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2020 AMO Conference



April 17, 2021

AMO 2021 Conference: Program Update

What are the issues that matter most to you? If they include some of the following, you will be glad to know it's just a sample of the sessions we are developing for the AMO conference:

- Broadband
- Community Paramedicine
- Long-term Care Reform
- Ontario Health Teams
- Housing and Neighbourhood Revitalization
- Policing
- Economic Impacts of Climate Change
- Promoting the Best Interests of Children and Youth in Communities
- Conservation Authorities
- Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)
- E-permitting for Building Officials
- Waste Diversion
- Local Impacts of Cannabis Production

AMO 2021 will also feature all the usual elements, including speeches by the Premier, opposition leaders, and Ministers, along with three Ministers' forums.

We are also developing a new panel on ***The Path to Economic Recovery*** and bringing back AMO's ***Women's Leadership Forum*** with a new lineup of distinguished leaders - with details to be announced very soon.

These are in addition to three amazing keynote speakers. **André Picard** will speak about his latest book, ***Neglected No More***, which takes a hard look at how our society came to embrace mass institutionalization, and lays out what can and must be done to improve the state of care for the elderly in Canada. **Sheila Watt-Cloutier** will address delegates on the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and what that means for your communities. **Anthony McLean** will address issues of bias, inclusion, and mental health and their impacts on our institutions and the people around us. Additional information about our 2021 Keynote Speakers can be found on the [AMO conference site](#).

And of course, the AMO conference would not be complete without the opportunity to participate in **delegation meetings** with Ontario Cabinet Ministers and Party Leaders to bring your council's issues directly to the table. Details about delegation meetings at AMO 2021 are coming soon.

Register Today for Early Bird Rates

Registration is open, and **early bird rates apply until April 30, 2021**. To register, [click here](#)
If you have questions that are not answered there, please send them to events@amo.on.ca

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AMO Policy Update



April 12, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Back to Remote Learning, Connecting Links Funding, and *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act* Regulation Changes

Schools Move to Remote Learning and Reintroduction of Emergency Child Care

As a result of the current COVID-19 conditions, the government has [decided](#) to move elementary and secondary schools back to remote learning following the April break, effective April 19, 2021. A decision about when it is safe to again resume in-person learning will be made as the situation requires. Child care for non-school aged children will remain open, before and after school programs will be closed, and free emergency child care for the school-aged children of eligible health care and frontline workers will be provided.

2020-21 Connecting Links Funding

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, [announced](#) funding for 14 municipalities from the Ontario Connecting Links funding program. Ontario is providing \$30 million for eligible capital costs on successful connecting links funding application as previously announced. Connecting links are municipal roads and bridges that connect provincial roads, forming an important part of the Province's transportation network. Municipalities are eligible for up to \$3 million in funding for these projects, increasing to \$5 million in 2021-22.

Changes to Ontario Reg 30/11 under the *Funeral, Burial and*

Cremation Services Act

Changes have been announced this month regarding Ontario Regulation 30/11 under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*. Changes to license display requirements and the price list and consumer information guide will come into force on July 1st, 2021, while additional changes to the cemetery care and maintenance funds and accounts will come into force on January 1st, 2022. Information on the regulatory changes can be found on the e-Laws website at [O. Reg. 258/21: GENERAL](#); [O. Reg. 259/21: GENERAL](#) and any questions can be sent to at info@thebao.ca.

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.

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April 14, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation Launched

As anticipated, the Ontario government has now launched a [90-day consultation](#) to obtain broad feedback on strengthening municipal codes of conduct. AMO is supportive of this public consultation as it will help to make sure that the municipal codes of conduct continue to evolve appropriately.

“Municipal councils are looking for new tools and new measures to address modern challenges in local government”, said AMO President Graydon Smith. “Where there are serious code of conduct violations, municipal councils need the authority to take actions that are measured, appropriate and effective”.

As part of this consultation, the Province is including collecting feedback on [AMO Board of Directors' recommendations](#) for holding municipal councillors accountable, including increased financial penalties, suspension for certain violations, removal from office in certain circumstances, and better training and standards for integrity commissioners. The AMO Board of Directors provided these recommendations for the Province’s consideration earlier this year.

AMO’s recommendations aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct and provide additional tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. In providing their input, AMO’s Board expressed confidence in Codes of Conduct and the offices of Municipal Integrity Commissioners as important resources to help councils maintain public accountability.

Comments to the provincial consultation should be provided through the [online survey](#) by July 15, 2021. Anyone, including members of the public and municipal elected leaders, can participate in the online survey to provide feedback. Municipal councils are encouraged to provide official feedback through the online survey.

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April 16, 2021

AMO Policy Update – New COVID-19 Enforcement Measures and Two-Week Extension of Emergency Declaration, and Emergency Child Care

New COVID-19 Enforcement Measures and Extension of Emergency Declaration

Late this afternoon the Province announced that the province-wide emergency declaration will be extended by an additional two weeks, effective immediately. New enforcement measures and restrictions are being implemented to help Ontario manage through the third wave of COVID-19 in order to protect the health and safety of Ontarians.

As of 12:01 a.m. on April 18th, the new restrictions will apply provide-wide:

- Outdoor gatherings will be strictly limited to members of the same household only, or with one other household if that individual lives alone.
- In-person shopping at stores that primarily sell food and pharmaceutical goods, grocery, and “big box” stores will be restricted to 25% occupancy.
- Only essential construction will be able to continue (e.g., assessment centres, hospitals, long-term care homes). Non-essential construction (e.g., shopping malls, office towers, and hotels) is not allowed.
- All outdoor amenities will be closed (e.g., playgrounds, basketball courts).

As of 12:01 a.m. on April 19th, additional changes will include:

- Restricting indoor participation at places of worship, funerals, and weddings to 10 people.
- Checkpoints will be created to restrict mobility at interprovincial borders between

Quebec and Manitoba, with exceptions for work, transportation of goods, and medical appointments.

To accompany these restrictions, the Ministry of Labour has increased the number of inspectors for workplaces, to ensure that any employee that is not required to work outside of the home, stays at home.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has also provided new temporary enforcement powers of by-law, *Provincial Offences Act* (POA), First Nation Constables, and police officers. Some of these powers include the ability to ask Ontarians to provide the purpose of being outside the home, to ask their personal address, and police officers will be able to stop cars to inquire into why they are outside the home.

Regarding vaccine distribution, the Province continued to call on the federal government to increase its supply of vaccines. With that supply, the Province announced that 25% of future vaccine supply will be targeted to the “hotspot” neighborhoods. The Minister of Health defined those as 12 Public Health Units that have historical and ongoing high rates of deaths, transmission, and spread of COVID-19. It was noted that 80% of the current COVID-19 cases are occurring in 20% of the province and they want these areas targeted.

Additional information will be shared with members as soon as it becomes available and it is expected that further provincial details on all of the above, especially with respect to the enhanced enforcement provisions, essential services under these orders, and the accompanying *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA) regulations will be provided likely early next week.

Emergency Child Care for Health Care and Other Frontline Workers

The government [announced](#) it is, again, funding free emergency child care, available for school-aged children of health care and other frontline workers. These include many categories of municipal staff. The list published today includes occupations such as police, firefighters, paramedics, nurses in long-term care and some staff delivering transit, waste, and water services.

To confirm a specific occupation and for a full list of eligible workers, see the Ontario [website](#). Note this list could potentially be modified at any time. The government is advising parents with a school-aged child or children and on the eligibility list looking to access an emergency child care program, to contact the local municipal [service system manager](#) for information on availability, program locations, and registration.

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AMO Policy Update



April 7, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Province Declares a Third State of Emergency and Issues a Province-Wide Stay-at-Home Order

Today the provincial government [declared](#) a third province-wide state of emergency under s. 7.0.1 (1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA). The province-wide Stay-at-Home order will be effective Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. It is intended to be kept in place for at least four weeks.

This is in addition to the [provincewide emergency brake](#) that was put in place for all 34 public health unit regions that took effect as of Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.

The province-wide Stay-at-Home order requires everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services (including getting vaccinated), for outdoor exercise, or for work that cannot be done remotely.

The strengthened public health and workplace safety measures **include, but are not limited to:**

- Limiting the [majority of non-essential retailers](#) to only operate for curbside pick-up and delivery, via appointment, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., and other restrictions;
- Restricting access to shopping malls to limited specified purposes, while permitting only select stores to operate for in-person retail by appointment only and subject to a 25 per cent capacity limit (e.g. safety supply stores, rental and leasing services, etc.).
- Restricting discount and big box stores in-person retail sales to grocery items,

pet care supplies, household cleaning supplies, pharmaceutical items, health care items, and personal care items only.

In addition, beginning next week, education workers who provide direct support to students with special education needs across the province, and all education workers in select hot spot areas, will be eligible to register for vaccination.

As Phase Two of the Province's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan continues, mobile teams are being organized to administer vaccines in high-risk congregate settings, residential buildings, faith-based locations, and locations occupied by large employers in hot spot neighborhoods to individuals aged 18 or over.

The government will also extend booking for COVID-19 vaccination appointments to more age groups through its provincial booking system, for public health regions with highly impacted neighborhoods on Friday, April 9, 2021.

The current [*COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open*](#) will continue to be paused during this time.

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