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June 12, 2020

Dear Heads of Council / Clerks and CAOs:

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of this deadly virus, and we thank you for your support in our efforts.

We appreciate that the current situation for municipalities is not “business as usual”, and that all municipalities have had to make adjustments to adapt to new priorities and shifting ways of doing business.

When municipalities requested our help, we listened and acted quickly to legislate [changes to the Planning Act and make the necessary regulation to suspend decision-making timelines](#). These changes balanced the need to suspend the timelines that would allow a municipality to refocus time and resources on the COVID-19 outbreak, while allowing councils to continue to make decisions on planning matters as municipal capacity evolved.

As we move forward with our gradual approach that will allow Ontario to emerge from the COVID-19 outbreak, we know that getting shovels in the ground is key to moving forward on the path to economic recovery together. Many municipalities may be well on their way to a more normalized planning review process, and we want to ensure that the land use planning system is in step with a municipality’s expanding capacity during this time. As a result, we intend to end the temporary suspension of the Planning Act timelines as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

We understand that the safety of your constituents must remain a priority, and that there are certain provincial restrictions in place regarding public gatherings. Therefore, we encourage you to continue to use electronic and virtual channels, as appropriate, to engage and provide the public with an opportunity to make representations on planning matters, while following the advice of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health.

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It is vital for our economic recovery from this outbreak that we work together to help move the planning approvals process forward. We need to continue the important job of creating housing and keeping infrastructure projects moving while also ensuring we maintain public health. Development has always played a key role in supporting growth in our communities, and it will play an especially important role on our road to economic recovery from COVID-19.

Let me assure you that our government is working to support you, our municipal partners, and will continue to work collaboratively to keep all Ontarians safe.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

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Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

Thank you for your municipality's participation in the Municipal Modernization Program. The ministry appreciates your commitment to modernizing service delivery and finding efficiencies.

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is extending project deadlines for municipalities undertaking projects under Intake 1 of the program, in recognition that the COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in project delays.

Despite anything to the contrary in the transfer payment agreement for your project, you may refrain from providing the Interim Progress Report, Draft Report, Third-Party Reviewer's Report and Final Report until the respective extended deadlines set out below, and the Ministry waives any contractual rights under the agreement that would prevent you from doing so. Except for the deadline extensions outlined in this letter, all provisions in the agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Reporting templates are available on Transfer Payment Ontario.

Report	Original Deadline	Extended Deadline
Interim Progress Report	June 15, 2020	June 30, 2020
Draft Report	August 31, 2020	November 13, 2020
Third-Party Reviewer's Report	September 18, 2020	December 4, 2020
Final Report	September 18, 2020	December 4, 2020

Please confirm your acknowledgment of the deadline extensions by email to [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact program staff at [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca) or your Municipal Services Office contact.

Once again, thank you for your participation in the program.

Sincerely,

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June 8, 2020

Dear Head of Council:

We know that people, businesses and municipalities in Ontario have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, including our hospitality sector and workers. Restaurants, bars and other licensed establishments like tap houses and breweries play an essential role in the success of local economies and the vibrancy of communities in our province. That is why our government is committed to supporting them, while doing all we can to keep people safe based on the guidance of public health experts.

Early on in this public health emergency the Attorney General led our government's swift action to allow licensed restaurants and bars to offer takeout and delivery of alcohol with food orders, to extend all liquor licenses for three months at no extra cost to licensees and to reduce the minimum price restaurants and bars are required to sell spirits at by 33 per cent.

Last fall Minister Sarkaria tabled the *Smarter for Business, Better for People Act* which, since passed, gives restaurants, bars and breweries the ability to allow dogs in outdoor eating areas, like patios and inside food premises where only pre-packaged and/or low risk foods are served. This change has provided more flexibility and business opportunities to the hospitality sector.

There is still more that can be done. Each of us have heard loud and clear the calls from municipalities and the hospitality sector to allow licensed establishments to extend their outdoor patio licenses for the duration of summer and into the fall. The current process is time-consuming and presents too many barriers for businesses already struggling to succeed in the face of COVID-19.

We are therefore pleased to inform you that, as the Minister responsible for the regulation of alcohol sale and consumption in Ontario, the Attorney General has implemented regulatory changes that give the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) the discretion to allow licensed establishments to temporarily add or increase the size of their patios once they are permitted to reopen. These opportunities will be available to all licensed establishments, whether or not they currently have a patio, and will be subject to any additional requirements set out by the AGCO and municipality (such as by-laws or other restrictions).

The Attorney General and Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Small Business and Red Tape Reduction recognize the need to give licensed establishments certainty as they prepare to operate their businesses safely, successfully and respectful of social distancing protocols. That is why we came together quickly to find an effective solution as Ontario gradually re-opens its economy.

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Additionally, we encourage you and your municipal council to look at the options available to support your Main Streets. A few innovative municipalities have considered extending patios onto sidewalks and into parking lots, allowing the alternative use of a section of downtown streets, or transforming public parks into food gardens. We encourage you to consider what may work in your community to support our small businesses.

We look forward to seeing the Ontario spirit in action as licensed establishments take advantage of this latest change and municipalities launch plans to further support their local hospitality sectors this summer while keeping their communities safe and following all public health guidance.

Sincerely,



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Attorney General



Steve Clark  
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June 15, 2020

## AMO COVID-19 Update – Stage 2 Re-openings, Masks, and Pandemic Pay

### Stage 2 Re-openings

The Province [announced](#) today that the additional public health unit regions allowed to move into Stage 2 on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. are:

- Durham Region Health Department;
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit;
- Halton Region Health Department;
- Hamilton Public Health Services;
- Lambton Health Unit;
- Niagara Region Public Health Department; and
- York Region Public Health Services.

These regions are in addition to the [24 public health regions](#) that entered Stage 2 on June 12, 2020. Before opening, business owners are reminded to review the [workplace safety guidelines](#) and public health advice to make sure that public and staff health and safety are at the centre of all their re-opening activities.

This means that the City of Toronto, Peel Region, and Windsor-Essex County **will remain** in Stage 1 under ongoing assessment until trends of key public health indicators demonstrate readiness to move into Stage 2. The Province has indicated

that each Monday they will provide updates on the status of re-openings for the following Friday.

### **Municipal Fiscal Request**

Last week, AMO [wrote to the Prime Minister](#) urging the Government of Canada to heed the Premier's urgent call for immediate financial assistance with municipal operational costs to support frontline efforts to fight COVID-19 and support the economic recovery.

### **Masks – Mandatory or Not?**

Much has been written about the increasing evidence about requiring people to wear non-medical masks inside buildings and in transit as an effective public health measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 droplets. Although the Province has not made it mandatory in Ontario to date, they and the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams, are recommending the use of masks as a best practice when physical distancing of 2 metres is not possible or probable.

Contrary to some recent media reports, municipal governments are not able to order the public's mandatory use of masks. However, local Medical Officers of Health do have the legal ability to make such an order under Section 22, [communicable diseases](#) in the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

### **Pandemic Pay Updates**

On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Ministry of Long-Term Care released further details on their pandemic pay program. Temporary pandemic pay will be provided to eligible operators that are party to a [Letter of Agreement](#) for Ministry Direct Funding to Long-Term Care Homes (Direct Funding Agreement or DFA) with the Ministry.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) released details and funding allocations to municipal service managers to provide funding for [temporary pandemic pay](#) for eligible workers working for eligible employers in the Supportive Housing and the Emergency Shelter sectors. Funding will flow through the existing Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) Service Manager Service Agreements.

Funding is expected to begin to flow towards the end of next week (June 15-19) as per the timelines on [www.ontario.ca/pandemicpay](http://www.ontario.ca/pandemicpay).

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

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## Heritage Matters ... *more!*



Top-left: Sandokwa performing at the Champlain 400 event at Penetanguishene in 2016 (Photo: Canada Newswire) | The Little Spirit Singers of Wasauksing First Nation, recipients of the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement in 2015 (Photo: Ian Crysler) | Bottom-left: The Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council for the Métis Women's Leadership Gathering received a Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Community Leadership in 2019 (Photo: Ian Crysler) | The Chippewa Travellers at the unveiling of The Anishinaabeg at Lake of Bays plaque event

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

June is National Indigenous History Month, an opportunity for all Canadians – Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike – to celebrate Indigenous heritage, diversity and culture while acknowledging and reflecting on the achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

As a non-Indigenous person, I've been privileged to have worked with some amazing Indigenous leaders in protecting sacred places, taking actions that were respectful to the Ancestors and sharing stories of Indigenous history and heritage. I have had the opportunity to learn from knowledge-keepers and elders, opening my mind to different teachings and worldviews, opening my heart to understanding. I have come away from those discussions with a deeper commitment to learn more and to do my part in truth-telling and reconciliation.

National Indigenous History Month is a time for all of us to take action. We are all treaty people, so this might be a great time to learn more about the treaties. Hear directly from 10 Indigenous teachers and leaders as they share their knowledge about the [importance of treaties, treaty relationships and rights in Ontario](#). And this [Heritage Minute](#) shares the story of the making of Treaty 9 from the perspective of historical witness George Spence, an 18-year-old Cree hunter from James Bay. Or you can learn something new about Indigenous culture. The oral narratives that preserve language and carry forward teachings and cultural traditions through storytelling are as important as ever. The National Film Board has a [collection of films by Indigenous filmmakers](#). You can also listen to the music of Jeremy Dutcher, Nick Sherman or Bryden Gwiss Kiwenzie, or read a book by an Indigenous author – Thomas King, Richard Wagamese, Duncan McCue, Tanya Talaga, Lee Maracle or Eden Robinson to name a few of the many thought-provoking authors.

Below, we share some links to stories that the Trust has been gathering, working with Indigenous communities across the province. Let's come together to celebrate the history, heritage and culture of Indigenous people across Canada.

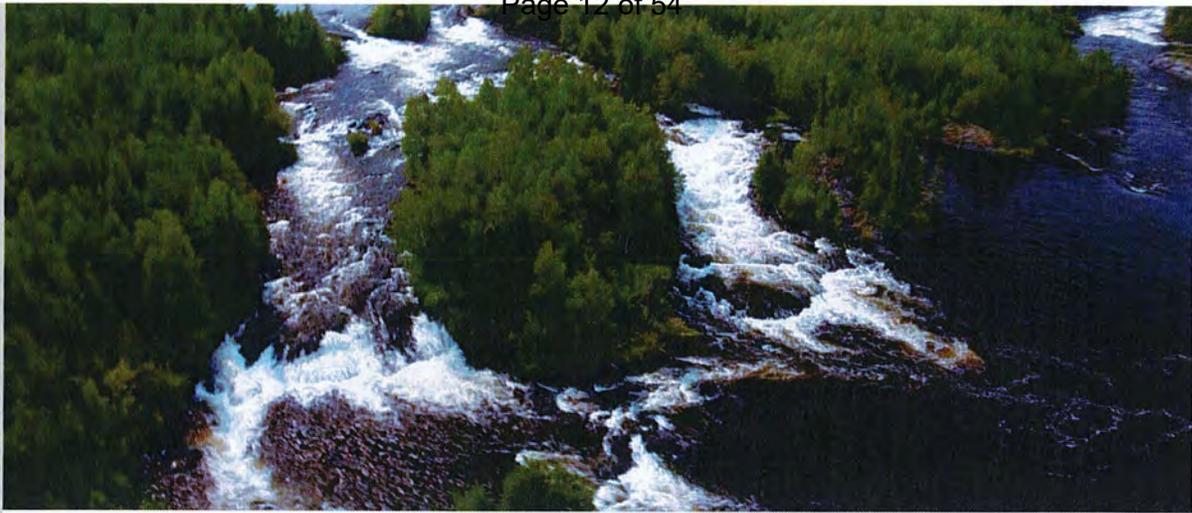
**Share this newsletter with your friends and colleagues!**



**COVID-19 update:** The Trust's cultural sites remain closed to the public to protect the health and safety of the public, staff and partners as we work towards reopening. Some of our natural areas and trails are [now open](#). [Doors Open Ontario](#) has gone digital, and we look forward to seeing you back in communities once it is safe to do so. The Trust continues to protect and conserve Ontario's heritage and share our stories. Please check our websites and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to enjoy exhibits, share stories and explore the province with us.

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**Sharing Indigenous voices**

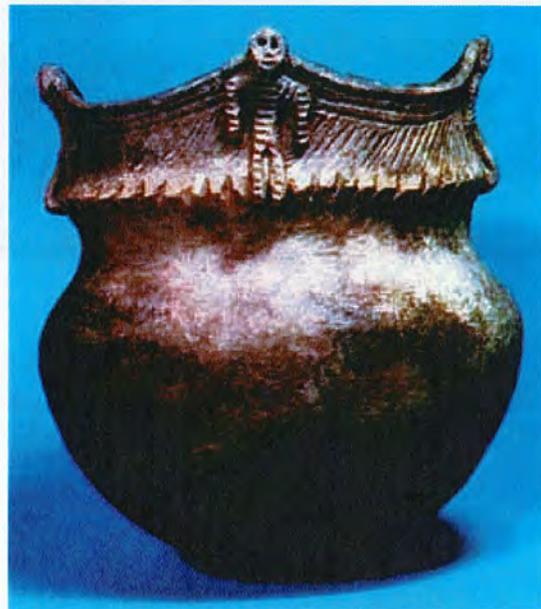


Four major rivers with numerous falls and rapids flow across Pimachiowin Aki  
(Photo: Pimachiowin Aki Corporation)

The story of Ontario is the story of the interaction of people with each other and with the land for over 10,000 years. The Trust's magazine, *Heritage Matters*, shares and explores our efforts to conserve and protect these stories of the people, places and events that have shaped our province.

Here is a sampling of some of the Indigenous voices that have enhanced past issues of *Heritage Matters*:

- Anne Taylor – [All land is sacred](#)  
(an article about how important all land is, about how all land must be treated with respect and honour)
- France Picotte – [A thirst to learn](#)  
(an interview to discuss the connection between language and culture, and how that reflects on one's sense of identity)
- Brian Waabishki-makwa McInnes – [The Elders taught me](#) (a piece about the significance of language to Indigenous culture)
- Rick Hill – [Clay connection – Indigenous living and creativity](#)  
(an article about how taking from the earth connects us to the earth)
- Bob Sutherland – [Reconnecting with Cree culture, language and land](#) (an interview where Sutherland reflects on his experiences and travels reconnecting with Cree relations in the Rocky Mountains)
- Gord Jones – [Pimachiowin Aki – Canada's newest World Heritage Site](#) (learn why this site was named to UNESCO's list as Canada's first "mixed" World Heritage Site)
- Duncan McCue – [More than words: why I'm trying to learn the](#)



Oneida clay pot with distinctive figures at each corner of the square top  
(Photo: from Rick Hill's article)

[language of my ancestors](#) (a story about how learning to speak Anishinaabemowin has helped McCue connect to his people and his culture)

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## MyOntario: A conversation with the people of Ontario



Her Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawk (Photo: R. Don Maracle)

The cultural history of what is now Ontario stretches back more than 10,000 years. Many Nations and many peoples have called this place home. MyOntario – A vision over time marks this long history through a conversation among Ontarians about our experiences, identities, values and aspirations.

Below are some Indigenous stories shared through MyOntario:

- [R. Donald Maracle](#) (Chief of the Mohawks of Bay of Quinte) discusses the significance of Christ Church, Her Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawk – Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory
- [M. Margaret Froh](#) (the President of the Métis Nation of Ontario) explains the significance of the Métis sash
- [Miptoon \(Anthony Chegahno\)](#), a Nawash Elder, talks about the sacred site of Nochemowenaing
- [Josephine Mandamin](#) (Water Walker) explains how walking with the water helps to raise awareness about water conservation
- [Waubageshig](#) recounts a memory of his father falling through the ice on Lake Simcoe
- [Konrad Sioui](#) (Grand Chief of the Huron-Wendat Nation) explains how Ontario got its name

The Ontario Heritage Trust invites you to share your own stories – the places, memories, photos, artifacts, artworks and traditions that inspire you, that motivate you and help define who you are. Be the province's storytellers, record keepers, historians and visionaries!

Let's build a deeper understanding, showcase our diversity and create a lasting record that reflects the breadth, depth and complexity of our great province as we look to the future.

Visit MyOntario

## Expanding the narrative

One of the ways that the Trust tells Ontario's stories is through provincial plaques. These plaques have been created over more than 60 years. Over time, our understanding of Ontario's heritage has broadened – through new research, the evolution of terminology, and the sharing and valuing of new perspectives. The Trust is examining how stories are told in an honest, authentic and inclusive way.

Some examples of plaques that have interpreted (or shared) Indigenous stories include:

- [Battle of Moraviantown, 1813 \(Battle of the Thames\)](#)
- [Champlain in Ontario, 1615](#)
- [Chief Francis Pegahmagabow, 1889-1952](#)
- [The Anishinaabeg at Lake of Bays](#)
- [Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site](#)



Unveiling of the provincial plaque commemorating The Anishinaabeg at Lake of Bays



Chief Francis Pegahmagabow  
(Photo: Canadian Museum of History, 95293)

Learn more

## Check out these resources

The following links provide more information on National Indigenous Peoples Day as well as general history on Canada's Indigenous peoples:

- [20 Canadian books for kids and teens to read for National Indigenous History Month](#) by First Nations, Métis and Inuit authors
- [About National Indigenous Peoples Day and why it was created](#)
- CBC Radio's IDEAS program revisits [Thomas King's powerful 2003 Massey Lecture](#)
- Historica Canada's [Voices From Here series: Richard Hill](#). Filmed on September 5, 2019 on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory (Rick Hill was the first recipient of the new [Thomas Symons Award for Commitment to Conservation](#), presented in February 2020 by the Lieutenant Governor at our ceremony at Queen's Park)
- [Indigenous history in Canada](#)
- [Promotional resources for National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- [Reconciliation](#)



Photo: Josephine Mandamin

### Did you know?

Josephine Mandamin (centre) was a Water Walker from Thunder Bay who, in 2015, received a [Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation](#). She raised awareness about water conservation through her Water Walks. She performed these walks throughout Canada, Central America and the United States.

**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 we conserve, value and share the places and landscapes, histories, traditions and stories that embody our heritage, now and for future generations.



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June 13, 2020

## Woman's Leadership Forum at the AMO 2020 Conference

What names immediately come to mind when you think about leadership?

If you are interested in politics and public administration in Canada, those names include former MP **Lisa Raitt**, former Six Nations of the Grand River Chief **Ava Hill** and recently retired Mississauga City Manager **Janice Baker**.

AMO is pleased and proud to announce that our first ever Women's Leadership Forum will feature these extraordinary leaders. The session will be moderated by leader in Canadian broadcasting, **Nora Young**, host of *Spark*, on CBC Radio One.

If you are interested in learning about the insights and perspectives of three of Canada's most influential and impactful public policy leaders, you will want to share in this experience at the AMO 2020 Conference.

Click here for more information on the [AMO 2020 Conference Program](#).

### Request a Delegation Meeting

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO conference. That's not changing, it's just going virtual. The AMO conference provides an opportunity for delegates to meet with government ministers and officials. It also provides an opportunity for delegations with other political parties. For information on requesting a delegation meeting as part of your AMO 2020 Conference experience, [click here](#). Note the deadline for government delegations is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## You need to be Registered to Participate

One way the virtual conference is identical to our past, in-person conferences is that you must be a registered delegate to participate in all conference activities, including voting for the AMO Board for 2020-2022. But instead of a badge, access to the conference's virtual environment is by a unique username and password. If you are already registered, you don't need to do a thing. If not, [Register today](#).

## Thank You!

Thank you for your continued interest in the 2020 AMO Conference. Responding to COVID-19 and supporting our members through challenging times has been AMO's number one priority. A virtual conference in 2020 is an important part of AMO's commitment to serve our members. The AMO 2020 virtual conference will ensure AMO members have access to up-to-date information, lessons learned from COVID-19, and critically important networking opportunities that bring Ontario municipalities together in the service of our communities.

## Questions

If you have questions about the Virtual AMO 2020 Conference, you may find the answers at our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) section on the AMO conference webpage. If you have questions that are not answered there, please send them to [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca).

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Dear the Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that at it's June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting, Grey County Council endorsed the following resolution for your consideration:

CW93-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Keaveney

**Whereas now more than ever in our increasingly electronic world, Grey County families and business owners have a need for reliable and affordable broadband to conduct business and stay connected both locally and beyond; and**

**Whereas broadband is a contributing social and economic driver in supporting the vitality and growth of our communities; and**

**Whereas families require internet to enable their children to complete school assignments, take online courses, maintain a human connection, or just stream movies at home; and**

**Whereas Grey County agriculture production, medical, health care, manufacturing, retail and the service industry depend on reliable high-speed connections to support and ensure business continuity and success; and**

**Whereas connectivity has been a lifeline for those businesses and sectors with access to reliable broadband during this global pandemic; and**

**Whereas reliable broadband will continue playing an essential role in the economic and social recovery of communities across Grey**

**County post-pandemic; and**

**Whereas not all areas of Grey County are within a connectivity coverage area which continues to be increasingly challenging, and amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and**

**Whereas Grey County has unserved areas as well as under-served areas that receive inadequate or disproportionately low levels of service; and**

**Whereas while it is important for the Provincial Government to look at both the number of people and the number of businesses that can be serviced by broadband expansion, it is essential, as well, that the Province provide broadband service to areas that have a small number of people, yet cover a vast geographical area; and**

**Whereas the need for broadband infrastructure improvement is now;**

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Grey County representing our Grey County residents and business owners alike, call to action Premier Ford; Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Scott; Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister Ernie Hardeman and Associate Minister of Energy & MPP Walker to champion the implementation of broadband in the unserved and under-served areas of Grey County; and**

**That this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their endorsement.**

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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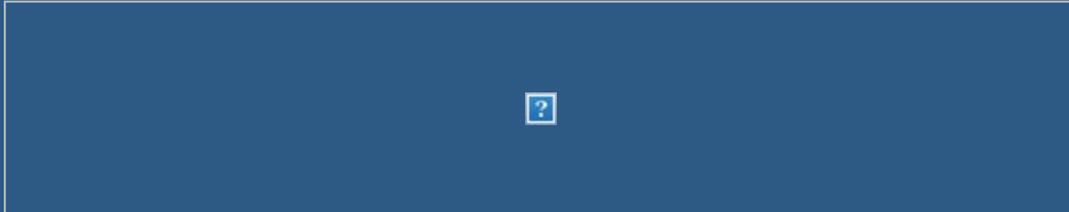
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## FOCA EAlert - June 2020



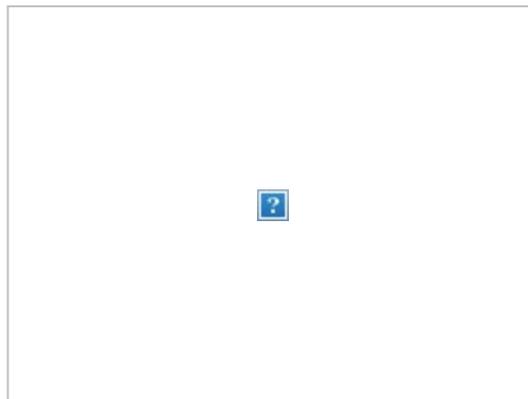
### Ongoing cottage country updates re: COVID-19

Short-term rentals in Ontario may resume (with conditions), the US/Canada border remains closed (more on that below), and the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation has published a new *Rural Insight* paper titled, 'Escaping' to Rural Canada during the Pandemic.

Find links to these news items, plus resources you can share with others at your waterbody about how to be safe in these unusual times, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/covid-19-update-from-foca/>

As we head into summer, here's your 90 second update from FOCA's Executive Director:



*FOCA Staying in touch at the lake 2020*

### Canada/U.S. Border remains closed for cottagers

On June 16th the Prime Minister extended the ban on Americans travelling to their Canadian properties **until at least July 21**. FOCA's inquiries to our

elected officials confirm Canada's direction that "this decision is required to keep people in both of our countries safe". The ban on non-essential travel covers the land border between the two countries, as well as air, sea and rail travel into Canada. There are very limited exceptions, outlined by the [Canada Border Services Agency](#).

American property owners are encouraged to speak with their waterfront neighbours or service providers to get their property checked in their absence.

## Water Management Webinar

Register now to attend FOCA's next **Member Webinar**, taking place on **Wednesday, June 24th from 2:00pm - 3:00pm**.

### Understanding water quantity management in Ontario: A snapshot

Join FOCA and partners representing the Ontario Surface Water Monitoring Centre and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, to learn what the Province does (and does not do) throughout the seasons to manage water quantity, and how water information is shared with partner agencies and the public.

This free event is open to [FOCA Members](#) and our annual [Supporters](#); please specify your FOCA affiliation on the registration form. After your registration is confirmed, you will receive the webinar link for the event.



Important Note: **pre-register by noon** on the 24th at the latest, to ensure we have time to confirm and reply to you. [Click here to register for this event.](#)

## FOCA's Gold-level Sponsors

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## Advocacy, Policy & Program Updates

### Oversight restored within the EBR

The Province of Ontario has [revoked the regulation](#) that had suspended key provisions of the **Environmental Bill of Rights** (EBR). FOCA welcomes this decision to reinstate the important public oversight contained in the EBR. Learn more, and see the letter to the Province calling for this reinstatement, signed by FOCA and partners in April, here: <https://foca.on.ca/environmental-bill-rights/>

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### LPP Lab services remain on hold

The shutdown of most government facilities, including the laboratory at the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, has meant that Lake Partner Program (LPP) water samples will not likely be analyzed in 2020. We are anxious for the return of the full program in 2021, but in the meantime we would like to **remind our volunteers not to sample, or send in your samples to DESC.**

You can continue to collect Secchi clarity readings as you normally would. These can be provided to the DESC for their records, once the staff returns to working on-site.



Many thanks to all our LPP volunteers for your ongoing dedication and significant contributions to our understanding of the state of Ontario's waters!

<https://foca.on.ca/lake-partner-program/>

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### Volunteer perspectives on citizen science

**Ryerson University's Environmental Applied Science and Management Program** is seeking Lake Partner Program (LPP) volunteers to participate in a research study about citizen science and trust in science. The purpose of the study is to gain more insight into volunteer's perspectives and opinions about citizen science methods, how participating in water monitoring relates to trust in science, and the impact that COVID-19 is having on volunteer opinions about lake sampling.

This research is being conducted by Edward Millar, a Ryerson PhD student with research interests in aquatic citizen science. This study is part of a co-created research project involving Terry Rees (FOCA), which was initiated at the **Global Lakes Ecological Observatory Network** (GLEON) Conference in Hunstville, Ontario, in November 2019.



*FOCA moderated a session at the*

Whether you are a relatively new LPP participant or a "veteran", to participate in the research or find out more about this study, contact: [edward.millar@ryerson.ca](mailto:edward.millar@ryerson.ca)

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2019 GLEON conference  
(Bracebridge, Ontario)

## Electricity News

Ontario is extending its COVID-19 residential **electricity rate relief** for another five months, but has changed the fixed price from 10.1 cents per kilowatt hour to 12.8 cents per kilowatt hour. Follow this subject, here: <https://foca.on.ca/electricity-pricing/>

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## Asian carps

Great Lakes members: Are you looking for material for your next newsletter? Download and share the information in FOCA's factsheet about **Asian carps**, available here: <https://foca.on.ca/asian-carp/>

Thank you for being part of the fight to prevent the spread of invasive species in the Great Lakes and Ontario's inland lakes!



## Lake Environments

### Lake Ontario water level advisory group

The **International Joint Commission** (IJC) announced in late May that it has appointed a public advisory group to help identify potential improvements to the regulation of Lake Ontario outflows. Find links to this, and other Great Lakes news, here: <https://foca.on.ca/great-lakes-strategy-and-action/>

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*image source: IJC.org  
Transboundary Waters*

### July will be Lakes Appreciation Month

For the past 22 years, each July the **North American Lake Management Society**, of which FOCA is a member, has celebrated lakes and their importance to all of us. This year students created posters on the theme. Find out more here: <https://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/poster-contest-results/>



### Lake Associations:

consider holding your own Kids' Poster contest this July!



This is a community-building event that can easily be managed "virtually." Remember to get parental permission to share children's names and the images created. Adapt a permission form [like this sample](#) from FOCA.

## FOCA's Silver-level Sponsors

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Cottage Life



## Event Recap: FOCA Member Webinar

### Cottage Succession Planning

We had a busy webinar with lots of questions for estate lawyer Peter Lillico on **June 3, 2020**. The topic was: "*Keeping the 'Family' in the Family Cottage*" and the session provided a planning introduction of the legal, tax, and family issues to be addressed in your plan.



This was a live event, and was not recorded.

However, you can access DVDs on the topic of cottage succession, available from FOCA's webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/cottage-succession/>

## Safety & Risk Management

## Lyme disease awareness

Lyme disease is a potentially serious infection that you can get if you're bitten by an infected blacklegged tick (also called a deer tick). Public Health Ontario has released their 2020 **map of estimated risk areas** for Lyme disease. Link to the updated map, and find information you can share with your lake association, here:

<https://foca.on.ca/lyme-disease/>



## Fire safety never gets old

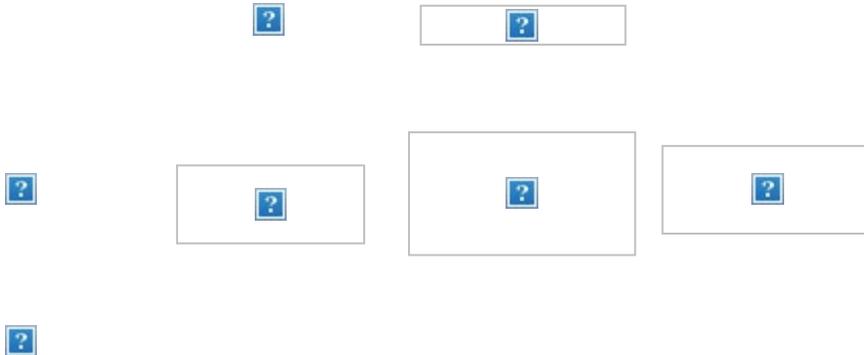
While MNRF Fire Restrictions may not currently be in effect, FOCA reminds members to continue to watch for municipal Fire Bans, and to follow safe fire practices at all times. Review and share this tested-and-true video that FOCA created with our partners a few years ago:

[FOCA FireSmart Video \(1min\)](#)



*FOCA FireSmart Video (1min)*

## FOCA's Bronze-level Sponsors



## FOCA receives Award

FOCA was pleased to receive an **Environmental Award** from the [Friends of the Tay Watershed](#) in the category "contributions to water resources at the provincial, national or international level."

The in-person meeting that had been scheduled for late March in Perth, took place instead as a digital event on **June 4th**. Terry Rees, Executive Director of FOCA, accepted the award on behalf of our organization.



## Regional Notices & Event Updates

### TC Energy Pumped Storage Update

Members on Georgian Bay near Meaford should be aware that project proponent TC Energy has made a number of design changes to their proposed pumped storage project, which are intended to address concerns raised through their initial consultations. You can find more here: <https://www.tcenergy.com/pumpedstorage>

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### LakeSmart 2020 on Lake of the Woods

This summer marks the 10th anniversary of the **LakeSmart program** of FOCA member group, the Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association (LOWDSA). Find out more about how they've adapted their traditional "dock" stewardship visits into a new format, here: <https://www.lowdsa.com/cpages/lakesmart>



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### Muskoka Economic Recovery Task Force

FOCA has been invited to sit on the new Muskoka Economic Recovery Task Force, which was created by the District of Muskoka to help ensure strong economic outcomes for Muskoka, both during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The Task Force will convene for the first time in **late June**.

In related regional news, Muskoka residents interested in learning what local businesses are being told about re-opening and operating safely can register for a **June 18th webinar from 3-4 pm**, featuring local Public Health experts: <https://smdhuwebinarjune.eventbrite.ca>

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### Georgian Bay Kids' Conservation Quest

This year the **Georgian Bay Land Trust** is bringing **Conservation Quest** to you at home. They have designed a series of new activities that kids aged 8 to 12 can complete throughout the summer, on their own or with an adult's help. Get all the details, and sign up for the weekly Quest email notices, here: <https://www.gblt.org/cq/>

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*image source:  
GBLT Conservation  
Quest webpage*

### The Impact of COVID-19 on Eastern Ontario's economy

Our precious towns and villages have experienced significant economic harm these past months; please help to support the local economy by (safely and as directed) contributing to your local businesses. Read a new report from a meeting of the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council, here: <https://ontarioeast.ca/news/eolc-receives-first-report-impact-covid-19-regional-economy>

## Materials for your Association Newsletters

In addition to FOCA's ongoing work on behalf of waterfront Ontario, our members have access to several specific benefits, offers and discounts from our partners and corporate sponsors. Review member benefits, here: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>

Member Associations: **Do all your members know about their FOCA benefits?** Use a reminder "ad" on your association website, or an upcoming Newsletter.

Could you use a short article about the value FOCA brings to your members? [Contact the office](#) for a draft article and/or a copy of the ad at the side.



## FOCA's Operations Continue

In light of the ongoing pandemic, FOCA continues to abide by the Ontario

government order related to the closure of non-essential businesses, and has transitioned our staff away from our Peterborough office to physically distance.

**We are carrying on serving our members digitally, during regular business hours.** [Our contact information is here.](#) You can still leave phone messages, although email inquiries may be addressed more rapidly.

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### Staying in Touch

Please encourage fellow members and waterfront neighbours to provide their consent to receive monthly Evert messages like this, from FOCA. You can circulate this call-to-action:



**Get on the Evert list for free cottage country updates from FOCA:**  
[http://bit.ly/FOCA\\_Evert](http://bit.ly/FOCA_Evert)

This is one of many member benefits that we hope you will highlight to fellow members. For more, visit: <https://foca.on.ca/member-services/benefits/>.

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## Ministers' Forum at the AMO 2020 Conference

### A New Take on the AMO Ministers' Forum in 2020

Let's face it, the Ministers' Forum is a highlight for many delegates at the AMO Conference – and for many Ministers too. You may be wondering how AMO can ensure the Ministers' Forum is as important virtually as it always has been in person.

This year, we are taking a new approach. This year, there will be three smaller Ministers' Forums **presented live**, one on each of the three days of the Conference. The smaller format will allow more time with Ministers and more questions from you. We are developing a format that will allow us to solicit your questions in advance to ensure that Ministers are answering the questions that matter most to you. Stay tuned for more information.

### New Programming for 2020

This year, we are adding a new **Women's Leadership Forum** featuring former MP Lisa Raitt, former Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Ava Hill and recently retired Mississauga City Manager Janice Baker, moderated by Nora Young, host of *Spark* on CBC Radio One.

We are also developing an **Economic Recovery Panel**, that will bring industry leaders together to discuss Ontario's path to recovery. More details are coming soon.

Click here for more information on the [AMO 2020 Conference Program](#).

### Deadline to request Delegation Meetings is June 30<sup>th</sup>

Delegation meetings are a key feature of the AMO conference. That's not changing, it's just going virtual. The AMO conference provides an opportunity for delegates to meet with government Ministers and officials. It also provides an opportunity for delegations with other political parties.

For information on requesting delegation meetings as part of your AMO 2020 Conference experience, [click here](#).

### **You Must be Registered to Participate**

One way the virtual conference is identical to our past, in-person conferences is that you must be a registered delegate to participate in all conference activities, including voting for the AMO Board for 2020-2022. But instead of a badge, access to the conference's virtual environment is by unique username and password. If you are already registered, you don't need to do a thing. If not, [Register today](#).

### **Thank You!**

Thank you for your continued interest in the 2020 AMO Conference. Responding to COVID-19 and supporting our members through challenging times has been AMO's number one priority. A virtual conference in 2020 is an important part of AMO's commitment to serve our members. The AMO 2020 virtual conference will ensure AMO members have access to up-to-date information, lessons learned from COVID-19, and critically important networking opportunities that bring Ontario municipalities together in the service of our communities.

### **Questions**

If you have questions about the Virtual AMO 2020 Conference, you may find the answers at our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) section on the AMO conference webpage. If you have questions that are not answered there, please send them to [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca).

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Dear Premier Ford:

**RE: Letter of Support for High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario**

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, this is to advise you that the following resolution was adopted by Council at its meeting held on June 16, 2020.

**"Resolution #6(b)/06/16/20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays supports the attached resolution from the Township of Armour requesting support for High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario; and**

**FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.**

**Carried."**

For your reference, enclosed is a copy of the correspondence that was sent from the Township of Armour dated April 29, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC,*  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

Encl.  
CS/cw

cc. Scott Aitchison, M.P for Parry Sound-Muskoka  
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April 29, 2020

Honourable Doug Ford  
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Re: Support Resolution - High Speed Internet Connectivity in Rural Ontario

At its meeting held on April 28, 2020, the Council of the Township of Armour passed Resolution #6 supporting our Councillor Rod Ward's letter regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.

A copy of Council's Resolution #6 dated April 28, 2020 and Councillor Ward's letter is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Watt  
Deputy Clerk

Cc: MPP Norm Miller, MP Scott Aitchison and Ontario Municipalities

Enclosures



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## RESOLUTION

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Motion #** 6.

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the letter, dated April 15, 2020 from Councillor Rod Ward, on the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas. Furthermore, that this resolution and the letter be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka and all Ontario municipalities requesting their support.

**Moved by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Seconded by:**

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Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
MacPhail, Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

April 15, 2020

To whom it may concern,

The COVID-19 pandemic in Ontario has highlighted both our positive responses to a crisis, and some definite shortcomings in infrastructure, systems and services which need to be addressed on a long-term basis. Setting priority on solving these issues will be a challenge, given the differing agendas and the strained budgets. Solving fundamental issues should focus on the most basic needs as a starting point. One of the clear needs in a rural community such as the Almaguin Highlands, highlighted further by recent events, is the need for proper high-speed internet connectivity. Healthcare and education are both going down a path where appropriate connectivity is assumed. Like many models that move outward from metropolitan areas, this assumption is lost on rural areas. For the vast majority of households in our community, true high-speed connectivity simply does not exist. For the vast majority of future strategies in healthcare and education, there is an assumption that it does exist.

Even in areas in the Almaguin Highlands which have 'high-speed' internet, the overall infrastructure is still limited. It is certainly not designed to deal with a sudden huge peak in demand. Whereas the capacity in large urban centres is built to handle the added throughput, there are clear limitations here. The best way to explain it is a comparison to hydro. Imagine if everyone went home at the same time and turned their lights on, but because there wasn't enough hydro capacity overall, all lights were 50% dimmer than normal and some appliances simply didn't work. We no longer have to imagine what happens with internet speed during peak usage. Suddenly during the COVID pandemic, people are working from home who have never worked from home. Kids are trying to do courses on-line. People who are not working are turning on-line to stay connected. Video-conferencing, which was a totally foreign concept to many, is now part of daily routine. Any idea how much internet bandwidth video uses? It's no wonder we hit a wall.

The future of healthcare sees patients being monitored and cared for in their own homes, through the use of technology. The future of education sees students doing much of their learning on-line. The future of business and commerce sees the ability to function outside the 'bricks and mortar' of an office location. Malls disappear and on-line shopping is the norm. For some, that future has already arrived. Our area has already been drastically affected by cutbacks in the area of healthcare and education through gradual decreases in budgets and services. Technology offers us the ability to level the playing field to a great extent. High-speed connectivity cannot be seen as a luxury or a nice-to-have, any more than hydro should be seen that way. In order to solve some other problems (i.e. skyrocketing budgets in healthcare and education) the wise investment is in providing connectivity for every resident in the province.



Rod Ward  
Councillor  
Armour Township

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### 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](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca).

### AMO Matters

Please be advised that in accordance with AMO's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2020 - 2022 AMO Board of Directors. A [completed nomination form and supporting material](#) must be received no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, June 22, 2020.

Municipal Councils that operate Blue Box programs have until June 30, 2020 to pass a resolution on transition. For more information contact [Dave Gordon](#), or check [our website](#).

## **Provincial Matters**

MECP is temporarily delaying the implementation of the 1st phase of requirements under the new Excess Soil Regulation by six months, from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021 in recognition of municipal focus on COVID-19 response. O. Reg. 153/04 is amended to exempt temporary health or residential facilities, from needing a Record of Site Condition before being established in response to an emergency.

Phase 2 of Rowan's Law will now take effect January 1, 2021. The requirements related to the protocols in legislation/regulation remain the same. We understand that the Province will engage further with stakeholders in the near future.

## **Federal Matters**

Projects that improve the accessibility of persons with disabilities in facilities where they work are a priority for the Enabling Accessibility Fund - with a grant of up to \$100,000. To receive funding, your organization must be a: not-for-profit organization; business; small municipality; Indigenous organization (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities); territorial government. Applications accepted until July 13, 2020.

DFO released two interim Codes of Practice – end-of-pipe fish screens and routine maintenance dredging. Three more codes will be released by mid-July. Municipalities with questions navigating the Act should contact DFO.

## **Eye on Events**

Delegation meetings remain a key feature of the AMO conference. The deadline to request delegation meetings at the AMO AGM and Annual Conference is June 30. Submit your requests using the online form in English or French.

AMO is headlining a Women's Leadership Panel. Featuring notable public policy and political leadership and hosted by CBC's Nora Young, this is an opportunity not to miss. New program and conference information is now available. Register here.

AMO's 2020 Conference virtual exhibit hall offers an unparalleled opportunity for you to showcase your products and connect with municipal leaders and decision makers. Providing greater flexibility, extended trade show hours and multiple points of interaction and ways to highlight your products, AMO's conference is the place to network and connect. Space is still available. Book now!

## **LAS**

The Ministry of Energy has extended the 507/18 energy reporting deadline to October 1, 2020 due to COVID. They will run webinars on the reporting on June 30; July 14, 28; September 8 or 22. Check out the Ministry's reporting portal for more information. Email BPSsupport@ontario.ca if you have questions.

The LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment gives you the tools to save money while improving your surface assets, with FCM MAMP funding now available to cover 80-90% of project cost up to \$50,000. Contact us to learn more.

LAS recently hosted a series of eleven in-depth webinars on our new [Municipal Group Buying Program](#). Recordings of these webinars are [available on our website](#) for viewing at your convenience.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Since modernizing its meeting management process, Cramahe Township has unlocked cost savings using eSCRIBE Lite. Join Joanne Hyde, Township Clerk, and eSCRIBE, [AMO's digital meeting management partner](#), as they discuss how smaller municipalities can achieve efficiencies even during a pandemic. Sign up for the [June 24 webinar](#).

Whereas the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of conservation authorities, the [City of Peterborough resolution](#) recognizes the need for stable funding for all conservation authorities to continue to provide critical services during these times of financial uncertainty.

### **Careers**

[Program Manager, Social Policy #25257 - York Region](#). Department: Community and Health Services, Strategies and Partnerships Branch. Location: Newmarket. Status: Temporary Full-Time, Approximately 12 months. Reports to: Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility. Please apply online at York Region [Job Opportunities](#) by June 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

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### **About AMO**

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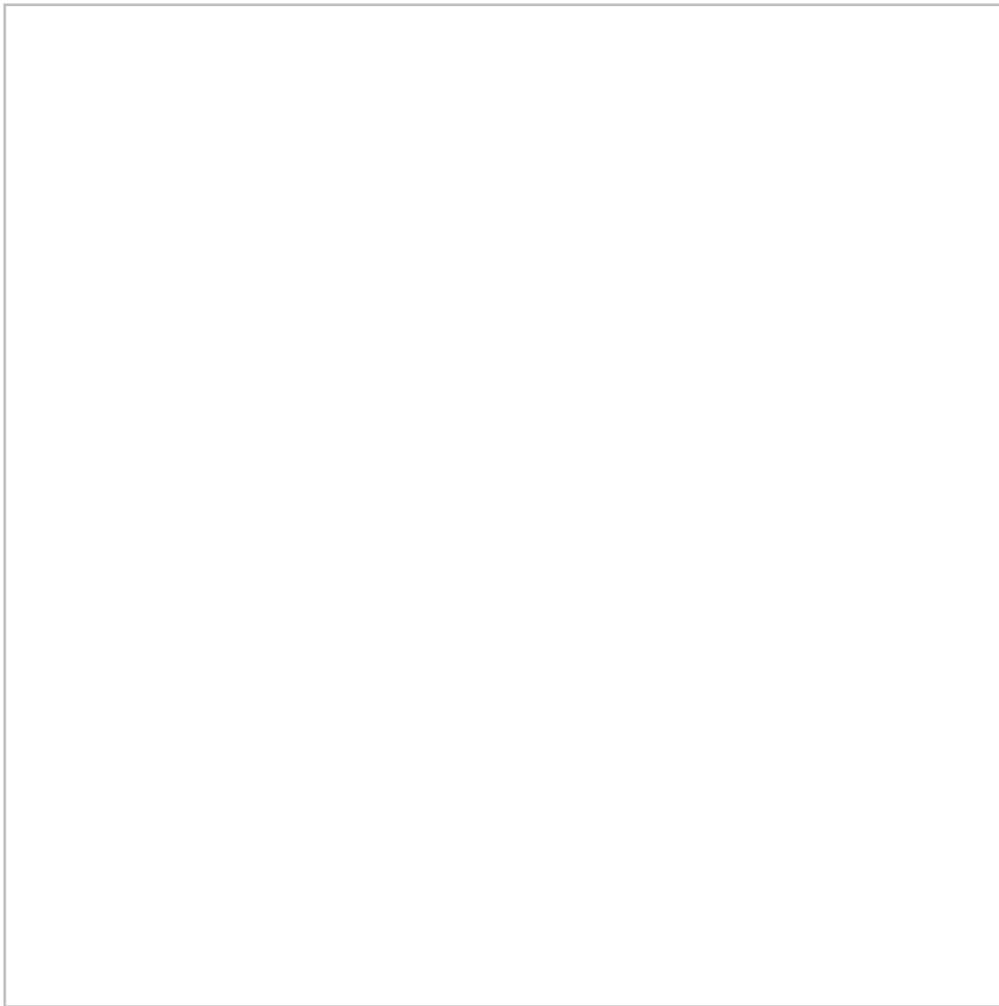
Durham Tourism

# Industry Report

Connecting, engaging and informing Durham Tourism's valued stakeholders



Businesses of Durham Region: for the latest resources, financial supports and information from all levels of government, please visit [investdurham.ca/covidresponse](http://investdurham.ca/covidresponse).



## **New branding for Durham Tourism**

New Durham Tourism branding was recently approved at Regional Council. A full brand launch will take place later in 2020. The Durham Tourism brand was last developed in 2006. This new brand considers the value proposition and core messaging: Durham Region is a dynamic destination to discover, offering urban excitement alongside country charm.

The colours are updated to reflect the urban excitement of the Region through the vibrant hues of coral, chartreuse and teal, while the country charm and heritage of Durham Region is reflected through denim blue and warm beige.

The brand has been designed to be versatile and includes icons and graphic applications that are brand-aligned for various uses. These uses include marketing materials such as advertisements, merchandise, promotional materials, or tourism guides.

In addition, they offer an ability for the brand to be adopted by the various vibrant communities in Durham Region. These graphical applications will be developed to capitalize on pride of place and to enhance the ability of communities within Durham Region to be ambassadors for the Durham Tourism brand.

## Durham Way

Residents and visitors are invited to join an uplifting, virtual celebration of our amazing community by tuning in to Canada Day the Durham Way on **July 1**.

From 2 to 5 p.m., this collaborative event—in co-operation with the Region of Durham and all eight local-area municipalities—will highlight unique attractions and talents that drive our vibrant arts and culture scene.

Come together as a community—while practising social distancing—by tuning in to this first-of-its-kind, virtual Canada Day celebration. The event will be available on Durham Tourism’s Facebook Live with a watch party shared through each municipal Facebook page, as well as on Rogers Television.



[Learn more](#)



**Register your business on Ontario Live**

Ontario is working with industry and agency partners to launch [Ontario Live](#) — a new virtual hub designed to promote and support the province’s tourism and cultural industries. This initiative, developed in collaboration with industry partners and leaders, will provide support for Ontario’s culture and tourism industries and help to mitigate the economic toll of the COVID-19 outbreak on Ontario’s artists, creators and attractions.

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries held a stakeholder telephone town hall to announce the province’s launch of Ontario Live which is available online at [www.ontario.live](http://www.ontario.live).

This initiative shares with Ontarians inspiring and uplifting culture and tourism content by working with industry stakeholders to keep consumers engaged and ready to travel again when it is safe to do so.

When complete, Ontario Live will allow all Ontarians to access concerts, online art experiences, gallery and museum tours, virtual tourism experiences and much more, from the safety of their own homes. It will continue to evolve to support COVID-19 recovery efforts for the tourism and culture industries.

Register your business

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### **COVID-19: Recovery Planning Free Webinar**

The COVID-19 Pandemic has launched economic developers into uncharted territories.

In this webinar, Aileen Murray and Kate Burns Gallagher will talk about planning and mobilizing a response to COVID-19. The webinar will include examples of the innovative ways that communities are



### **COVID-19: Tourism Workforce Impact Survey**

Tourism HR Canada has launched the COVID-19 Tourism Workforce Impact Survey to help shape recovery efforts and ensure they are providing targeted, useful, and timely resources to tourism businesses across the country.

The research will assist Tourism HR Canada in making policy and program recommendations specific to

adapting and evolving their efforts to support local businesses and rebuild the local economy.

**June 25 - 2 – 3:15 p.m.**

**Cost: FREE**

Another Free Webinar in the COVID-19 Series by University of Waterloo/EDAC.

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addressing workforce needs during and post COVID-19. The consolidated data and analysis will be made available to all participating organizations. The survey will be live until **June 26**.

Complete the survey



As Ontario begins to reopen the economy, we encourage all Durham Region residents and businesses to review the information in this Community Reopening Toolkit.

This information has been compiled by Durham Region Health Department. It is intended to provide guidance to residents and businesses to prepare for safe reopening of our community, subject to direction from the Province of Ontario, and should not be construed as legal advice or to replace specific instructions that may be issued by Durham Region Health Department or the province.

The Ontario government has announced that Durham Region will be moving to stage 2 of the province's reopening of businesses and services, effective **Friday, June 19**. This means that certain establishments will be permitted to reopen for business, including restaurant patios, some personal service settings, malls and other area services.

[Learn more](#)

## ShopHERE

Durham Region is making it easier for small businesses to move their operations online after joining ShopHERE—a no-cost service that helps to build a digital platform.



ShopHERE provides independent businesses and artists an opportunity to develop an online store, free of charge, with specific branding, messaging, digital marketing, shipping and inventory management.

Initiated by Digital Main Street and the City of Toronto, this service is provided in collaboration with Google, Shopify, Mastercard and Microsoft; with support from marketing and business students.

[Learn more](#)

## York Durham Headwaters Screenshot



### **York Durham Headwaters Virtual Roadtrip**

Central Counties Tourism invites people to hit the road from the comfort of their own home with the launch of the **York Durham Headwaters (YDH) Virtual Road Trip** website. Filled with interactive experiences, engaging stories and activities, the website features experiences that people enjoy from home now, and then take part in first hand once travel restrictions are lifted and tourism businesses begin to fully reopen.

In addition to providing a means for people to keep exploring while at home, the YDH Virtual Road Trip is intended to help keep the region top-of-mind with future visitors, as well as provide marketing support for the businesses that make up the vibrant tourism community within **York Durham Headwaters**.

The website includes content submitted by local tourism-related businesses, along with “YDH Official” videos made in collaboration with the organization’s stakeholders. Content on the site ranges from interactive farms tours, and first-person views from Canada’s top thrill rides to bike-trick and cycling tutorials, and cooking videos. There are even online wine tasting experiences that allow viewers to purchase a featured wine selection and download tasting cards before they settle in for a guided tasting by one of the region’s award-winning wine makers.

Virtual road-trippers can easily navigate the site based on their interests such as Foodie Fanatics, Family Fun, Adventure Seekers, Passionate Putterers and Art Lovers. As with any great road trip there is always more to explore, and virtual road-trippers are encouraged to visit the site regularly as more experiences and virtual itineraries are added.

Take a virtual road trip!



## **Durham Region Sport Community Impact Round Tables**

On **May 28 and June 1**, Sport Durham hosted three virtual **Durham Region Sport Community Impact Round Tables** in collaboration with local area municipality recreation and sport facility representatives.

More than 40 members of the sport community from across all eight municipalities, representing a wide variety of sports, joined these sessions to: hear the results of the COVID-19 Durham Region Sport Community Impact Survey; share and learn about the key challenges and successes that others have experienced in recent months; discuss ideas for future collaboration; and ask questions of representatives from their local area municipalities.

joined other tourism leaders to form the Tourism Roundtable group. The Roundtable is comprised of leaders in Canada's tourism and travel sector – airports, airlines, hotels and others – working together with a goal of restarting the sector safely and smoothly.

The Roundtable has written to Premier Doug Ford urging the Ontario government to immediately establish clear and consistent health standards and protocols that are aligned with global rules and procedures and designed to build traveller confidence.

[Read the letter](#)

until **Friday, June 19 at 8 a.m.**

As many tourism businesses are beginning to prepare for reopening we remind you that data on the impact of COVID-19 to your operations is more critical than ever.

The data collected here will be used to let all levels of government know which tourism businesses are at risk and what kinds of economic supports must be continued into the next stages of reopening.

Please help best represent you and your interests, and take a few minutes to fill out the survey.

[Complete TIAO Survey 6.0](#)

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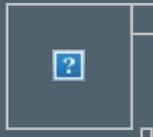
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## AMO COVID-19 Update – Readiness Toolkit, Resumption of Land Use Planning Timelines, and Masks (Clarification)

### Workplace Readiness Toolkit

The Province today released a [workplace readiness guide](#) to help employers re-open safely as more people are getting prepared to return to their workplaces as Stage 2 re-openings begin.

This [new guide](#) is designed to help employers create a workplace safety plan with a downloadable template. It includes information on the use of face coverings, personal protective equipment, as well as applying appropriate controls in the workplace.

### Resumption of Land Use Planning Timelines

As of June 22, the timelines under the *Planning Act* will resume as usual. The [Revised Regulation, \(O. Reg. 278/20\)](#), in effect undoes the suspension of timelines put in place by [O. Reg. 149/20](#). It appears that most municipal governments choose to continue with planning activities during the emergency. According to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), those who needed to rely on the suspension of timelines have now been able to resume processing development applications.

### Masks - Clarification

After some additional discussion and information provided since yesterday's update, we need to correct our statement on whether municipal governments can order the public's mandatory use of masks.

What we should have said was that at the local level there is greater certainty, or at least less potential for challenges, if it was the local Medical Officer of Health using their Section 22 powers under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* (HPPA) to mandate the use of masks than the creation of a municipal bylaw under the broad municipal powers in the *Municipal Act* or under a local emergency plan under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA).

If desired, municipal governments can consider the development of a bylaw to mandate mask use under the *Municipal Act* or the EMCPA. The legislation doesn't say you can't do this, but it doesn't say you can. As always, it is prudent to seek legal advice in the development of such a bylaw.

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

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## New and Improved Ways of Connecting

COVID-19 has forced organizations to adapt how they run their business and communicate with customers. For some, this has meant moving services from physical locations to primarily an online presence. Others have had to make alterations to the environment of their stores and offices, or implement new protocols and practices, to ensure the health and safety of their employees and customers. These changes can create unintended barriers for customers and clients, especially those with disabilities.

## Practical tips for inclusion

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- Ensure that your internal and external communications are developed in an accessible format. [Consider training your staff on how to create accessible documents.](#)
- Proactively reach out to customers and clients who may require additional support to access your online services. Offer multiple ways for your customers to contact you for assistance.
- Check the accessibility of your website and online portals to ensure that everyone is able to access them. [Consider an accessibility audit.](#)

## Upcoming Virtual Training

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### [Accessibility Compliance 101](#)

Today @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
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June 19, 2020

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Dear Premier and Ministers,

### **RE: Support for Rural Broadband**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills, this is to advise you that the following resolution was adopted by Council at its meeting held on June 16, 2020.

**Resolution No. 246-20**  
**Moved by Councillor Maydan**  
**Seconded by Councillor Dalgity**

**WHEREAS** in December 2016 the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission declared broadband internet an essential service for Canadians;

**AND WHEREAS** access to internet in many rural communities in Ontario is limited or non-existent;

**AND WHEREAS** current broadband investment projects across Ontario will still leave many residents unserved;

**AND WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the digital divide leaving many rural residents unable to participate in e-commerce, online schooling, are unable to move businesses online or access healthcare and other services online;

**AND WHEREAS** communities and municipalities are developing economic recovery plans;

**AND WHEREAS** there may be potential federal and provincial funding for shovel-ready infrastructure programs to kick-start the economy;

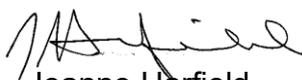
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of Mississippi Mills calls on the provincial and federal governments to include rural broadband investment as part of the economic recovery shovel-ready projects for municipalities;

**AND THAT** Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development; the Federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry; the Federal Minister of Economic Development; the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; the Federal Minister of Health; the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Infrastructure; and all Ontario Municipalities; the Association of Rural Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and The Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

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Kind Regards,

  
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