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## AMO Conference Updates



February 13, 2021



## AMO 2021 Virtual Conference - Registration Open

Hosted by the City of London, August 15 - 18, for reasons all too apparent, AMO's 2021 Annual General Meeting and Conference will be virtual again and appearing once again on a screen near you.

While there is no substitute for getting together in person, there is still important work to be done in August 2021. The planning committee is preparing a program that includes all the important components: Ministers' Forums, keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, and networking opportunities.

You can also expect to hear from provincial political leaders and have the opportunity to attend delegation meetings.

Registration is open, and early bird rates apply until April 30, 2021.

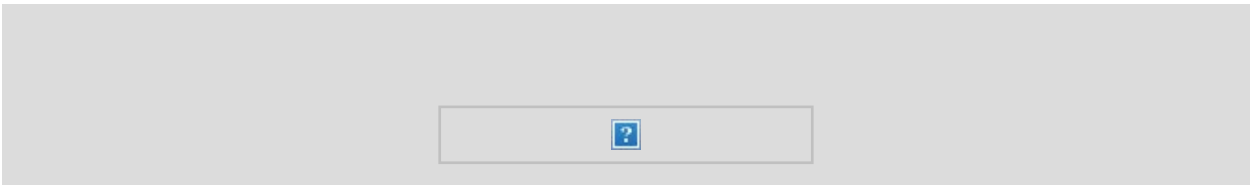
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February 15, 2021

## **AMO Digital Partner Webinars: Electronic Meeting Management and Managing Online Bookings**

### **Managing Meetings & Documents in the Digital Age**

**Wednesday, February 24 @ 1pm EST – [Register here](#)**

**Thursday, March 4 @ 1pm EST – [Register here](#)**

AMO's meeting management partner, [eSCRIBE](#), will be co-hosting a webinar with Image Advantage, the official reseller of FileHold, around how municipalities can leverage technology and the [Municipal Modernization Program](#) to better manage their meetings and documents. There will be two sessions, don't miss!

### **Planning in a Pandemic: Managing COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Appointments Online**

**Thursday, February 25 @ 12pm EST – [Register here](#)**

Municipalities and healthcare providers worldwide are struggling to adapt to protect public safety while managing high volumes of COVID-19 testing and vaccination appointments. In this webinar, [eSolutionsGroup](#) discusses the challenges of handling these unprecedented requirements and how [Appointmentio](#) can address these challenges while decreasing the administrative burden on your staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Ruder at (416) 971-9856 x411 or

by email at [nrunder@amo.on.ca](mailto:nrunder@amo.on.ca).

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## AMO Policy Update



February 4, 2021

# AMO Policy Update – Expanded Library Broadband and AMO Response to Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

## Expanded Library Broadband

Today the Province announced a \$4.8 million investment to upgrade broadband at public libraries in unserved and underserved communities. This investment is part of the Province's [Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#).

The Ontario Library Service will oversee and deliver the project. As a first step in the broadband upgrade process, site surveys and assessments will be conducted to identify eligible library branches, with priority given to those with inadequate broadband located within five kilometres of a secondary school.

## AMO's Response to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission

In June 2020, AMO's Health Task Force established a working group on long-term care to help provide advice to the independent Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission over the course of its investigation. In October 2020, AMO submitted [interim recommendations](#) on an ongoing provincial pandemic response to the Commission for their consideration. The working group on long-term care was also provided an opportunity to meet with the Commissioners on October 26, 2020. The [testimony from that meeting](#) can be found on the LTC Commission website.

AMO provided a final submission, [Improving the Long-Term Care Outbreak Response in Ontario: AMO's Final Submission to the Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission](#), on January 29, 2021. Looking forward, AMO will continue to provide perspectives to the Commission and the Ministry of Long-Term Care on how municipal long-term care

homes are handling the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

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## AMO Policy Update



February 8, 2021

# AMO Policy Update – Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework, *Conservation Authorities Act* Update

## Gradual Return to COVID-19 Response Framework

Ontario has [announced](#) that we are moving to a regional approach and maintaining the [shutdown](#) in the majority of the public health regions in Ontario, including the [Stay-at-Home order](#) and all existing public health and workplace safety measures.

When safe to do so, the Province will gradually transition each region from the shutdown measures to a revised and strengthened [COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#) (the "Framework").

With improving local trends of key health and public health indicators, **3** regions will be moving back to the Framework at the Green-Prevent level on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the [Stay-at-Home order](#):

- Hastings Prince Edward Public Health;
- Kingston, Frontenac and Lennox & Addington Public Health; and
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

The Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply to **28** public health regions until Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

For Toronto, Peel and York regions, it is expected that the Stay-at-Home order will continue to apply until Monday, February 22, 2021. Final decisions by the Province will be subject to review of the trends in public health indicators at that time.

The Framework has been updated to allow a safer approach to retail. Limited in-

person shopping in Grey-Lockdown zones will be permitted with public health and safety measures, such as limiting capacity to 25 per cent in most retail settings. In addition, public health and safety measures in retail settings will be strengthened for other levels of the Framework. All public health measures such as wearing a face covering and maintaining physical distancing will continue to be required.

The Province is also introducing an "emergency brake" to allow for immediate action if a public health unit region experiences rapid acceleration in COVID-19 transmission or if its health care system risks becoming overwhelmed. If this occurs, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the local medical officer of health, may advise immediately moving a region into Grey-Lockdown to interrupt community COVID-19 transmission.

The [provincial emergency](#) declared under s 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA) will end as of 11:59 pm, Tuesday February 9, 2021.

The 31 orders currently in force under the EMCPA have been extended to February 23, 2021 and will be extended further if necessary. O.Reg.55/21 (Compliance Orders for Retirement Homes) is currently in effect until February 19, 2021. 30-day extensions of these orders can occur after February 19 with Cabinet (LGIC) approval. These extended orders should be posted in the next day or so.

## **Parts of *Conservation Authority Act* Proclaimed**

On February 2, 2021, some specific provisions in the *Conservation Authorities Act* were proclaimed to start changes to conservation authority governance, for consistency in administration, transparency, and financial accountability, as well as increased municipal and provincial oversight of conservation authority operations.

These provisions include those requiring 70 per cent of municipally appointed members to be elected officials, with provision for the Minister to permit less than 70 per cent on application by a participating municipality.

Immediate action is not required on the part of conservation authorities or by municipalities related to the provision requiring 70% of municipally appointed members be elected officials. Current members should complete the remaining duration of their appointments. As new members are appointed, conservation authorities should be appointing members in a way that complies with this new requirement.

A participating municipality may also apply to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting an exception to this 70% requirement. The request should include the rationale for the request, and what proportion of members the municipality is proposing to be elected officials. Requests should be sent to [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca).

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## AMO Policy Update



February 11, 2021

# AMO Policy Update – Social Assistance Vision Paper Released and March Break Delayed

## Province Outlines New Social Assistance Vision with Municipal Role Changes

Today the provincial government [released](#) a [paper](#) outlining a vision for social assistance transformation. The Province is proposing a significant change to the municipal social assistance delivery role. A new division of labour would see the Province assuming responsibility for financial assistance administration. Municipal governments will focus on life stabilization services to people, including persons with disabilities. Employment services would be delivered by third party service system managers through the Employment Ontario network.

AMO has engaged in conversations and advocacy with successive provincial governments about social assistance transformation for decades. The discussions with the current government about the new vision are ongoing in a productive and collaborative manner. As part of the announcement, the Province is committing to working with municipal partners to co-design the implementation of the new vision over the next few years. This is welcome.

AMO will provide a more detailed note for members with an impact analysis of these changes in the coming weeks.

## March Break Delayed

As a method to reduce community COVID transmission, Ontario has [announced](#) that they are postponing March break until April 12-16, 2021.

It was noted that this challenging decision was made with the best advice of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and public health officials, including consultations with many local Medical Officers of Health.

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