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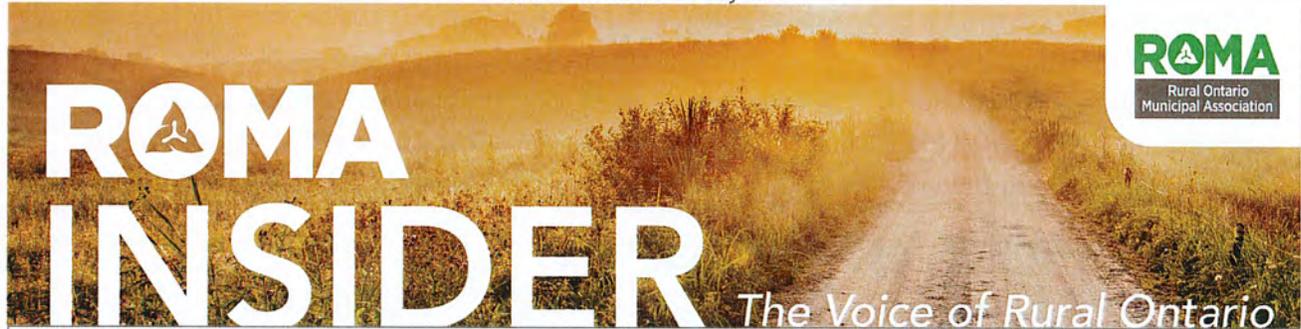
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Pandemic Highlights Digital Divide

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

**Connectivity during COVID-19 isn't a luxury.
It's a lifeline.**

ROMA Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AMO Association of Municipalities Ontario

The gap in rural internet connectivity - and its impact on people and businesses - has been highlighted by the pandemic, which has moved work, school and social lives online.

While there are no quick fixes, ROMA and AMO are advocating on two fronts. In the short-term, a joint letter was sent to national telecommunications firms seeking temporary solutions, such as offering low-cost Mobile Internet Sticks (USBs) at a reduced rate or setting up temporary wireless hotspots for rural residents. Overall, feedback was positive, with each telco responding with their own efforts to address the challenge. They also recognize limits to existing networks, which has opened the door for further conversation.

A private sector role will be important as ROMA and AMO also continue to advocate for long-term solutions. The federal and provincial government commitments to date are encouraging. This funding should be expedited. All stakeholders will need to work together to find innovative solutions. As planning for the economic recovery unfolds, broadband connectivity across all of Ontario will be key to the province's future. Read more about [municipal advocacy for broadband](#).

Financial Relief for Municipalities



ROMA's board met recently to discuss how the COVID19 response is hitting rural municipal budgets. In addition to the added costs of the response, rural communities are concerned about things like the economic impact on local businesses that depend on tourism and the loss of local jobs from deferred infrastructure projects.

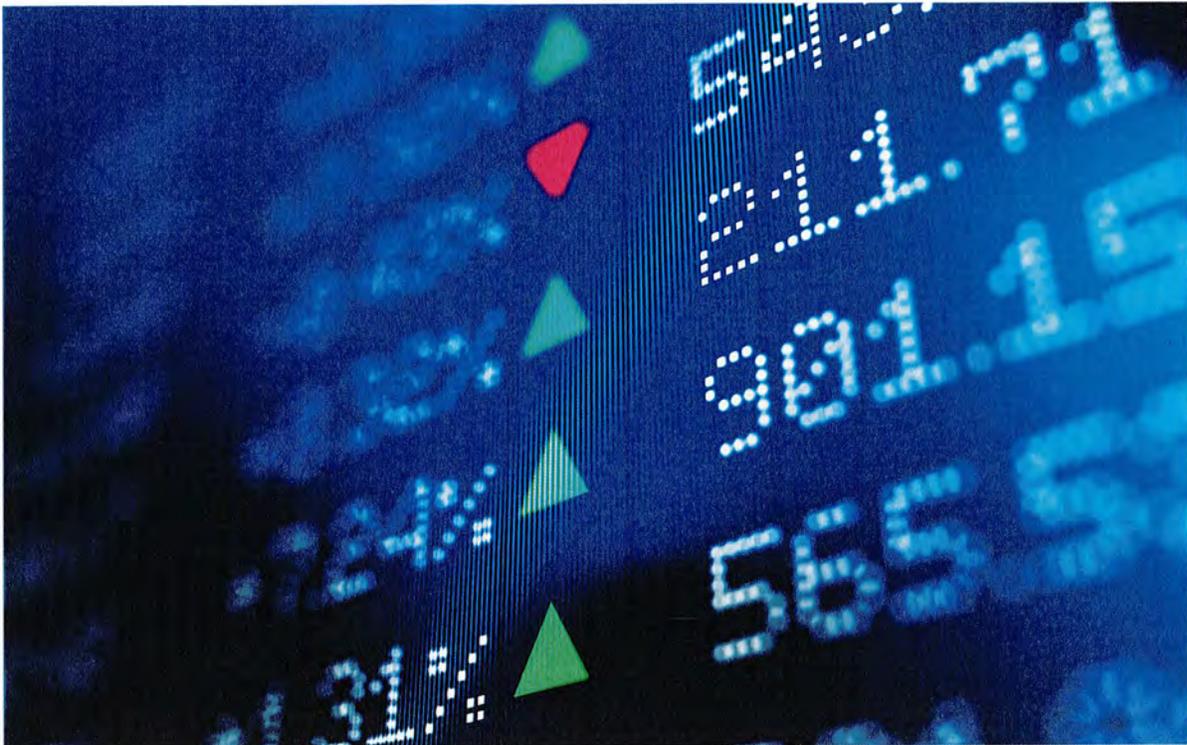
While the impacts are different depending on the community, the common thread across all of Ontario's municipal governments is that while costs have gone up, revenues are down and tax payments are deferred. With residents hurting economically, municipalities have limited tools to address the shortfall.

Support from the federal and provincial governments to stabilize municipal budgets is critical. Municipal services are critical to Canada and Ontario's economic recovery. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has proposed municipal financial assistance that is comprehensive, equitable, and practical. AMO has voiced its support for this proposal in a [letter](#) to the Prime Minister and Premier and most recently, called on both of them for immediate action in a [joint letter with CUPE](#).

It's important that the municipal community speak in a strong and unified voice for financial support from the federal and provincial governments that benefits all of Ontario's municipalities.

Read more about [FCM's proposal](#) and express your support by engaging with them on [Twitter](#).

[Broader Investment Options Now Available for Municipalities](#)



Last week, ONE Investment launched a new era in investing for municipal governments. Through its brand-new Joint Investment Board, interested municipalities can now invest in a much broader range of investment options. Until now, the sector has been limited to a pre-approved list of investments. ONE has created a solution so that all municipalities, regardless of size, can participate in these broader options, with the appropriate support.

ONE's Joint Investment Board, comprised of experts in financial markets, will manage investments for member municipalities under the Prudent Investor Standard. The rule allows municipal governments, just like pension plans and trusts, to invest in any security that is prudent for their situation. Six founding municipalities have come together to form the board.

With Ontario municipalities all trying to do more with less, a well-planned investment strategy can help save for long-term projects. And with investment experts on the Board and on ONE's advisory team, no municipality is alone in navigating financial markets. Markets may seem unpredictable right now. However, over the long-term and with solid investment planning Prudent Investor can offer a new source of revenue to help fund capital projects. Read the [news release](#).

Keep up to date with ROMA on social media.



From: [Feeley, Karen \(PC\)](#)
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PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO, May 27, 2020 – Starting June 1, 2020 the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site will offer limited visitor access and basic services along the entire system, with the exception of Swift Rapids lockstation.

Visitors will be able to access the following services and facilities:

- lockage, boat launches, access points and mooring areas;
- day-use areas, including green spaces, picnic areas, and parking lots;
- day-use trails, including some cycling access on designated trails and pathways;
- lockstation grounds; and
- public toilets where enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented.

Until June 1, these facilities remain closed and we ask that visitors respect these closures in order to allow Parks Canada to do the necessary work to prepare for opening.

Swift Rapids lockstation will not open on June 1 due to structural repairs. It is expected that this work will be completed and the entire system will be open for navigation later in June.

Visiting the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site will be different than it has been in the past. Visitors are asked to plan ahead by checking the Trent-Severn Waterway National Historic Site website before they travel to find out:

- what is open;
- what they can expect, including modified lockage and mooring protocols;
- how to prepare for their visit.

The health and safety of visitors and employees is of utmost importance to the Government of Canada. Parks Canada is following the advice of public health experts and continues to make every effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Visitors should follow the advice of public health experts, including necessary hygiene practices and physical distancing of two metres from others.

Parks Canada is asking Canadians to be cautious and conservative in their use of these places, to observe any regional or Ontario travel restrictions and to respect any closures that are in place. Anyone participating in recreational activities should be extra cautious to avoid injury and/or getting lost to help minimize the demands placed on search and rescue teams and on the health care system.

All camping facilities remain closed until at least June 21, 2020, while Parks Canada assesses whether and how these services might resume. Group activities and public events are suspended until further notice.

Detailed information on Parks Canada places and the measures the Agency is taking to limit the spread of COVID-19 can be found on the Parks Canada website: pc.gc.ca. Please check regularly for updates.

UN ACCÈS ET DES SERVICES AUX VISITEURS LIMITÉS REPRENNENT AU LIEU HISTORIQUE NATIONAL DE LA VOIE-NAVAGABLE-TRENT-SEVERN

PETERBOROUGH (Ontario), 27 mai 2020 – À compter du 1^{er} juin 2020, le lieu historique national de la Voie-Navigable-Trent-Severn offrira un accès et des services aux visiteurs limités le long de la voie navigable, à l'exception du poste d'éclusage Swift Rapids.

Les visiteurs auront accès aux installations et aux services suivants :

- écluses, rampes de mise à l'eau, points d'accès et aires d'amarrage ;
- aires de fréquentation diurne, notamment les espaces verts, les aires de pique-nique et de stationnement ;
- sentiers d'excursion diurne, notamment l'accès en vélo à des sentiers et des pistes désignés ;



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Corporation of the Township of Central Frontenac – May 26, 2020

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Resolution # 193-2020

Moved by Victor Heese **Seconded by** Brent Cameron

WHEREAS Council received the letter and resolution from the Township of Armour dated April 29, 2020 regarding the need to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Central Frontenac is a rural municipality which has many residents who cannot access high speed internet from their homes and properties;

AND WHEREAS the current COVID-19 pandemic has only reinforced the need to ensure better internet connectivity as our society and economy are moving towards being web-based;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Central Frontenac hereby supports the resolution of the Township of Armour acknowledging the need for substantial investment in high speed internet connectivity in rural areas.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Randy Hillier, MPP, Scott Reid, MP, the Hon. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Canadian Heritage (responsible for CRTC), and the Hon. Laurie Scott, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ✓
Defeated _____

Mayor/Chair Steven Smith

Recorded Vote	F. Smith _____	B. Cameron _____	N. Gowdy _____
	C. Kelsey _____	T. Dewey _____	S. Whan _____
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National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) starts this Sunday, May 31st, and is a time when accessibility and inclusion are promoted across communities and workplaces. NAAW celebrates and recognizes contributions made by persons with disabilities and those who are actively removing barriers for everyone in Canada.

Find out how you can promote NAAW: [Government of Canada's Promotional Toolkit](#)

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Free Digital Accessibility Conference

Website Audit
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Due to COVID-19, Halifax-based non-profit **reachAbility** has turned their annual conference into an online festival that includes live workshops, speakers, presentations and more. This week long digital conference is open to everyone, is free, and starts on Sunday.

[Learn more about this conference.](#)

Upcoming Virtual Training

[Accessibility Compliance 101](#)

June 17, 2020 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[Accessible Graphic Design: Tips and Best Practices](#)

June 18, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Social Media - Do it Accessibly!](#)

June 23, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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South Lake Futures - Regional Recovery & Response Fund (RRRF)

The Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF) provides financial contributions (interest-free loans) to help support fixed operating costs of SMEs, where business revenues have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund, valued at more than \$962 million nationally, is delivered by Canada's six regional development agencies.

In southern Ontario, \$252.4 million is available as follows:

- \$213 million for SMEs facing financial pressure.
- \$39.4 million to provide rural businesses with access to capital and technical support, delivered by southern Ontario's Community Futures Development Corporations.

Funding available through your local CFDC

In order to provide targeted assistance to the small towns and communities they serve, CFDCs will focus on assisting “main street” businesses, such as retail shops, restaurants, corner stores, and businesses of strategic importance to their communities, with loans up to \$40,000.

- **Eligible applicants must also meet the following criteria:**
 - established prior to March 1, 2020;
 - impacted adversely by the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - viable and not experiencing other financial difficulties prior to March 1, 2020;
 - have attempted to access other federal relief supports and were ineligible, rejected, or require funding for expenses that have not been supported, with priority given to applicants who were ineligible or rejected from other federal relief supports.

Applications can be submitted for:

- Loans of up to \$40,000 to help address working capital needs.
 - Maximum assistance will be \$40,000
 - 0% interest and no principal payments until December 31, 2022
 - Principal repayments can be voluntarily made at any time

Next steps:

- Follow the application process provided by your local CFDC.
- Complete the [application](#).
- Submit a completed application to the attention of Tom Ross at tross@southlakefutures.ca

Visit our Website to Apply!



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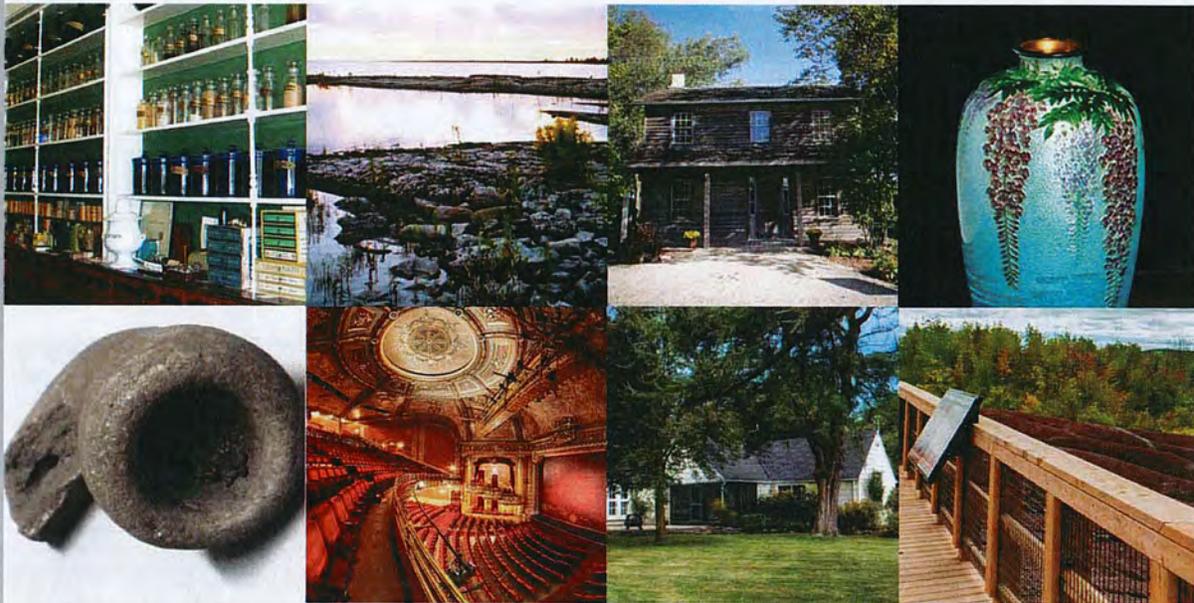
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Heritage Matters ... more!



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

Ontario is our museum – its vast expanses, prehistoric places, architectural sites, natural areas, stories, traditions and expressions of our culture that have meaning and that we treasure. While the Ontario Heritage Trust owns eight sites operated as traditional museums, and protects 31 that are operated by other organizations, the majority of our work takes a more holistic approach. We protect, conserve and interpret sites of historical, architectural, archaeological, recreational, esthetic, natural and scenic interest - and the people, artifacts and stories connected to them. That's a broad mandate in a big province. Each of those places and objects is imbued with meaning for people, and sometimes different meaning for different people.

From sacred lands and archaeological sites that stretch back generations and generations, to those that represent settler societies from the more recent past ... from national historic sites to areas of natural and scientific interest, and archaeological sites

and habitat for species at risk ... our sites are protected and interpreted *in situ*, managed with local partners and rooted in, and vital to, their communities. These sites serve as cultural hubs and irreplaceable repositories of memory.

In this way, we strive to bring together the experience of place (sites, natural areas, cultural landscapes and buildings) and artifact with traditions, customs and stories. And what stories we have to share! We gather stories of heroes and community builders, innovators, creators and entrepreneurs and examine both the inspirational and shameful acts that give us cause to think and act with truth, building bridges to new understanding.

Our heritage is embedded in these communities – large and small, urban and rural. It anchors our sense of place, our identity and collective memory.

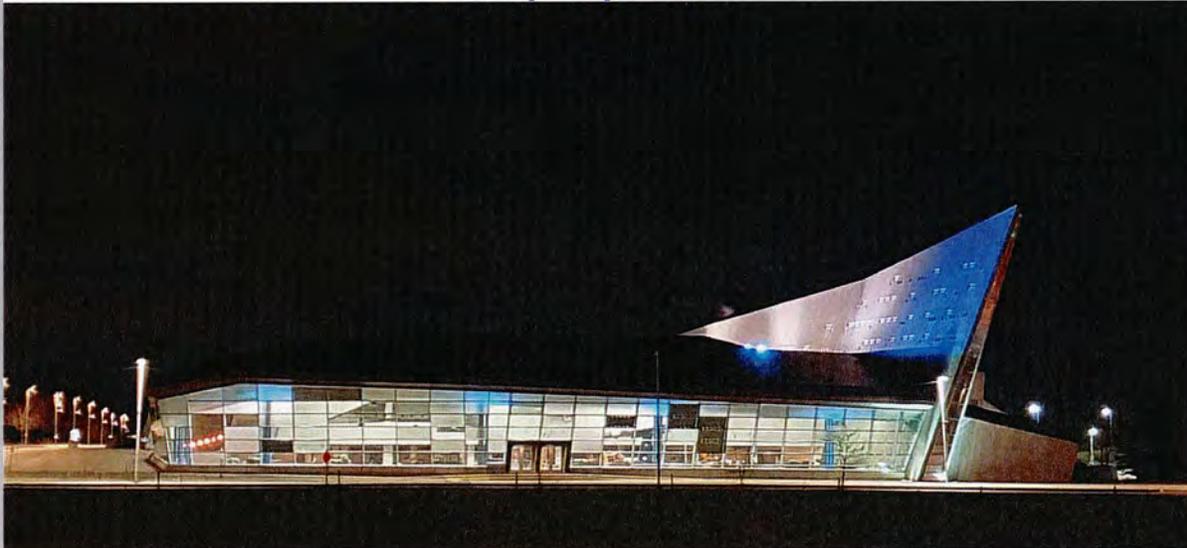
The Trust protects 478 properties across the province, 958,196 archaeological artifacts and 25,011 cultural artifacts.

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. Some of our natural areas and trails are **now open**. **Doors Open Ontario** has gone digital for the spring 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 website and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to enjoy exhibits, share stories and explore the province with us.

Museums from a whole new perspective



Canadian War Museum, Ottawa (Photo courtesy of the Canadian War Museum, 2020)

In the wake of COVID-19, museums, galleries, science centres and historical places across Ontario have found new ways to be accessible and to serve their communities, reaching out to broader audiences, sharing collections and exhibitions, offering virtual tours, videos and webinars.

Here are some wonderful examples for you to explore:

BYTOWN MUSEUM: Wander through three floors of exhibitions and artifacts, immersing yourself in a unique museum that is located in the Commissariat – Ottawa's oldest stone building – all from the comfort of your own home.

Canadian War Museum: Discover the vast collection of online resources – including videos, exhibits, collections, educational resources, lectures and interactive adventures – through the Canadian War Museum's "Museum at Home" feature.

Community Stories: Virtual Museum of Canada (VMC): The VMC is the largest digital source of stories and experiences shared by Canada's museums and heritage organizations. Explore the stories and treasures, past and present, of hundreds of communities across Canada. **Virtual exhibits**: While you're there, discover history, art, science, nature and more through virtual exhibits from Canada's museums and heritage organizations.

Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre: Wander around inside the last operating double-decker theatre in the world! This virtual tour takes you through the centre's elaborate lobbies and lets you poke around inside these two magnificent theatres.

Explore Peel: An Interactive Timeline (presented by the Region of Peel and the Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives): Learn about the many stories of Peel Region's settlement history through interactive maps and historical photographs – from early Indigenous inhabitants to European fur traders right on up to the newcomers of the 19th and 20th centuries.



Fulford Place: Explore the grounds of this Edwardian mansion in Brockville and learn how the famous Olmsted brothers – who designed New York City's Central Park – also designed this garden, now restored.

Myseum Intersections: Quarantine Edition (presented by Myseum): Images of Resistance: An Archive of Action is an online photo essay exhibition that explores the untold stories of the 2008-09 Toronto Protests against the Genocidal War in Sri Lanka.

Ontario Science Centre: During these challenging times, let the Ontario Science Centre bring science to you with DIY experiments, science activities, educational resources and Facebook Live events where you can interact with scientists (or catch up on past events).

Textile Museum of Canada: While the museum itself can only show a fraction of their holdings, this online collection gives you access 24/7 to more than 15,000 objects from over 200 regions around the world.

The Kenora Great War Project (presented by the Ancestor Seekers of Kenora, the Lake of the Woods Museum and the Kenora Public Library): As part of Kenora's commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the First World War, this online exhibit was produced to honour the soldiers whose names appear on the town's war memorials.

The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery at Harbourfront Centre: Enjoy a virtual tour of this contemporary art gallery (now celebrating its 30th anniversary) and explore their archives of exhibitions, programs and talks.

Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library: Take a close-up look at the digital collections at the University of Toronto's Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library – including manuscripts, drawings and rare publications.

Uncover//Recover: Indigenous Educational Guide (presented by the Royal Ontario Museum): Inspired by the Royal Ontario Museum's collection of Indigenous artifacts, OCAD University's Indigenous Visual Culture Program students worked with museum curators to develop this educational, interactive, accessible and informative multimedia exhibition as an online vehicle to celebrate Indigenous peoples' creative legacy – past, present and future. ([Recipients of a 2018 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation](#))

Virtual Museum of Franco-Ontarian Heritage: Learn about the history of Franco-Ontarians and explore online collections and exhibits that expand on the 400-year presence of Francophones in Ontario.

In case you missed it ...

"Museums and heritage are engines of urban redesign and revitalization."

Read the article "Museums and heritage: Building livable communities through soft power," by Gail Lord, from the last issue of Heritage Matters.



Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford

[Read the article](#)

Trust easement museums in the spotlight



Ruthven Park National Historic Site, Cayuga

Easements create partnerships between the Trust and property owners to ensure the conservation of these significant historical sites – including such places as [Pinhey's Point](#) in Ottawa, [Dundurn Castle](#) in Hamilton, [Sharon Temple](#) in East Gwillimbury, [North Bay Museum](#) in North Bay's CPR Station, [Leacock House](#) in Orillia, and [Spencerville Mill](#) on the South Nation River.

[See the complete list of museum sites](#)



Leacock Museum National Historic Site, Orillia

Did you know?

Thirty-one of the Trust's 278 conservation easements protect museum sites in Ontario.

[Learn more about conservation easements](#)

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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Questions de patrimoine... toujours plus!

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May 27, 2020

AMO COVID-19 Update – Emergency Orders Extended and Next Steps on Long-Term Care

Emergency Orders Extended to June 9th

The Ontario government is extending all [emergency orders](#) in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Current emergency orders include the closure of outdoor playgrounds, play structures and equipment, public swimming pools and outdoor water facilities, as well as bars and restaurants except for takeout and delivery. Additionally, there continues to be restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people, and staff redeployment rules remain in place for long-term care homes and congregate settings like retirement homes and women's shelters.

Under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#), emergency orders can only be extended for up to 14 days by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) or the Legislative Assembly, on the recommendation of the Premier may, by resolution, extend the period of an emergency for additional periods of no more than 28 days.

Long-Term Care

AMO is deeply concerned about the Canadian Armed Forces' findings on their observations while dispatched to assist in five long-term care homes in Ontario in the

last month given challenges managing their COVID-19 outbreaks. The Armed Forces personnel, being in the homes 24 hours a day for a month, had an opportunity to observe the full range of care provided or not provided in a way that government inspectors and family members can't.

While municipal long-term care homes were not among those implicated, there are important lessons for all operators as we prepare for the upcoming provincial commission on the long-term care home COVID-19 crisis. Premier Ford noted today that there will be an "independent commission" into elderly care and this could be carried out by the Attorney General, possibly the police, and will include public hearings. It is expected that AMO, and its Task Force on Health, will be involved in this process and at a minimum, make submissions.

Ontario will be taking over the management of four of the five long-term care homes that were the subject of the Canadian Armed Forces report. The Premier also said today that the government will be conducting "extremely rigorous" inspections of those homes, as well as thirteen other homes facing COVID-19 challenges and will be doing random spot checks across the province.

The municipal sector in Ontario is, and will continue to be, at the forefront of developing age-friendly communities and providing vital services to seniors. This includes long-term care, affordable housing, public health services and community support services, as well as general planning for age-friendly communities. AMO, and its members, have been advocating for better funding and coordination of all [seniors' services](#), for well over a decade.

Long-term care homes in Ontario are today serving increasingly complex patient groups with high acuity needs. They are providing 24-hour medical care and supervision in a secure and comfortable environment. Ontario's municipal order of government is an important player in the provision of long-term care services. As per the *Long-Term Care Homes Act*, upper and single-tier municipal governments in southern Ontario are responsible for establishing and maintaining long-term care facilities. However, in northern Ontario, municipal governments often jointly fund a home managed by a District Board Home Board of Management.

The municipal sector operates over 100, or 16%, of the homes with 17,000 beds. About 1 in 5 beds is in a municipal home. As well, municipalities contribute significant funding over and above the provincial funding subsidy, about \$350 million per year not including capital.

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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COVID-19 Resources

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AMO/OMHRA and Hicks Morley again [tackled some of the tough questions on labour relations and human resources during COVID-19](#).

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.

On the latest episode of [AMO's ON Topic Podcast](#), Brian Rosborough, AMO

Executive Director, is joined by recently retired Mississauga City Manager Janice Baker, who looks back over her long municipal career.

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

On July 1, a regulatory framework under the *Environmental Protection Act*, O.Reg. 406/19, will come into effect to address the management of excess soils associated with the construction and redevelopment of brownfields. [Register for a free webinar](#) on June 4, where an expert panel will discuss the changes from a legal and municipal perspective.

Eye on Events

AMO is the first municipal organization to bring its Conference virtual. In the past few weeks we have been working hard on developing the platform and program. Information is coming soon on all the things you are most interested in. Visit the [AMO website](#) for details and [register](#) today.

AMO 2020 Conference is going virtual and delegates will be able to interact with exhibitors in new and innovative ways that ensures access to resources that will play an important role in your communities the days, weeks and months ahead. We will be sharing this exciting information soon.

The need to pivot and respond quickly is a part of our new reality. To help you communicate the right message during COVID-19, we are offering AMO's Social Media webinar series for a nominal fee through AMO's Municipal Education Portal. [Register now](#).

LAS

LAS Blog: [ONE Investment](#) has launched the first Joint Investment Board for municipalities in Ontario. [Check out the announcement](#) to learn more about how the new Prudent Investor Standard can benefit your community.

The Ministry of Energy's annual 507/18 energy reporting deadline has been extended to October 1, 2020 due to the pandemic. The Ministry is hosting [webinars](#) related to the reporting on June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, or September 8 or 22. Access the Ministry's [energy reporting portal](#) with useful information. Questions, email BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

The FCM MAMP program will fund up to 90% of a LAS [Road and Sidewalk Assessment](#) if you partner with your neighbours for the project. [Contact us](#) to learn how collaboration can make this program even more beneficial to your community.

The LAS [Municipal Group Buying Program](#) includes PPE through Grainger. Check out our [COVID-19 update page](#) for more information on ordering and for updates from our vendors.

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AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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AMO COVID-19 Update - Looking Ahead

It's been 10 weeks since the state of emergency was declared in Ontario. Municipal governments have been on the front line of response and recovery every day since and will be for the foreseeable future.

In every sector, questions remain about how our communities, our province and our country will move forward to sustain, transform and fund services people rely on most, and to rebuild our economies.

All orders of government have made massive investments in keeping people safe, in bolstering economic security, and in protecting the social fabric of society. There is a new appreciation of the role of government, especially during an unprecedented health and economic emergency.

Our residents and businesses have made enormous sacrifices to keep our communities safe. Municipal employees have made heroic efforts to protect essential services and to support and protect the most vulnerable people in our communities. Municipal Councils have ensured needed resources are in place.

Ontario took immediate steps to assist municipalities, such as the \$148 million Social Services Relief Fund, which has literally saved lives - an important measure described by Finance Minister Rod Phillips as a "first step" in supporting municipalities. But the challenges are national in scale and AMO recognizes that a collaborative federal-provincial effort is required to provide much needed financial assistance to municipalities. AMO's [May 14th letter](#) to the Prime Minister and the Premier tells the story and urges Canada and Ontario to extend their successful collaboration to

support municipalities. AMO will continue to advocate strongly to move this request forward. Ontario has joined AMO and FCM in advocating for federal assistance.

Without immediate financial assistance, the alternatives of property tax increases, services cuts or deferred capital investment will undermine economic recovery.

In addition to immediate financial assistance for municipal operations, including transit, we know that municipalities are the ideal destination for federal and provincial capital investments that will help rebuild economic activity, put people back to work, and ensure much needed infrastructure is in place to sustain productive economies into the future.

And we know our members are deeply concerned about the future of public health, paramedic services and long-term care, and many other issues such as expanded broadband and the protection of our shared environment.

AMO will continue to advocate for these and other important matters. We will continue to work in partnership with members, professional and sector associations, FCM and others to ensure that the priorities of municipal government are front and center as Ontario and Canada move forward through the current crisis and into the recovery.

Members are supporting our advocacy efforts through local communications, government relations and social media, and it is making a difference. Thank you for your efforts and your support.

In the coming weeks, you will hear more about AMO's plans for our virtual Conference and AGM. There has never been a more important time to participate in the conference. Join us to share in the early lessons learned from COVID-19, the future of municipal services, first-hand interaction with the province, and the opportunity for delegation meetings to advocate directly on behalf of your community. More details will be coming soon.

AMO recognizes the remarkable leadership of municipal councils and extraordinary municipal public administrators in responding to the COVID-19 emergency and creating a foundation for recovery.

We will keep you up to date. We are keeping our COVID-19 webpage current and focusing on what's most relevant. AMO's dedicated COVID-19 email account will manage your questions, take your ideas, and facilitate your feedback. AMO's policy and member services teams look forward to hearing from you at covid19@amo.on.ca.

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AMO COVID-19 Update – Pandemic Pay Update

Late yesterday, the Ministry of Health’s Deputy Minister, Helen Angus, sent out the attached [memo](#) outlining the pandemic pay program for their programs. For the municipal sector, this will include public health and paramedic services. We understand that additional details on the pandemic pay program for long-term care homes, and housing and shelters will be coming shortly.

It has been confirmed that the Province will not be expanding the pandemic pay program beyond those already deemed eligible. It has also been clarified that the Province’s program is for those front-line staff that have direct physical interaction with people who may be infected with COVID-19 e.g. where physical distancing is difficult or not possible. As stated previously, the Province has been clear that this will not apply to management, even those who have or are working in providing front-line services to residents, patients, or the public. It is expected that more detailed discussions with the respective program areas will occur shortly to better define who is eligible under this provincial program.

In the first week of June, ministries will start sending funding details to employers that receive funding directly from government and service delivery managers. Eligible employees will receive pandemic pay through their existing payroll systems. Appropriate accountability requirements will be put in place to make sure that this temporary funding is provided to eligible employees. The provincial [pandemic pay program website is here](#) and was updated today.

Under this temporary program, municipal governments have eligible full and part-time front-line staff who work in the following program areas: public health, paramedic services, long-term care homes, and housing and shelters. This will involve three ministries and four program areas. We are concerned that the administration of this program may be complex given this broad array of municipal front-line services, so we

are urging simplicity as the provincial program details are worked out. We have been advised that the ministries are working together to this end.

We will continue to work with the Province and many municipal staff associations, such as the Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association, as the provincial program design detail is being finalized so that its implementation for those eligible municipal staff goes well.

Once we have further operational details on the pandemic pay program for municipal employers, we will host another Labour Relations webinar. Stay tuned.

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