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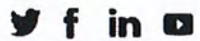
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FCM VOICE

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COVID-19: New support for distressed sectors

Last Friday, the Government of Canada announced new investment to support economic sectors shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic—including the energy sector. This is especially welcome news for small and rural communities in many parts of the country.

Highlights:

- \$1.7 billion to clean up “orphaned and inactive” oil and gas wells.
- \$962 million for regional economic development agencies.
- \$750 million in federal loans to energy companies to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas development.

This is a meaningful response to advocacy by FCM, along with our Rural Forum and Western Economic Solutions Taskforce (WEST). It’s one more step forward as we continue working flat-out to support Canadians and their communities through these unprecedented times.

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NEWS

Municipalities innovating to #FlattenTheCurve

In the face of the COVID19 pandemic, communities are innovating to help care for people and flatten the curve. The City of Calgary is experimenting with closing roads, to allow people to walk, run and bike outside, while maintaining physical distance. In Canton De Gore, Quebec, the municipality set up a home delivery service, mobilizing volunteers to help care for the elderly and vulnerable. And in Halton Hills, Ontario, libraries are closed, but the town left the WiFi on, so people can use it in the parking lot to access educational resources and government benefits.

Is your community doing something innovative to help residents during the #COVID19 crisis? Tag [@fcm_online](#) so we can share.

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New safety guidelines will help protect essential workers

While many Canadians remain at home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, municipal workers are on the front lines working hard to keep essential services running. In order to protect front line workers, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) has released a series of tip sheets with

guidelines to help employees avoid sickness and stop the spread of infection. Each sheet offers specification particular to that industry and are available [free online](#).

 [GET YOUR TIP SHEET](#)

Celebrating women elected officials

The Ann MacLean Award for Outstanding Service celebrates retired women municipal politicians who are leaders in their communities and have mentored other women to run for office. Nominations for the Ann MacLean Award have been extended until May 1, so don't miss your chance to nominate a municipal leader from your community!

 [SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)

RESOURCES

RESOURCE: how to defer property taxes

Canadian municipalities are responsible for a wide range of services, including hiring first responders, providing waste disposal and maintaining infrastructure. In an effort to provide financial relief to citizens and local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis, some municipalities are introducing or expanding property tax deferral programs. Our new resource answers key questions that municipalities should consider when designing property tax deferral programs.

 [READ THE REPORT](#)

FCM TWEETS

Apr 17: Municipalities are working hard on the front lines of the [#COVID19](#) pandemic—but face an unprecedented revenue crunch and need direct financial assistance to keep our water running, garbage collected, vulnerable people safely sheltered, and so much more. [#CDNmuni](#) [#cdnpoli](#)

Apr 18: Municipalities are stronger together. Read how five small communities partnered to improve their [#AssetManagement](#) understanding: <https://bit.ly/3ez12yz> [#cdnmuni](#)

Apr 19: RESOURCE: Check out FCM's resource page on [#COVID19](#), with all of the latest updates from all levels of govt and case studies from [#cdnmuni](#) across Canada <http://bit.ly/COVIDinfoFCM> [#FlattentheCurve](#)

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April 2020

Heritage Matters ... *more!*



Lady's slipper orchids at the Trust-owned Tuckerman property

Up front | Beth Hanna, CEO of the Ontario Heritage Trust

Over the past few years, the Trust has designed programs and partnerships to create meaningful public dialogue and a more inclusive discussion around our heritage. We've been expanding the narrative – to ensure that the heritage we protect and the stories we tell are an accurate portrayal of the people who have lived on, and contributed to, this land known as Ontario.

There are entire populations of our society whose contributions to our history and heritage have been overlooked in the historical narrative – women, Indigenous nations, immigrant communities and refugees, racialized people, and the LGBTQ2 community, to name a few. Through our sites, programs and publications, the Trust is working to share their

stories in their own voices, to celebrate the diversity of experiences, languages, customs and perspectives that help define who we are.

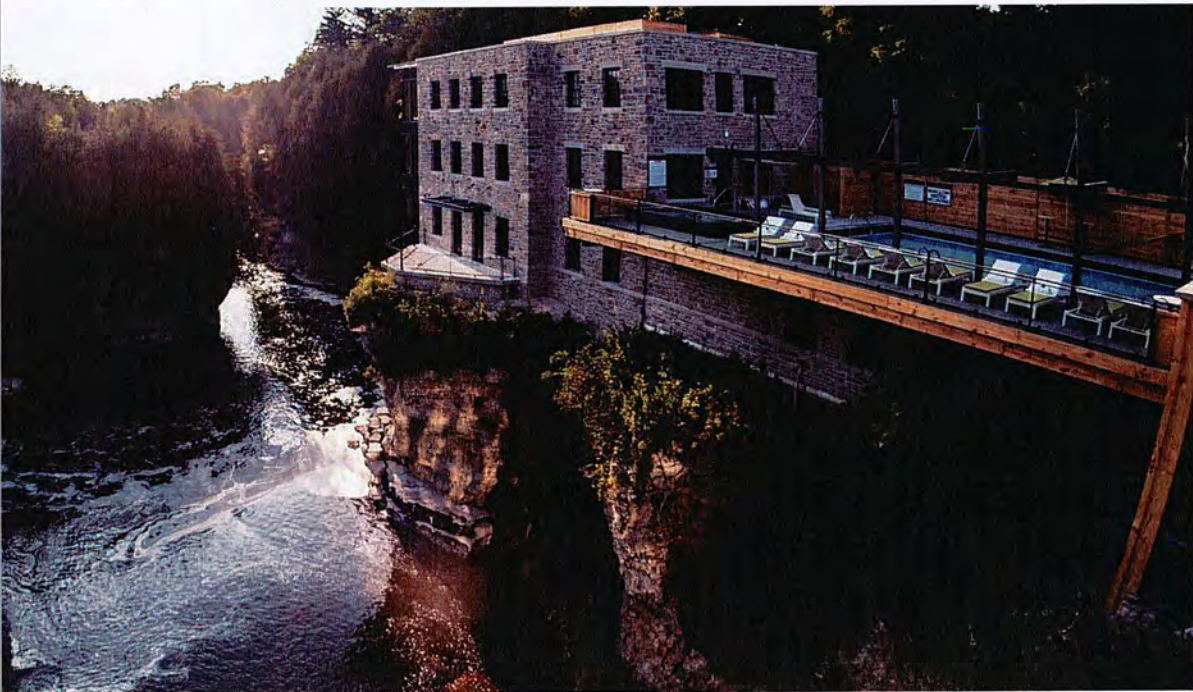
Earlier this year, the Trust worked with the Women's Law Association of Ontario (WLAO) to commemorate the important work of that organization. You can read about that provincial plaque below. We wanted to share the WLAO story with you, so this issue of Heritage Matters ... *more* focuses on women's history and the significant contributions made by women in Ontario.

Share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!



Note: Please be assured that although the Ontario Heritage Trust has suspended all public-facing activities until further notice to ensure the health and safety of our visitors, partners and staff, the Trust continues to protect and conserve Ontario's heritage and share our stories. We will provide the best service possible throughout this challenging time. Please check our website and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to enjoy exhibits, share stories and explore the province with us.

Doors Open Ontario 2020



Elora Mill & Spa (Photo: Destination Ontario)

The launch of the 2020 Doors Open Ontario season, presented by the Ontario Heritage Trust and originally scheduled to begin April 25, will be postponed as part of the province's ongoing efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19.

We are working hard, along with our Doors Open Ontario communities, for a great fall 2020 season, when Ontarians can explore the inspiring heritage sites in their own backyards.

In the meantime, let's celebrate our treasured places. Join us as we go behind the doors and onto the trails of heritage sites across the province – virtually! If you have an amazing photo, video or story, [share it with us](#) and we'll share it with Ontario.

[Learn more](#)

Presenting sponsor:



Exploring women's history through provincial plaques



The Trust's Provincial Plaque Program is an important medium for sharing stories, working with knowledge keepers, historians and leaders from communities all over Ontario. These plaques capture time and place, the contributions of our heroes, and stories of struggle, courage and ingenuity.

From Underground Railroad conductors to advocates for women's rights, from authors and scientists to War of 1812 heroines – women have played an enormous role in the telling of Ontario's story. Here are just a few of their extraordinary tales:

- **Harriet Ross Tubman c. 1820-1913**, a renowned conductor on the Underground Railroad who led hundreds of freedom seekers out of slavery in the southern states
- **Nellie L. McClung**, who devoted her life to the franchise, improved health care and fairer property rights for women, temperance and better conditions for factory workers
- **Louise de Kiriline Lawrence**, an early environmentalist and internationally renowned ornithologist
- **Almanda Walker-Marchand et la Fédération des Femmes Canadiennes-Françaises**, a pioneer of the Franco-Ontarian feminist movement.

[Discover more](#)

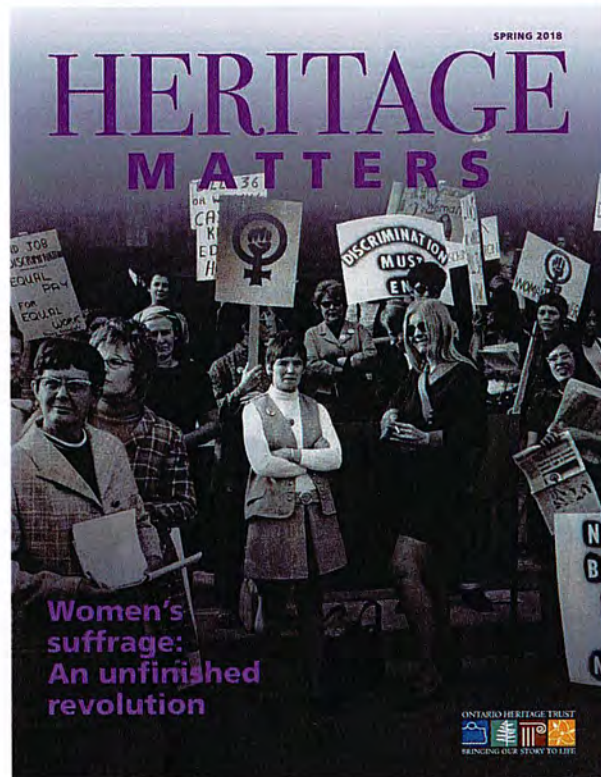
Heritage Matters: Understanding the role of women in Ontario's past

We've been sharing women's stories in our magazine, Heritage Matters. And what an interesting range of contributions these women have made. Learn about:

- [Kit Coleman: Journalism pioneer](#) (Spring 2019)
- [Vera Peters and the fight against breast cancer](#) (February 2016)

In addition, we published a special edition in 2018 entitled [Women's suffrage: An unfinished revolution](#) that focused on the contributions of women in our province's history. Read this issue in full or check out some of the highlighted stories here:

- [From Happy Hill to Parliament Hill: An interview with trailblazer Jean Augustine](#)
- [Canada's first elected woman chief](#)
- [Suffrage and Indigenous women in Canada](#)
- [Elizabeth Bagshaw: Fighting for reproductive rights in Canada](#)



Heritage Matters archives

We've also encouraged women to share stories of Ontario with us in their own voices. Read [MyOntario](#) or see the online conversation among Ontarians and [leave your own story](#) about women who have contributed to Ontario's history.



Partners in heritage: The Women's Law Association of Ontario

On February 28, 2020, the Ontario Heritage Trust unveiled a provincial plaque to commemorate the Women's Law Association of Ontario. The plaque text reads as follows:

Founded in 1919, the Women's Law Association of Ontario (WLAO) was the first organization to work actively to create a place for women at Osgoode Hall. With membership open to law students, lawyers and judges, the non-profit organization advances issues relevant to women in law through networking, educational and social events. Strengthened by the women's rights movement, the WLAO's first 100 years marked Canada's first female lawyer being called to the bar, the first female leader of the regulator of the provincial bar, and the appointment of Canada's first female Supreme Court of Canada judge. The WLAO's campaigns influenced legislators, policy-makers, lawyers and judges to dismantle discrimination and enhance equality through law. Through advocacy, it fought employment and pay equity, criminal justice reform, and an end to gendered violence, racism, disability discrimination, homophobia and transphobia. The WLAO continues to empower women in the legal profession by providing a collective voice, and advocating for equality, diversity and change.

The plaque will be permanently installed in the South Gardens at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

[Read the media release](#)



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Did you know?

Pauline McGibbon (1910-2001), the first woman to hold a vice-regal office in Canada, was born in Sarnia. A life-long volunteer and supporter of the arts, McGibbon became president of the Dominion Drama Festival in 1948 and national president of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in 1963. She was the first woman to lead such organizations as the Canadian Conference of the Arts (1972) and the National Arts Centre (1980). In 1974, McGibbon was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (1974-80), where she focused on culture and the arts. She dedicated her life to the betterment of her community, province and nation, and was honoured as a Companion of the Order of Canada and a member of the Order of Ontario.

To meet its mandate, the Trust raises more than 65% of its funding. Join us in protecting Ontario's heritage.

Give today

The Ontario Heritage Trust envisions an Ontario where the places, landscapes, traditions and stories that embody our heritage are reflected, valued and conserved for future generations.



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Questions de patrimoine... toujours plus!

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Member Update for April 20, 2020

Planning Notice Timeline Changes Anticipated

A regulatory change for municipal *Planning Act* decisions made between February 26 and April 14 took place last week. While the regulation (O.Reg 149/20) is complex, it clearly requires that decision notices will have to be re-posted and a new 20-day appeal period will need to run once the Emergency has ended. Municipalities may choose to post now or they can wait until up to 15 days after the emergency is declared over. Planning staff should watch for an ERO posting on this issue shortly.

Province Expands List of Essential Workers That Can Access Free Emergency Child Care

The government expanded the list of essential workers able to access free emergency child care. In addition to frontline health workers and first responders, others are now eligible including homeless service workers and energy power grid workers. More information on the full list is found in the [Ontario Newsroom](#) and the [amendment](#) to Ontario Regulation 51/20 under the *Emergency Management and Protection Act*.

New Regulation Temporarily Eliminates Reduced Load Periods on Roads in Southern Ontario

The Ontario Government filed [regulations](#) on April 16, 2020 to eliminate reduced load periods in some parts of southern Ontario. The regulation is intended to remove obstacles to the delivery of supplies of certain products and commodities related to the COVID-19 emergency and is temporary, expiring June 30, 2020.

Products such as: food, fuel, medical and sanitation supplies, as well as farm and paper products are included in the list. The regulations only apply in specified

municipalities or parts of municipalities named in section 3 of the regulations. Municipal governments should consult the regulations to see if they are affected.

Reduced Load Periods on municipal roads are permitted through section 122 of the *Highway Traffic Act* and are intended to protect road infrastructure during periods such as the spring melt. AMO understands that the regulations were developed following analysis that suggested roads in the affected areas were low risk for damages in spring. Other parts of the province are not affected. A letter from the Minister of Transportation to affected municipal governments is anticipated shortly.

AMO to Release OPP Detachment Board Discussion Paper

AMO is finalising a discussion paper on the establishment of new OPP Detachment Boards. Members are invited to [register to have a sneak peek](#) at the paper through a webinar presentation on Friday April 24, starting at 11:00 am with Matthew Wilson, AMO Senior Advisor.

AMO COVID-19 Webinars Series: Municipal Labour Relations during COVID-19

AMO is convening a panel discussion on labour relations on Wednesday April 22 starting at 2:00pm. Members are invited to [click here to join the discussion](#) on the 22nd. Panelists include representatives from Hicks Morley, the Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association, and AMO.

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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting No. BOD-05-20

Friday, April 24, 2020
9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting (Access Details to be Provided)

Minutes and agendas are available on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/>

Upcoming Events
2020

Friday, May 22nd
9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting
Virtual Meeting

Wednesday September 23rd
6:00 p.m.
*(Date tentative and
subject to change)*

Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation
32nd Annual Conservation Dinner
Manor at Carrying Place Golf and Country Club
16750 Weston Road, Kettleby

Events are also listed on our Events Page on our website: <http://lsrca.on.ca/events/>

I. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA **Pages 1-5**

RECOMMENDED: THAT the content of the Agenda for the April 24, 2020 meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors be approved as presented.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Board of Directors **Pages 6-12**

Included in the agenda are copies of the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings No. BOD-03-20 and BOD-04-20, both held on Friday, April 3, 2020.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings No. BOD-03-20 and BOD-04-20, both held on Friday, April 3, 2020 be approved as circulated.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. PRESENTATIONS

a) LSRCA 2019 Audited Financial Statements **Pages 13-55**

BDO Canada LLP will provide the Board with an overview of the 2019 audit findings. BDO's final report to the Board of Directors is included in the agenda.

RECOMMENDED: THAT the presentation by BDO Canada LLP regarding 2019 LSRCA's Audit Report be received for information.

Staff Report No. 20-20-BOD prepared by Manager, Finance, Katherine Toffan, regarding the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements is included in the agenda.

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 20-20-BOD regarding LSRCA's 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements be received; and

FURTHER THAT the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

FURTHER THAT the Appropriations to and from Reserves as outlined in Schedule 8 of the 2019 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved; and

FURTHER THAT the pending 2019 Audited Financial Statements be distributed to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and LSRCA's banker.

b) **Alcona Flood Relief Project – Preferred Solution**

Watershed Restoration Services Engineer, Bhavika Patel, will provide a presentation on the Alcona Flood Relief Project. This presentation will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED: **THAT the presentation provided by Watershed Restoration Services Engineer, Bhavika Patel, regarding the Alcona Flood Relief Project be received for information.**

VI. HEARINGS

There are no Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

VII. DEPUTATIONS

There are no Deputations scheduled for this meeting.

VIII. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION
(Reference Pages 4 and 5 of the agenda)

IX. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

X. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

XI. CLOSED SESSION

There are no Closed Session items for this meeting.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LSRCA Board of Directors will be held at @ approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually, access details to be provided. This meeting will be preceded by a Lakes Simcoe, Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority meeting beginning @ 9:00 am.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Correspondence Pages 56-57

Correspondence items included in this agenda are as follows:

- a) Town of Innisfil Council resolution of March 11, 2020 regarding the continuation of programs and services by Conservation Authorities.

RECOMMENDED: THAT correspondence listed in the agenda as Item 1a) be received for information.

2. COVID-19 Updates Pages 55-65

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 21-20-BOD regarding the update in LSRCA's business continuity and operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic be received for information.

3. Appointment of Enforcement Officer(s) under the Conservation Authorities Act Pages 66-68

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 22-20-BOD regarding the appointment of Mr. Matthew Brown and Mrs. Ashlea Brown as Enforcement Officers for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority per Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act be approved.

4. LSRCA Watershed Development Guidelines Proposed Amendments Pages 69-76

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 23-20-BOD regarding changes to LSRCA's Watershed Development Guidelines be received; and

FURTHER THAT the Shoreline Section of the Watershed Development Guidelines contained herein be approved for implementation effective June 1, 2020.

5. 2020 Conservation Awards Program Pages 77-78

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 24-20-BOD regarding cancellation of the 2020 Conservation Awards Ceremony in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic be received; and

FURTHER THAT the recommendation provided in the report be supported.

6. Thornton Bales Conservation Area Management Plan

Pages 79-94

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 25-20-BOD regarding the Thornton Bales Conservation Area Management Plan be received; and

FURTHER THAT the Management Plan and associated Business Plan be approved; and

FURTHER THAT staff continue to pursue funding and in-kind support to implement the recommendations of the Management Plan.

7. Update regarding the Alcona NDMP Flood Relief Class EA

Pages 95-97

RECOMMENDED: THAT Staff Report No. 26-20-BOD regarding the update on the Alcona NDMP Flood Relief Class EA be received for information.

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AMO COVID19 Webinars Series: Municipal Labour Relations during COVID19

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM Eastern Time

Hicks Morley, the Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA) and AMO, will review and discuss key labour relations issues arising during COVID19 and through evolving legislative changes.

Panelists are: **Mark H. Mason**, Partner, Hicks Morley, **Stephanie N. Jeronimo**, Partner, Hicks Morley, **Jane Albright (moderator)**, Commissioner of Human Resources and Citizen Service, Region of Waterloo & President, Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA), **Monika Turner**, Director Policy, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

AGENDA

In preparation for the panel discussion, participants can consider the questions below.

1. What can and cannot function from home and what impact does that have – what roles, what policies, protection and security of data, etc.
2. What do the ESA changes really mean? When is DEL available, when is IDEL available, can I force the issue, and can employees change their minds later? And is a “general leave of absence” separate and apart from layoffs and ESA leaves an actual thing?
3. Do we know anything further about EI, CERB eligibility, tops ups, what is eligible for OMERS time and how does that fit into the equation?
4. Test driving the new Regulation around redeployment – what does it apply to, how aggressively can we read this
 - i. What happens with OT and shift premiums, etc. if someone is redeployed?
 - ii. What happens to their wage rate?
5. How is your LTC holding up? Have you been collecting the data required, have employees been sharing? What lies ahead?

1. What happens if an employee refuses redeployment – what are my options for union and non-union staff?
 2. What happens if an employee refuses work because it is unsafe? What is the process to be followed?
6. How early is too early to start talking about return to work?
1. It is coming at some point – should we be planning the return to work plan when we are contemplating layoffs?
 2. What are the key issues going to be?

Please click the link to join: <https://zoom.us/j/96639490886>

Or Telephone: 855 703 8985 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 966 3949 0886

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/abt31UcAJ0>

Recording of all AMO COVID19 webinars will be made available on AMO's COVID-19 Resources Page, under Webinars. <http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Health/COVID19Resources>

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Trent-Severn Waterway Water Level Management Update – Friday, April 17, 2020

Parks Canada's water management team continues to actively monitor water levels and flows, and weather forecasts across the Trent-Severn Waterway. These factors are used to determine dam operations on a daily basis for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Parks Canada has launched the Ontario Waterways Water Management InfoNet on the Trent-Severn Waterway website at www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet

The InfoNet contains background information on water management practices, water management updates, frequently asked questions about water management, various reports on water management, and the most recent water levels of lakes along both the Rideau Canal and the Trent-Severn Waterway.

Of specific note is the new water levels tool within the InfoNet which provides lake levels data from the last 30 days and graphic representation of levels for the current year. The information comes from hydrometric gauges located at key points along both waterways and is vetted by trained and experienced Parks Canada water management staff.

This information is intended as supplemental information only. Stakeholders should continue to refer to their respective Conservation Authority or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as the primary source for relevant flood forecasting information specific to their area. These are [Kawartha Conservation Authority](#), [Otonabee Region Conservation Authority](#), [Ganaraska Conservation Authority](#), [Lower Trent Conservation Authority](#), [Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority](#) or, in all other areas of the Trent and Severn Watersheds, the [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry](#).

Weather

The 7 day forecast is indicating temperatures close to zero degrees Celsius overnight and mixed precipitation amount of approximately 10 mm.

Outlook

The watersheds of the Haliburton reservoirs experienced earlier than normal freshet which in combination with warmer air temperatures has resulted in the loss of the most winter snowpack. The melt event generated higher than seasonal inflows and resulted in higher lake levels of the reservoirs. Given the remaining potential for seasonal rains in April and May, the public can expect lake levels to

be held to current levels or lower to accommodate precipitation and to mitigate flooding while gradually achieving seasonal averages heading into summer. Currently flows have peaked and receding across the Trent-Severn Watershed. The weather forecast suggests that flows and levels should remain steady.

The Trent-Severn Water Management team will be actively monitoring the changing conditions. Any watershed condition updates will be released by your [Conservation Authority](#).

Ice on Shorelines

The freshet has increased water levels and as a result has moved the ice sheet on most lakes. As the ice sheet is not attached at the shoreline it can be moved by windy conditions. The areas subject to the greatest potential ice impact are those facing the primary wind direction. In the event of strong wind conditions the public should be aware of possible onshore ice movement leading to shoreline damage.

Haliburton and Northern Areas

In general, water levels in the Haliburton Reservoirs are above average; flows on the Gull and Burnt Rivers are below average. Levels and flows are expected to stabilize.

Kawartha Lakes and the Otonabee River

The Kawartha Lakes water levels are below average and expected to remain stable. Flows on the Otonabee River are below average for this time of year.

Rice Lake and the Lower Trent

Rice Lake water level is below average and leveling off. Flows on the Lower Trent River are expected to remain within their respectful seasonal levels for the coming weeks.

Severn River

Lake Simcoe water levels are below average. Flows on the Black and Severn Rivers are below average and receding.

Regards,

Karen Feeley



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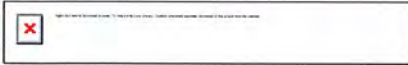
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BACD Update - April 20, 2020

For up-to-date resources and information for businesses in Durham Region regarding government programs, services and supports available during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit [Invest Durham](#) and [BACD Business Toolbox](#)

Business Advisory Centre Durham is OPEN (Virtually)!



BACD is continuing to offer our **free one-on-one business advisor meetings** virtually or through a phone call to discuss your business challenges. These meeting are to help equip you with the guidance you need to create an action plan for your business Topics include: business planning, systems & operations, financials, marketing strategy, website review & more. To book please call us on [905-668-4949](tel:905-668-4949) or email us clientservices@bacd.ca

We are continuing to offer our regular business training **BACD Start Up** and **Business Fundamentals** sessions which are being run virtually, as well as our **expert network workshops**. We now have an additional **Business Masterclass** for those who want help to complete a business plan potentially for finance applications. And in response to COVID-19, we have added several **free webinars** in a variety of subjects. To see the calendar of upcoming events and to register, please visit BACD.ca/events

Thank you from the BACD Team
 Teresa, Andrea, Patrice, Ashley and Lindy

COVID-19 News and Resources

[Region of Durham Resource Page for Businesses](#)

[Ontario Newsroom](#)

[Prime Minister announces expanded access to Canada Emergency Response Benefit and support for essential workers](#)

[Top tips for being productive at home](#)

BACD Grant Programs 2020

PLEASE NOTE: All our programs are running virtually, so apply now if you are interested in any of the following programs.

Are you a student aged 15 - 29 looking to start your own business this summer?



Summer Company Program is for full-time students returning to education in the Fall. The program offers virtual business training, mentoring and a grant of up to \$3,000.

This program remains available, however the program is pivoting the types of businesses allowed in the program due to COVID-19. Student businesses should not require direct interaction with anyone and must follow social distancing rules. Example of eligible business are online products, lawn care with electronic payment, online tutoring etc.

[APPLY NOW](#) via our website. Application deadline is May 17, 2020. For more information, please contact the program coordinator Ashley McBride at: amcbride@bacd.ca

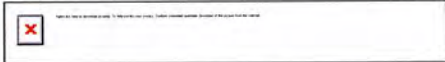
Starter Company Plus Grant Program



The Starter Company Plus program provides training, mentoring and an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. This grant program is for 'market ready' businesses in Durham Region.

[Apply now for the next cohort](#)

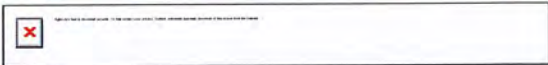
Apply now for the Women's Entrepreneurship Program



Offering entrepreneurial women virtual & in-person business support to help start a new business, plus access to apply for a \$2,000 microloan.

[Click here to learn more](#)

BACD Virtual Networking, Workshops and Webinars



Tuesday, April 21
COVID-19 CRA Benefit, Credit and Subsidy Updates! (Webinar)

9:00am - 10:00am
Online - via Zoom
[REGISTER](#)



Wednesday, April 22

Taking Facebook Business from Zero to Hero (Workshop)

Stay top of mind during COVID-19

9:30am - 12:00pm

Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)



Wednesday, April 22

Speak And Grow Your Influence™ ... How to use

Speaking as an Effective Marketing Strategy! (Webinar)

2:00pm - 3:00pm | Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Thursday, April 23

Mental Illness and Mental Health for Entrepreneurs

(Webinar)

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Monday, April 27

How to create 15 pieces of Social Media content from a

blog post (Workshop)

Highly Requested & step by step!

1:00pm - 2:30pm | Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)



Tuesday, April 28

Virtual BACD Biz Lunch

Let's have lunch & connect

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Thursday, April 30

Writing That Converts (Workshop)

Write compelling content for your target audience

9:30am - 12:00pm | Online - via Zoom

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Thursday, April 30

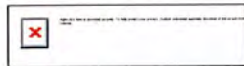
How to run a successful ad campaign on LinkedIn

(Workshop)

Steps to creating great ads

1:00pm - 3:00pm | Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)



Free BACD Business Training Workshops

Start Up Session: April 22, April 29, May 13

Business Fundamentals Financials & Operations: April 28

Business Fundamentals Business Planning: May 7

Business Fundamentals Marketing & Sales: May 13

Business Masterclass: May 6, May 19

Register online: bacd.ca/events/category/business-training

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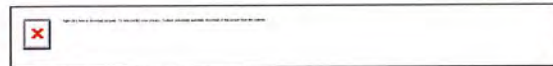


Tuesday, May 5

Get Your Legal Questions Answered (Webinar)

1:00pm - 2:00pm | Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Thursday, May 14

Converting Sales on Social Media (Workshop)

9:30am - 12:00pm | Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)



Wednesday, May 20

Maker Meet Up (Virtual)

9:30am - 11:00am | Online - via Zoom

[REGISTER](#)



Wednesday, May 21
LinkedIn for Small Business
(Workshop)

9:30am - 12:00pm | Online - via Zoom

[TICKETS](#)

Up Sales Talks - June 10th Cancelled

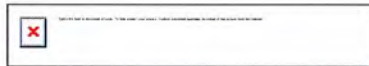
Due to the current circumstances, we have decided to cancel the June 10 Up Sales Talks. Next event will be held on [September 16](#).



In the meantime, enjoy highlights of the March 4th event. [Read more](#)

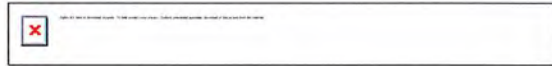
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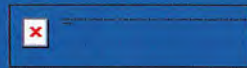


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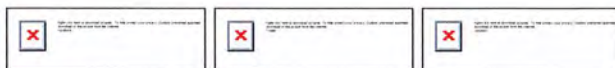
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Durham Region Newsroom

[Durham's business community unites during COVID-19](#)

Durham.ca April 20, 2020

Durham Region's business community is rallying together and working as one cohesive task force to support local businesses, from across the region, during these challenging times.

Local press releases

[Brock...A Community That Cares - Edition 1](#)

TownshipofBrock.ca April 20, 2020

The community, residents and businesses, have rallied together to face the challenges of COVID-19. Each week we are going to feature one business and one resident who has gone above and beyond in the fight of COVID-19 and we want to share these amazing stories!!

[Township of Brock COVID-19 Update #10 - Seasonal Changes at Public Works during COVID-19](#)

TownshipofBrock.ca April 20, 2020

Spring clean up of parks and public spaces, beaches and harbour clean up, seasonal preparations of sport fields and facility grounds, and lawn maintenance as well as gardens and hanging baskets are underway with some changes to the services to protect the health and well being of the community and Township of Brock staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[#BeKind Social Media Campaign](#)

TownshipofBrock.ca April 20, 2020

As a show of community strength and unity, the Township of Brock is launching a #BeKind social media campaign as we all come together to face the challenges of COVID-19. We are asking all residents to join us in this campaign and show kindness, love, and positivity for your community while maintaining a safe physical distance

[Planning and Development Committee Meeting Cancellation on May 4, 2020](#)

Pickering.ca April 20, 2020

Please be advised that due to COVID-19 and the Premier's Emergency Order to prohibit public events and social gatherings of more than five people, the Planning & Development Committee Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2020 has been cancelled.

[Executive Committee Meeting Cancellation on May 4, 2020](#)

Pickering.ca April 20, 2020

Please be advised that due to COVID-19 and the Premier's Emergency Order to prohibit public events and social gatherings of more than five people, the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2020 has been cancelled.

[COVID-19 Update 21: Practicing safe physical distancing in City parks, trails and greenspaces](#)

Oshawa.ca April 21, 2020

We want you to stay safe at home, but understand that physical exercise is important.

[Clarington cancels its Canada Day event, looks at other ways to celebrate Canada's birthday](#)

Clarington.net April 20, 2020

The Municipality of Clarington has made the difficult decision to cancel its Canada Day celebration held at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex.

Federal and Provincial press releases

[Website Enables Sharing of Pandemic Resources and Good Practices](#)

April 20, 2020 Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety news releases

Website Enables Sharing of Pandemic Resources and Good Practice

[Health Experts Say the COVID-19 Outbreak Has Likely Peaked in Ontario](#)

Ontario Newsroom – April 20, 2020

The Ontario government today released updated COVID-19 modelling, which shows that the enhanced public health measures, including staying home and physically distancing from each other, are working to contain the spread of the virus and flatten the curve. However, the Chief Medical Officer of Health says emergency measures must remain in place to continue reducing the number of cases and deaths.

[Government of Ontario Reaches Final Agreement with OSSTF](#)

Ontario Newsroom – April 20, 2020

Today, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, issued the following statement after reaching a tentative agreement with Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), and the OSSTF Education Workers and the Council of Trustees' Associations (CTA).

Local news

[Ajax, Ont. community gardeners call on premier to ease restrictions: 'It's totally closed'](#)

GlobalNews.ca – April 20, 2020

As the temperature climbs, green thumbs are itching to get out into their gardens. But those who use community plots are out of luck, unless the province eases up on restrictions.

[Durham reports 52 new COVID-19 cases and eight more deaths on Monday](#)

Durham Radio News – April 20, 2020

On Monday, the Region of Durham confirmed 52 new COVID-19 cases. That brings the total in the region to 672.

[Clarington cancels annual Canada Day event, will look for other ways to celebrate while following distancing rules](#)

Durham Radio News – April 20, 2020

The Municipality of Clarington has cancelled its Canada Day celebration held annually at Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex.

[Blue Sky Supermarket Donates thousands of masks and gloves to Carea Community Health Centre and Lakeridge Health](#)

Durham Radio News – April 20, 2020

Blue Sky Supermarket has donated 5,000 surgical masks and 2000 gloves for the frontline healthcare staff and clients at Carea Community Health Centre (CHC) Lakeridge Health.

[Number of COVID-19 deaths in Durham Region surpasses 50](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 20, 2020

More than 50 local deaths have now been attributed to COVID-19, the Durham Region Health Department confirmed Monday afternoon.

[Significant number of COVID-19 cases confirmed at long-term care and retirement home in Pickering](#)

Durham Radio News – April 21, 2020

A long-term care and retirement home in Pickering is battling a COVID-19 outbreak. Southbridge Care Homes, which owns Orchard Villa on Valley Farm Road, says there are a significant number of cases at the facility.

[Port Perry waterfront trail closed week of April 20](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 20, 2020

A popular Port Perry waterfront trail will be closed to the public during the week of April 20. The waterfront trail that meanders along the Lake Scugog shoreline between Coulter Street and Simcoe Street -- essentially forming a perimeter around the Canterbury Common subdivision -- will be closed this week.

[Clarington cancels Canada Day celebrations](#)

Clarington This Week (Metroland Media Group) – April 20, 2020

The Municipality of Clarington has cancelled its annual Canada Day celebration.

[COVID-19 outbreak at Oshawa long-term care home kills two more residents](#)

Durham Radio News – April 20, 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak at a long-term care home in Oshawa continues to spread and become more deadly. As of April 19, there are now 41 infected residents at Hillside Terraces and 13 of them have died.

[Pickering supermarket donates masks, gloves to health-care providers](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 21, 2020

A Pickering grocery store is donating 5,000 surgical masks and 2,000 gloves to help front-line health workers deal with COVID-19. Blue Sky Supermarket donated the items to the Carea Community Health Centre (CHC) and Lakeridge Health.

[Scugog issues 'many' warnings, but no tickets to pandemic scofflaws](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 21, 2020

Scugog bylaw officers have issued warnings to those flouting provincial pandemic regulations, but have yet to fine scofflaws. The township estimates it has received about 40 complaints regarding those not adhering to new rules put in place to slow the spread of the coronavirus and has "issued many verbal warnings," said Lori Bowers, a Scugog spokesperson

General news updates

[Feds to announce more support to help vulnerable weather COVID-19 pandemic](#)

CP24 – April 21, 2020

The federal government is expected to unveil today more financial support for vulnerable Canadians struggling to weather the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Ontario has hit peak of COVID-19 cases, computer modelling suggests](#)

Toronto Star – April 21, 2020

Armed with new data suggesting Ontario has hit its COVID-19 peak with fewer cases than feared, Premier Doug Ford is developing a “framework” for slowly reopening the economy.

[Officials working on plan for 'gradual' reopening of Ontario, premier says](#)

CP24 – April 20, 2020

When the province does begin to ease some of the restrictions in place due to COVID-19, Premier Doug Ford says it will be done “a little bit at a time” to ensure the health and safety of all Ontarians.

[Ontario's new COVID-19 modelling offers hope, but no clear picture of when restrictions will ease](#)

CBC – April 20, 2020

New modelling of COVID-19's future in Ontario offers some light at the end of the tunnel, but doesn't appear to mean imminent changes to the province's restrictions on businesses and public gatherings.

[Bonnie Henry seeks input from restaurant industry on ideas for reopening sites once restrictions are loosened](#)

Globe and Mail – April 20, 2020

British Columbia's public-health officer is challenging the province's embattled restaurant industry, largely closed as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, to come up with innovative options to allow for in-restaurant dining when B.C. eventually eases its pandemic restrictions.

['Could we please just get them some help' Toronto care home residents suffer as staffing levels plummet](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

When Jane Bayly heard the news that a hospital “SWAT team” was volunteering in a Toronto long-term care residence this weekend, she called her parent's Etobicoke nursing home, where more than 100 residents have tested positive for COVID-19, to get an update on reinforcements.

[TTC CEO says COVID crisis could force layoffs, more transit service cuts](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

The head of the TTC has acknowledged the agency could be forced to implement layoffs and additional service cuts if the COVID-19 crisis persists and senior levels of government don't come forward with emergency transit funding.

[1,900 city staff set to be re-deployed to COVID-19 response, or put on leave](#)

CP24 – April 20, 2020

Mayor John Tory says the city has reached a deal with the unions representing city staff that will see thousands of municipal workers redeployed to Toronto's COVID-19 emergency response, or put on leave.

[Ontario to allow people on social assistance to keep part of emergency benefits](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

Ontarians on social assistance who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 will be allowed to keep a portion of federal income support being offered to most other Canadian workers struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic.

[Canadians trust their family doctor more than the PM on COVID-19, says poll](#)

CP24 – April 21, 2020

Canadians trust health professionals like their family doctor first and foremost when it comes to the COVID-19 crisis, a new poll suggests.

[COVID-19 closes Alberta plant that processes one-third of Canada's beef](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

The coronavirus pandemic has forced one of Canada's major beef processing plants to shut down, with no estimated date of reopening, as cattle producers warn they could lose \$500 million over the coming weeks.

[T&T grocery chain starts temperature checks on customers — those who don't pass will be asked to go home](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

T&T Supermarket says its customers are “very willing” to have their temperatures taken before entering stores, after the B.C.-based grocery chain on Monday rolled out a voluntary screening protocol for customers at all locations for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Loblaws says it will give healthcare workers 'priority access' to its stores](#)

CP24 – April 21, 2020

Loblaws says that it will begin providing “priority access” to healthcare workers as it continues to limit the capacity in its stores in an effort to ensure physical distancing.

[Ottawa seeks new drug providers as COVID-19 fights sends demand soaring and triggers fears of a shortage](#)

Toronto Star – April 20, 2020

The Canadian government is putting out a call for new suppliers of key drugs used to treat COVID-19 patients, with soaring demand causing federal officials to worry about potential shortages.

Scientists cut peer-review corners under pressure of COVID-19 pandemic

CP24 – April 20, 2020

The novel coronavirus was engineered in a lab using HIV. Stem cells are a potent weapon against the new pandemic. People with blood type A are more susceptible to COVID-19. None of these "discoveries" have been proven. But all have been widely disseminated. They're examples of what many scientists are beginning to fear is an erosion of traditional safeguards against bad science.

Other news

Long-time Durham residents victims in Nova Scotia mass shooting

Oshawa This Week (Metroland Media Group) – April 20, 2020

A couple who lived in Durham Region for years are among the victims in a Nova Scotia mass shooting. On Monday afternoon regional chairman John Henry extended his condolences to everyone affected by the shooting including Dawn Madsen and Frank Gulenchyn.

Township flags lowered to honour victims of Nova Scotia shooting

The Brock Voice – April 20, 2020

Brock Township has lowered its flags to half-staff to honour the victims of a mass shooting in Nova Scotia over the weekend.

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Board Chair Praises DRPS Response to the Pandemic

Board Chair Kevin Ashe praised members of the DRPS, in particular frontline officers, for their outstanding response to the pandemic.

Citing low sick day claims and high attendance levels on platoons, Chair Ashe said he was “blown away by the commitment by Officers.”

“I think it speaks volumes to the commitment of the Officers of the DRP,” he said. “We’re seeing tremendous response from our frontline, for showing up to work and being professional.”

Chief Martin echoed the praise and thanked all employees for their dedication to community safety.

More Than 5,000 Victims Assisted

Over 5,000 victims of crime and tragic circumstances received support from Victim Services of Durham Region (VSDR) last year.

A report to the Board cited 5,712 victims of crime and tragic circumstances were helped in 2019 as a result of 4,719 incidents. Of those 5,712 victims, 4,051 were adult females, 1,449 were male and 212 were children under the age of 15. In these 4,719 cases, a total of 3,586 referrals were made to community partners that offer ongoing, longer-term support.

The vast majority of victims had been involved in Domestic Violence (DV). The next largest category was non-DV Assault, followed by incidents of Sexual Violence.

The current pandemic has made it especially challenging to reach victims, given the need for physical distancing. However, dedicated members of VSDR continue to provide immediate crisis response remotely, identifying and addressing the individual needs of each victim and helping them get the help they need.

...from the April 21st, 2020 meeting



All Alone: Following physical distancing protocols, Board Chair Kevin Ashe, centre, ran today's meeting via teleconference, as Executive Director Bill Clancy sat nearby in support. It was the first time the DRPSB ran a regular, monthly meeting by teleconference.

Other Highlights:

- The final **Body-Worn Camera** Report will be delayed for several months as resources were shifted to support frontline operations
- DRP's operating **cost per capita** of \$288 is now the second lowest in its comparator group of six other police services
- **WSIB costs** tripled from 2016 to 2019, from \$1.53 million to \$4.58 million
- The Board will **decline a request** from the Township of Cavan Monaghan for a costing proposal to deliver police services
- The Auxiliary Unit provided an incredible **23,867 hours of service** to the community in 2019, at Santa Claus parades, Remembrance Days ceremonies and dozens of other local events
- The new **2020-2022 Equity & Inclusion** plan was adopted and the Board will receive regular updates on the progress made in the 14 strategic objectives
- The Board requested an update from the **Ontario Civilian Police Commission** on the status of the investigation into the Board and the Service, and how the Administrator appointed by the Commission has exercised the powers assigned to him

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Further details will follow. ■

For further information about the Police Services Board, contact Exec. Assistant Anita Longo at (905) 579-1520 ext. 4307.

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District Council – Electronic Meeting April 20, 2020

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved By: S. Cairns

Seconded By: K. Terziano

WHEREAS Muskoka District Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service only to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Muskoka District Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

Carried ✓

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April 22, 2020

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 21, 2020, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Cairns
Seconded by Councillor Morphy

WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Gravenhurst Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Premier Ford and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

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We trust the above to be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hakl

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Durham Region Newsroom

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Durham.ca – April 22, 2020

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Local press releases

[Oshawa Fire Chief advises of fireworks ban](#)

Oshawa.ca – April 22, 2020

The City of Oshawa advises that the Chief Fire Official has suspended the sale, distribution and use of display fireworks (under the City of Oshawa By-law #59-2014) up until and including July 1, 2020, with the potential to be extended. At this time, the fireworks ban includes the Victoria Day holiday weekend and Canada Day.

[Mayor Carter's video message for April 22](#)

Oshawa.ca – April 22, 2020

In his [Wednesday, April 22 message](#), Oshawa Mayor Dan Carter takes a step back from his regular update on COVID-19 to extend his condolences on behalf of the City of Oshawa to the families of those who lost their lives in the tragic events that took place in Nova Scotia on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

[Durham Region Notice: Durham Region sets up fund to help vulnerable residents during COVID-19](#)

Oshawa.ca – April 23, 2020

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[Deputy Mayor Ashe's Statement on Orchard Villa Retirement Community](#)

Pickering.ca – April 22, 2020

Yesterday, under Section 29.2 of Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act, Dr. Robert Kyle, Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Durham, ordered that Lakeridge Health will take the lead in monitoring, investigating, and responding to the COVID-19 outbreak at Orchard Villa Retirement Community.

[Join the #StayHomeWhitby Campaign](#)

Whitby.ca – April 23, 2020

Who are you staying home for, Whitby? That's the question the Town of Whitby is asking residents to answer through its new #StayHomeWhitby campaign. Its purpose: to encourage residents to make a personal connection to who they are staying home for to protect from COVID-19.

[Virtual Book Clubs with Clarington Public Library](#)

Clarington.net – April 21, 2020

Come virtually together and share a love of reading. To help combat feelings of social isolation, Clarington Public Library has launched an online book club to encourage readers to connect over a good book.

[Township to Hold Virtual Council Meeting Monday April 27](#)

Uxbridge.ca – April 22, 2020

Notice is hereby given that The Council of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a Virtual Council Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The Township will be live streaming the Virtual Committee meeting in order to practice social distancing and to help stop the spread of COVID-19. From the live streaming link above, click the date of the meeting, then the video icon to view.

[Scugog Plans #EarthDayatHome Activities for 2020](#)

Scugog.ca – April 21, 2020

During this unprecedented time in our lives there are still things we can do to feel connected and contribute to our communities. Even while practicing social distancing you are encouraged to get outside and enjoy the fresh air, just remain at least 6 feet away from any people outside your home network. April is starting to bring nicer weather so we are encouraging everyone to contribute to the Spring Clean.

[Mayor provides words of encouragement, thanks and an update on Scugog's response to COVID-19](#)

Scugog.ca – April 23, 2020

We are in this together and we will continue to work towards overcoming this virus that has changed our daily lives for the time-being. Our efforts need to continue as we flatten the curve and stop the spread of COVID-19. Everyone is doing their part and as your Mayor I am very proud of our community.

[Region of Durham - Durham Region sets up fund to help vulnerable residents during COVID-19](#)

TownshipOfBrock.ca – April 23, 2020

The Region of Durham is releasing support funding in response to the growing needs in Durham's homelessness support system during COVID-19.

Provincial and Federal press releases

[Ontario Extends Emergency Orders to Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19](#)

Ontario Newsroom – April 23, 2020

On the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ontario government is extending all emergency orders that have been put in place to-date under s.7.0.2 (4) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act until May 6, 2020. This extension will help protect the health and well-being of people across the province and stop the spread of COVID-19.

[Ontario Marks the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day](#)

Ontario Newsroom – April 22, 2020

Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks released the following statement on the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

[Minister Champagne tours Canadian universities to talk about Canada's diplomatic response to the COVID-19 crisis](#)

Canada.ca – April 22, 2020

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will participate in a virtual university tour to engage with students and academics in universities on Canada's role during the current global health pandemic.

[Support for Students and Recent Graduates Impacted by COVID-19](#)

Canada.ca – April 22, 2020

The Government of Canada recognizes that students and recent graduates are being significantly affected by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2020, the number of post-secondary working students, aged 15-29, dropped by 28% from February 2020.

[Minister Fortier Highlights Government Support for Businesses in Digital Town Hall with Richmond Chamber of Commerce](#)

Canada.ca – April 22, 2020

The Government of Canada is taking strong, immediate, and effective action to protect Canadians and businesses from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Earth Day 2020: Statement from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson](#)

Canada.ca – April 22, 2020

Today, families across Canada mark Earth Day. Normally, this is a day spent with community members doing such things as participating in park clean-ups, taking group hikes, or planting trees. This year, it will clearly need to be different. We must all practice safe physical distancing and ensure we are taking appropriate precautions to keep ourselves and community members safe from COVID-19.

[Removing barriers for international students working in essential services to fight COVID-19](#)

Canada.ca – April 22, 2020

To help battle the COVID-19 outbreak, starting immediately, the government will remove the restriction that allows international students to work a maximum of 20 hours per week while classes are in session, provided they are working in an essential service or function, such as health care, critical infrastructure, or the supply of food or other critical goods.

Local news

[31 dead of coronavirus at Pickering retirement home](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 22, 2020

The death of 31 residents at Orchard Villa Retirement Home has "shattered" the community.

[COVID-19 outbreaks have been declared at 12 Durham seniors facilities: health department](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 22, 2020

A total of 14 outbreaks of COVID-19 have been declared at hospitals, long-term care homes and retirement residences in Durham Region since the illness emerged here in late winter, according to statistics released this week by health authorities.

[Eight questions on coronavirus measures in Scugog](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

With the province and Scugog in an extended state of emergency, the Port Perry Star checked in with township officials on the state of coronavirus measures in Scugog.

[8 questions on coronavirus measures in Brock](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 22, 2020

With the province and the Township of Brock in an extended state of emergency, the Brock Citizen checked in with township officials on the state of coronavirus measures.

[Town of Ajax not yet certain when municipal facilities will open again](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

Town looking forward 'to bringing back full complement of staff back to work' when facilities reopen #essentialservices.

[Town of Whitby has lost at least \\$1M due to coronavirus](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

Reports reveal costs to Whitby due to rec centre closures, tax deferrals, user fee losses #essentialservices.

[Municipality of Clarington expects to lose \\$1 million in revenue to coronavirus](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

Savings in part-time salaries not paid offset by lost revenues due to no user fees, permits #essentialservices.

[City of Oshawa pushing ahead on capital projects despite coronavirus pandemic](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

City Manager: 'One of hardest things...in 36-year-career is having to lay off crossing guards and part-time rec staff' #essentialservices.

[City of Pickering will bring back part-time workers as soon as facilities open](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

City is currently tracking total losses it faces due to the coronavirus pandemic #essentialservices.

[Three things the pandemic has changed at Durham school boards \(that aren't distance learning\)](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020

School construction projects have been reclassified as non-essential.

[LTC residents and staff: Ajax columnist says 'we must do better by them'](#)

DurhamRegion.com (Metroland Media Group) – April 23, 2020
Renaë Jarrett says not being able to visit is hard for families, harder for staff.

[Ajax launches new 'Hygiene Hub' to support people experiencing homelessness](#)

Durham Radio News – April 22, 2020
The Town of Ajax is helping keep unsheltered individuals safe and clean during COVID-19, with the launch of their new 'Hygiene Hub.'

[Have COVID-19 questions? Ask Durham leaders at virtual town hall Wednesday](#)

Durham Radio News – April 22, 2020
If you have questions about COVID-19, Durham's leadership has some of the answers.

[Lakeridge Health called in to help control COVID-19 outbreak at Pickering retirement home](#)

Durham Radio News – April 22, 2020
Lakeridge Health has been called in after Durham's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Robert Kyle, ordered a Pickering retirement home to address the "immediate risk of COVID-19 to residents and staff" amid an outbreak.

[Durham Region sets up fund for non-profits helping vulnerable people during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Durham Radio News – April 23, 2020
Non-profit organizations in Durham helping vulnerable residents could get a financial boost from the region.

[Durham Health releases more information on COVID-19 outbreaks at long-term care homes in the region](#)

Durham Radio News – April 22, 2020
The Durham Region Health Department has released more information in regards to the outbreaks at long-term care (LTC) and retirement homes (RH) in the region.

[Forty-four new cases of COVID-19 reported in Durham Wednesday, eight more deaths](#)

Durham Radio News – April 23, 2020
The Region of Durham is reporting another 44 cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, bringing the total number of cases to 756.

General news updates

[Trudeau announces \\$9B in financial support for students; critics say pandemic aid must flow faster](#)

CBC – April 22, 2020
Students will be eligible for \$1,250 a month from May through August.

[Coronavirus: Latest developments in the Greater Toronto Area on April 22](#)

Global News – April 22, 2020
A roundup of the latest developments on the coronavirus pandemic in the Greater Toronto Area for Wednesday.

[Saskatchewan to 'cautiously' reopen from the coronavirus pandemic in 5 phases](#)

Global News – April 22, 2020
Saskatchewan is ready to reopen as the number of new coronavirus cases flatten in the province.

[Coronavirus: 61% of Toronto businesses would close down in 3 months, survey says](#)

Global News – April 22, 2020
A survey that looked at businesses in Toronto found that 61 per cent will not survive over the next three months, without much needed rent relief, due to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other news

[Nova Scotia shooting: RCMP hunting for motive as death toll now at 23 \[Video Clip\]](#)

Global News – April 21, 2020
Coverage in the aftermath of the deadly Nova Scotia shooting rampage from this past weekend.

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AMO COVID-19 Resources

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.

Over the last few weeks, AMO has been hosting webinars to support members in communications during COVID-19 and guidance for council meetings with electronic attendance. These are now [available here](#).

AMO Matters

AMO is finalising a discussion paper on the establishment of new OPP Detachment Boards. Members are invited to [register to have a sneak peek](#) at the paper through a webinar presentation on April 24, starting at 11:00 am with Matthew Wilson, AMO Senior Advisor.

Check out AMO's webpage for the [latest news](#) on broadband and cellular connectivity. Any questions on the material can be directed to [Amber Crawford](#).

Diabetes Canada has written an open letter to Canada's mayors and municipalities requesting your help to clear garbage and soiled textiles from their donation bin sites. For more information [click here](#).

WSIB is offering a financial relief package to help alleviate burden from COVID-19. Both Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 employers will benefit from this automatically. For additional information, [click here](#).

The deadline to submit an application for the [PJ Marshall Award](#) has been extended to Friday, May 29, 2020. Please review updated requirements.

With the COVID-19 emergency, waste management operations have been a priority to ensure continued vital collections for the health and well-being of Ontarians. However, the move of all waste diversion programs towards full producer responsibility continue. AMO applauds the government's commitment as these programs will create Ontario jobs and help our economic recovery. The government has committed to deliver a draft Blue Box regulation in summer 2020. At the same time, we have a new Batteries

Regulation and development of programs for Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste. Given this, AMO staff have revamped their website to provide the [latest updates](#). For more information, contact [Dave Gordon](#) (Senior Advisor) or [Amber Crawford](#) (Policy Advisor).

Provincial Matters

Working with the [OCSA](#), the government launched a new [Ontario Community Support Program](#) to expand existing Meals on Wheels services to reach low-income seniors, and people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions. The program will also develop the capacity of community organizations to help deliver medication and other essentials. Local 211 services will provide information and referral. For more information on government initiatives to serve vulnerable residents, see the [Ontario Newsroom](#).

A new section to the *Planning Act* (Sec. 70.11) was enacted to help municipal government manage/suspend the planning process while focusing on COVID-19. The [Guidance](#) on how to implement the new [Sec. 70.11](#) of the *Planning Act* and [O.Reg. 149/20](#) has now been posted on the ERO.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services has extended the [consultation period](#) on the proposal to implement administrative penalties (APs) under the *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* (CPA) by four weeks, to May 25, 2020.

Eye on Events

eSCRIBE, AMO's partner of cloud-based meeting management solutions for public sector boards and councils, has unveiled eSCRIBE Lite. [Register for a webinar](#) on April 29 at noon and learn how this solution can help municipalities with under 20,000 people cross the digital divide.

In person or online, AMO 2020 will connect municipal leaders to the information they need most. Planning is well underway for August 16-19 in Ottawa, but we are also planning for a contingency approach that would transform AMO 2020 into a virtual conference if need be. An update will be provided to AMO members soon. Contact [Poonam Ruparelia](#) with questions. Visit the AMO [website](#) for updates, details and registration information.

Recognizing how quickly things are changing in the environment of COVID-19, and in appreciation of our valued exhibitors, AMO is extending the exhibitor cancellation deadline. Exhibitor information can be [found here](#).

Over the past few weeks, AMO and Redbrick Communications have been supporting members on communications through COVID19. Additional resources are now available for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. [Register now](#).

LAS

LAS's Home and Auto Insurance Program partner, Cowan Group, keeps you updated with the [latest information](#) on personal insurance news and resources related to COVID19.

Just because we're social distancing doesn't mean we can't learn! In partnership with Stephen Dixon (TdS Dixon), LAS still offers the same great energy workshops you've come to expect, now ONLINE! These can even include virtual energy hunts! Up to 75% incentive available through the IESO. Contact Christian Tham to discover the possibilities!

We are working with our Group Buying partner, Grainger, to ensure PPE is available to all municipalities. Be sure to check out our new COVID-19 Update Page for this and other important information from our Group Buying vendors. Contact us for more information.

Webinar April 29 @ 11am –Gasboy/Gilbarco, one of many Municipal Group Buying Program vendors, is hosting a webinar on Fuel Reconciliation and Fuel Audits using Gasboy/Ekos. Interested? Contact us for registration information.

Webinar April 30 @ 10am – Our Procurement webinar has been rescheduled to next week: Group buying saves time and money, though there are a number of rules that need to be followed. Grab a coffee and join us to learn all about the procurement for our popular Municipal Group Buying Program. Register here.

ONE Investment

Two important webinars hosted by ONE, in conjunction with our external investment managers, discuss in detail how COVID-19 has impacted the ONE Legal List Portfolios. To watch, click ONE Investment website or ONE YouTube channel.

Municipal Wire

The Township of Limerick resolution encourages all organizations within the mandate of Ontario municipalities to lower their respective flags to half mast in honour of those who have been lost and to support the residents of Colchester County.

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COVID and Beyond: Managing Your Mental Health

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It is more important than ever to invest in your own mental health and the mental well-being of your organization's employees. The majority of Canadians are finding that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a negative impact on their mental health. 58% of Canadians report feeling overloaded by the multiple roles they are juggling while working from home.




Participants in this 3-part webinar series will learn strategies for stress management, how to positively respond to change, and how to work productively from home while balancing the needs of home life and family commitments.

[Full Webinar Series Description.](#)

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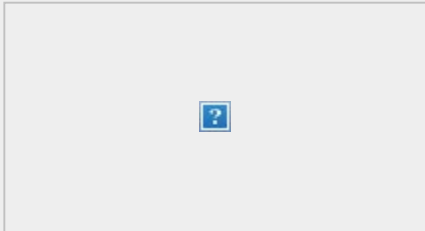


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Electronic Meetings Resources

On March 19th, 2020 the Ontario Government made amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 in response to COVID-19. With Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act allows municipalities to update their procedural by-laws to allow for electronic meetings of municipal councils, committees and local boards under sections 238 and 239 of the Municipal Act.

To assist in navigating this uncharted territory, AMCTO, MISA Ontario, OMAA and AMO have collaborated to develop a suite of resources. These resources are available on the webpage below and seek to address a range of technology, procedural, and scope of council business issues that municipalities are facing within the current environment.

Webpage Resources Include:

- NEW: Electronic Meeting Considerations Guide
- Recorded Webinar from April 8th, 2020
- Procedural samples from municipalities
- Links to resources like the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
- And more...

[VIEW RESOURCES](#)

This webpage will be managed and updated to provide resources that support and guide to all those

involved with electronic council meetings during this time of physical distancing. Please note we acknowledge the varying systems and IT capacity across the Province and will seek to provide holistic supports that accounts for this moving forward.



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AMO COVID-19 Update: Municipal Fiscal Issues and other items of municipal interest

COVID-19 Municipal Fiscal Issues

One of the first issues AMO raised with provincial government upon the declaration of the COVID-19 emergency was the impact on municipal finances, both added operational costs and lost revenues.

It continues to be the focus of our active advocacy and discussion with our members and with the Government of Ontario. In March, the province provided an important

\$200 million [down payment](#) to help with added human services costs and to fund added emergency benefits through Ontario Works. The approach was much needed and notably flexible.

The province followed up in its March [Fiscal and Economic Statement](#) with authority to delay education tax remittances, and other measures, to support municipal cashflow. One of the most important messages at that time from the Minister of Finance was that it was just a “first step”, recognizing more would be needed. Finance Minister Phillips has repeated that message on a number of occasions.

AMO has continued these discussions with the province and the Government of Ontario is eager to better understand the short- and long-term financial impacts, the best way to assist municipal governments, and the potential opportunities to support recovery and economic stimulus.

As well, FCM has just released its [request to the Government of Canada](#). AMO supports the FCM request because it will, if implemented by the federal government, benefit municipalities in every part of Ontario with immediate and flexible financial assistance, help with massive losses in transit revenue, and potentially support infrastructure investment.

FCM is seeking \$10 billion in federal funds for municipal relief. It is advocating for a hybrid allocation-based model based on additional gas tax funding of \$7.6 billion and an additional \$2.4 billion based on public transit ridership.

The FCM proposal is based on municipal allocations of \$35 per capita, per month, for six months. Public transit funding is based on the Canadian Urban Transit Association’s estimated need of \$400 million per month for six months (to match 2019 ridership and revenues). The proposal suggests that the provinces should assume responsibility for vulnerable individuals support, backstopping property tax deferrals and revenues, and additional grants.

Financial assistance from the federal and provincial government will be essential to the management of the current emergency and the recovery afterwards. Both Canada and Ontario have the fiscal capacity to backstop municipal operations through this crisis and to help underwrite the longer-term financial sustainability of Ontario’s diverse communities.

AMO will continue to work with its members and with government to advocate for measures that address the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency, support the underlying financial sustainability of municipalities, and recognize the indispensable role of municipal government in the economic recovery of Ontario and Canada.

Ontario Extends Emergency Orders

Today the province [announced](#) it would extend all emergency orders until May 6, 2020.

The orders mandate the continued closure of public places, social gatherings, and non-essential workplaces.

MPAC Offers Municipalities a Quarterly Payment Deferral

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) wrote to all municipalities advising that it is offering a one-time deferral of its quarterly invoice. This measure supports municipal property tax deferrals. Nicole McNeill, MPAC's President announced this news in an April 21st letter to CAOs, municipal finance staff, and Heads of Council.

AGCO to Resume Limited Cannabis Store Licensing

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) [announced](#) it has been authorized by the Ontario government to resume licensing of cannabis retail stores in certain circumstances. [Previously](#), when the updated closure order was released, cannabis retail stores were closed to customers and then authorized for curbside pick up and delivery only. At the time, retail authorizations were expected to halt. Several retailers had moved far in the process of readying their stores to open, with construction completed and permits issued when that announcement was made.

As a result, AMO understands that retail stores meeting those criteria will be issued authorizations to open for curbside pick up and delivery only. Retailers issued authorizations in this period must comply with all regulatory requirements, emergency orders and legislation. Authorizations for stores in Toronto, Kingston, St. Thomas and Stratford have been granted licenses in the current round.

Guidance Posted on Suspension of Land Use Planning Timelines

[Guidance](#) on how to implement the new [Sec. 70.11](#) of the *Planning Act* and [O.Reg. 149/20](#) has now been posted on the ERO. The regulation implementing *Planning Act* Section 70.11 effectively suspends a number of timelines including those that, once exceeded, allow proponents to appeal non-decisions on specified applications. A list is provided in the guidance. The regulation also effectively suspends a number of processing / administrative timelines in the *Planning Act* and these are also listed in the guidance.

Municipal governments can choose to suspend planning activities while staff focus on emergency related activities or they can continue to process planning applications. Municipalities that choose to carry on with planning activities will need to organize means to address the public participation requirements of the Act. The guidance offers a number of suggestions on how this might be accomplished.

Government Extending Covid-19 Response Services to Low-Income Seniors and Disabled Persons

Working with the [Ontario Community Support Association](#) (OCSA), the province has launched a new Ontario Community Support Program to expand existing Meals on Wheels services to reach low-income seniors and people with disabilities and chronic medical conditions across Ontario. The program will also develop the capacity of community organizations and others to help deliver medication and other essentials.

People in the community can request access to service through the [OCSA website](#). Local 2-1-1 services will provide information and referral to the program for community residents. For more information on government initiatives to serve vulnerable residents, see the [Ontario Newsroom](#).

Electronic Meetings Resource

In partnership, AMCTO, MISA, OMAA and AMO have developed [a resource](#) to provide the legislative context and practical considerations for the task of undertaking electronic council meetings.

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.

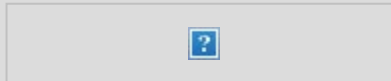
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AMO Policy Update



April 24, 2020

Invitation to COVID-19 Communicators Series

Virtual Meeting to Share Information

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 10:30 AM Eastern Standard Time

Each week, our AMO and Redbrick COVID-19 Communicators Series presents a range of perspectives from municipal governments, large and small.

Our panel for April 28 includes: **Patrick Casey**, Director of Corporate Communications at York Region; **Lisa Caissie**, Manager of Strategic

Communications and Public Affairs at the City of Saint John, NB; **Rachael Wraith**, Manager of Corporate Communications, Town of Ajax; **Kate Campbell**, Director of Communications at Northumberland County; **Jessica Linthorne**, Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Town of Saugeen Shores; and **Dana Van Allen**, Communications Specialist at the Town of Saugeen Shores.

AGENDA

- What have been your biggest challenges this week?
- What solutions can the panel and call participants offer to address each of these challenges? (strategies, tactics, tools, apps, etc.)
- Do you have generic products that you can share, or examples that you think others should see?
- What comes next? What are you preparing for, looking a week or a month ahead?

Advance questions can be sent to the moderator, Brian Lambie from Redbrick Communications, at lambie@redbrick.ca

All public sector communicators are welcome, and each week we have had more than 150 people participate by asking questions and sharing best practices.

AMO distributes this invitation to municipal communications managers who serve as designated representatives on AMO's Communications Manager Group. Contact covid19@amo.on.ca to join.

Redbrick Communications distributes this invitation to everyone in its Communications Network, which is free to join at www.redbrick.ca.

Please click the link to join the April 28 webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/94718010815>

Or Telephone: 855 703 8985 (Toll Free)

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