODA legislation deadline of January 1, 2021 and digital solutions to help you screen, track and detect COVID-19. [Join us on November 26](#) at noon for more information.

### **LAS**

LAS is improving its purchasing efficiency by switching to eSolutions' [Bids&Tenders eProcurement](#) platform. LAS bids undertaken on behalf of the municipal sector will now be managed online. We will continue to use MERX when co-posting bids with our sister associations across Canada. Check out our [Bid Opportunities page](#) for more information.

Overburdened by procurement and trying to find the best products? As AMO's business arm, LAS offers municipalities a [range of programs and services](#) designed to help. From Administration and Commodities to Energy, Asset, and Digital services, we've got you covered. Make LAS your go-to municipal partner.

[Municipal Group Buying Program](#) webinars: [Join us November 18](#) to hear from CDW about technology offerings to keep municipalities working efficiently. [Join us December 2](#) when Grainger and Motion Industries present on fire equipment, including bunker gear and rescue equipment. Watch for more webinars in 2021!

### **ONE Investment**

Learn at your pace from your place in 2020 [by registering online](#) for the Investments 101 course. The course is developed to educate municipal staff on the fundamentals of investing and discusses options available to municipalities under the [Legal List](#) and [Prudent Investor Standard](#).

### **Municipal Wire\***

If you are a municipal leader interested in improving the cybersecurity resilience of your community, [register for Technation's Municipal Cybersecurity Best Practices](#) event on November 20, 1 pm to 4 pm (ET). This is a complimentary event and participation is capped at 100. Save your seat!

### **Careers**

[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. Please apply in

confidence to: [careers@amo.on.ca](mailto:careers@amo.on.ca) by Friday, December 18, 2020 at 12 noon.

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