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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-242

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the Bid Solicitations included in Appendix 1 are currently active.

As per the Procurement By-law 2025-57, section 19. Reporting, item 19.1 The Director, Procurement Services shall:

> (a) report to Council on a weekly basis via Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution:
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> > (i) a summary of active Bid Solicitations.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-T-173	SolarWinds Subscription & License Renewals for the Niagara Regional Police Service	November 05, 2026
2026-T-123	139 Ontario Street EMS HVAC Upgrades	November 13, 2026
2026-T-135	200 Division St SAEO Amalgamation Renovation Project	November 13, 2026
2026-Q-179	Pelham Water System Upgrades Air and Noise Study	November 17, 2026
2026-RFP-169	Feasibility Study to Redirect Flow from Port Weller WWTP to Port Dalhousie WWTP	November 17, 2026
2026-T-177	Havis Mounts & Accessories for NRPS	November 18, 2026
2026-RFP-144	Delivery of an All Inclusive Ware Wash Program and Housekeeping Chemicals/Supplies for Seven (7) Long Term Care Homes	November 19, 2026
2026-T-152	Replacement of Lakeshore Road Culvert (087320) in the City of St. Catharines	November 19, 2026
2026-T-181	Geotechnical Investigations for Intersection Improvements at Regional Road 20 and Balfour Street in the Town of Pelham	November 19, 2026
2026-RFSQ-167	Roster for Construction Contractors for NPPC	November 20, 2026
2026-T-149	Supply & Place Poured Concrete Maintenance Hole Adjustments	November 20, 2026
2026-RFP-160	Water-Wastewater (W-WW) Electrical Maintenance Services and Supply (Industrial)	November 23, 2026
2026-RFP-166	2026 Water Treatment PLC Lifecycle Replacements	November 23, 2026
2026-RFP-124	Louth Street Niagara Region Transit HVAC Upgrades	November 24, 2026
2026-RFP-39	Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Consultancy Services for the Glenridge Avenue CNR Bridge Replacement Project	November 24, 2026

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-T-175	Two New Illumination Plants on Glenridge Avenue from Lockhart Drive to Glendale Avenue and from Glendale Avenue to Glen Morris Drive, in the City of St Catharines	November 25, 2026
2026-T-176	Traffic Signal Rebuild on Regional Road 50 (Glenridge Avenue) at Glen Morris Drive, in the City of St Catharines	November 26, 2026
2026-T-183	Supply and Delivery of Traffic Signal Cable	December 01, 2026
2026-T-185	Supply and Delivery of Five (5) Cargo Vans	December 03, 2026

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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-243

Subject: Public Health Update on 282 and 285 Ontario Street, St. Catharines

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Azim Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the human exposure pathway and human health risk assessment related to potential environmental contaminants at the former manufacturing facility at 282 and 285 Ontario Street, St. Catharines.

Based on a thorough review of available environmental data, public health surveillance activities and ongoing consultation with environmental and health experts, no evidence has been identified to suggest off-site public health risks associated with the site beyond the background risks typically present in an urban area.

Environmental contaminant levels reported by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) do not exceed thresholds and there are no identified exposure pathways for legacy polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or asbestos contaminants.

Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) recognizes the importance of the concerns raised and continues to work with the appropriate partners to monitor and assess this situation closely. If there is additional public health information or guidance needed for the community, NRPH will share it clearly and as quickly as possible.

Background and Organizational Responsibility

General Motors (GM) operated a manufacturing facility at 282 and 285 Ontario Street in St. Catharines until 2010. The site has remained vacant since then. In 2014, GM sold the site to developer and current owner, BayShore Groups.

Below are the responsibilities of various stakeholders as they relate to environmental and public health issues related to the site. While other external organizations are involved, this report focuses specifically on public health roles and responsibilities:

- **The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP):** Primary regulatory agency with the legal jurisdiction, technology and expertise to monitor and identify potential environmental hazards.
- **Public Health Ontario (PHO):** Works with local public health units by providing expert scientific, technical and evidence-based guidance to support in making timely public health decisions.
- **Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH)**: Responsible for conducting a human health risk assessment where contaminants have been identified as having migrated off-site and may result in a health hazard exposure to the public. Coordinates with MECP, the lead agency. Acts with appropriate measures using established, evidence-based scientific methods and public health protocols.
- **The City of St. Catharines**: Issues building demolition permits Read more about the plans for the site (https://www.stcatharines.ca/news-notices-and-updates/recreation-facility-and-programming-master-plan/future-of-282-285-ontario-street/#Statusupdatesandsupplementalinformation)
- **The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD):** Enforces the Occupational Health and Safety Act with respect to worker safety as well as regulatory requirements for asbestos and hazardous substances management while workers are onsite.
- **The property owner (BayShore Groups) and contractor**: Responsible for ensuring all applicable regulations and permit requirements are followed throughout the demolition (note that the site is being controlled by Celernus Investments Partners, which is the mortgage holder that has assumed oversight of the property). Cleanup of the property is proponent-driven and ultimately the responsibility of the property owner.

Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring at the Ontario Street property is the responsibility of the MECP. Results of initial surveys demonstrate that air quality and stormwater runoff are consistent with typical urban conditions.

Regarding polychlorinated biphenyls: Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are synthetic chemicals that can persist in the environment for extended periods, mostly at very low levels. Ongoing human exposure is very common at very low levels, mainly through food and to a lesser extent through air, soil and water. These low levels are

unlikely to cause adverse health effects. Higher exposures can occur from eating large amounts of certain fish, workplace activities, or accidental releases into the environment. PCBs - Canada.ca (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/healthy-living/your-health/environment/pcbs.html)

In June 2021, stormwater monitoring on the east side of the former GM site detected elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) discharged to the municipal storm sewer. This prompted the MECP to require the property owner to identify and eliminate the source of discharge. It is important to note that the storm sewer is inaccessible to residents and that residents had no means of coming in contact with the discharge through water or potential soil contamination. NRPH was informed of the investigation and given the lack of an exposure pathway, there was no risk to the health of the public and additional action was not required. Additionally, Niagara Region's municipal drinking water is rigorously treated and routinely monitored.Residents are advised not to drink untreated water.

Follow-up monitoring in December 2022 confirmed further action on the part of the property owner was still necessary to comply with MECP regulatory requirements. The property owner's consultants proposed plugging the storm sewer outlet and constructing a stormwater collection, storage and treatment system to discharge to the sanitary sewer. By August 2023, the City was advised that the owner's action plan was complete, and MECP re-sampling between February and April 2024 confirmed PCBs were no longer present in the municipal storm sewer.

In October 2025, the City was informed that stormwater was being collected on-site but was not being treated and discharged as required. This non-compliance was referred to the MECP's Enforcement and Investigation Branch. Through hired consultants, it was confirmed that the underground sewers on-site have ample capacity, and that the plugs to isolate them from the municipal sewer remain intact. The MECP continues to monitor the property to ensure potential contaminants are not leaving the property.

After flooding in the summer of 2026, MECP conducted a perimeter inspection of the property and observed a minor stormwater discharge from the Ontario Street entrance. MECP requested the site's property owners to collect samples and provide an engineering assessment of the site's capacity to manage stormwater, as well as recommendations for actions to prevent future discharges from the property. The MECP is awaiting the results of the sampling. If any public health information or guidance is needed for the local community or public, Niagara Region Public Health will share it clearly and as quickly as possible.

Regarding asbestos: Asbestos refers to several fibrous minerals widely used in the past for insulation, fireproofing, and strengthening. Asbestos can cause serious health effects including mesothelioma and asbestosis when fibres become airborne and are inhaled. Asbestos-containing materials that are left undisturbed, isolated, sealed behind walls or tightly bound and in good condition pose no significant human health risk. Most people are exposed to low levels of asbestos at some point in their lives through air, water or soil, without becoming ill from exposure. The risk of health problems increases with higher concentrations, more frequent exposure, longer exposure periods and individual factors such as smoking, pre-existing lung condition, and genetics.

Asbestos and your health - Canada.ca (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/air-quality/indoor-air-contaminants/health-risks-asbestos.html)

Asbestos Exposure and Cancer Risk Fact Sheet - NCI (https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/substances/asbestos/asbestos-fact-sheet

Two separate air monitoring studies have been completed by the MECP.

- City of St. Catharines Memo (https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.stcatharines.ca/media/exnczafy/council-memo-282-285-ontario-st-dustfall-update-from-moecp-june-2026.pdf__;!!PiBYz-HF60VMVQ!RTuALehE5So6vXiFQ7V6r9Pc5J9-VJ80ELVd8x7zflJPbpCikQcx7_8BvOlrBGitqLEXgsOXxnhMSBPp7y8$)
- former-gm-property-air-monitoring-survey-st-catharines.pdf (https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.stcatharines.ca/media/oqylp1lw/former-gm-property-air-monitoring-survey-st-catharines.pdf__;!!PiBYz-HF60VMVQ!RTuALehE5So6vXiFQ7V6r9Pc5J9-VJ80ELVd8x7zflJPbpCikQcx7_8BvOlrBGitqLEXgsOXxnhMY7bHSUQ$)

Within these studies, Hi-vol and dustfall samples mainly contained normal road dusts. No asbestos was found in the Hi-vol samples. Measurements of suspended particulate matter and metals at monitoring stations were significantly below the applicable 24-hour standards under O. Reg. 419/05 and the Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC). The amount of dust collected in the dustfall jars were also well below the AAQC guideline.

Additionally, no elevated concentrations of suspended particulate matter were observed in the downwind samples. Accordingly, the monitoring results did not detect off-site fugitive emissions from the former GM property affecting the general public.

These results indicate that asbestos was not found in the air surrounding the GM site and that there was no evidence of off-site public health risks above typical background risk levels in an urban area. The MECP has expressed confidence in its monitoring program and confirmed that the site continues to be actively monitored. If the MECP finds levels of contaminant exceedance that may pose a health concern, and if those contaminants leave the contained property, they will share that information with Niagara Region Public Health for review and any necessary follow-up.

Exposure Pathway Evaluation

NRPH consulted with PHO to conduct an exposure pathway evaluation. The objective of an exposure pathway evaluation is to identify how residents may be exposed to a known environmental hazard. Where a complete exposure pathway exists, there may be an associated health risk dependent on the amount and duration of the exposure. An incomplete exposure pathway would suggest little to no public health risk.

The elements of an exposure pathway are listed below:

1. Source of environmental hazard
2. Environmental fate and transport – how contaminants are released, move, and change throughout the environment
3. Exposure point – specific location(s) where people might encounter an environmental hazard
4. Exposure route – the mechanism by which the contaminants enter the body (e.g. inhalation, ingestion, skin contact)
5. Potentially exposed population – the people who encounter, or could potentially encounter, the environmental hazard

The potential hazards related to the former GM site include historical industrial operations and chemicals associated with historical industrial operations, demolition-related dust, and stormwater runoff. Through consultation with PHO, it was determined that there is no exposure pathway for both PCBs, which are contained if any in the stormwater pond as well as the underground sewer infrastructure on-site, or asbestos, which was not identified in the air surrounding the plant based on the 2020 study. Additionally, NRPH has been asked to verify the presence of asbestos in the soil on the property at 282 and 285 Ontario Street. This testing falls outside of NRPH jurisdiction and expertise; however, through consultation with PHO it was determined

that undisturbed asbestos in soil on the property does not pose a public health risk and as of now there is no pathway for potential contaminants to come in contact with local residents.

Based on the information provided by the MECP, together with consultation with PHO, NRPH did not identify any exposure pathway that would be expected to result in adverse health effects for the community. Accordingly, no increased health risk was identified for individuals residing in close proximity to the site beyond the background risks typically present in an urban environment.

Public Health Review and Findings

1. Based upon the most recent air quality, water quality and environmental data reported by MECP, contaminant levels in stormwater and in surrounding air are within ranges typical of urban environments and do not currently pose an elevated health risk to the off-site public.

2. Based on currently available information and through consultation with Public Health Ontario, Niagara Region Public Health has not identified a human exposure pathway for the identified hazards. As such, there is no increased risk of adverse health outcomes for residents. This assessment is consistent with the MECP’s interpretation of their monitoring data.

Next Steps

NRPH continues to meet regularly regarding this property with relevant partners including MECP, MLITSD, City of St. Catherines and PHO. The Medical and Environmental Health teams review all relevant information from MECP to determine if there is a health hazard present that can lead to adverse effects in the general population. They also respond to community questions and concerns.

Prior to demolition, the Ministry of Labor requires a Designated Substance Report. In addition, MECP requires a Contaminant Control Plan to prevent contaminants from being carried beyond the limits of the property. While NRPH does not provide direction with respect to demolition, staff have asked to review the report to provide public health input as needed.

Continued collaboration among the partnering agencies is essential to ensuring community safety and confidence.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-244

Subject: 2026 Ontario Public Health Standards Risk Management Assessment

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Azim Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner

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The risk management assessment is a requirement of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS). Risk activities are reported annually using a Ministry-provided template due at the end of the third quarter. Five high risks have been identified across five categories.

Financial Considerations

- The risk management activities are completed within the existing cost-shared budget for Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH). As much as possible, NRPH aligns and builds on corporate risk management planning for its risk management activities. Given these risk management activities are integrated across many operational units, a precise costing is not easily determined.

Analysis

- It is a requirement of the OPHS: Requirements for Programs and Services, and Accountability (June 2021) and Public Health Funding and Accountability Agreement to report the high risks that are currently being managed by the Board of Health.
- The Ministry's standardized template requires a description of the risks within one of fourteen predefined categories and a rating on a scale of one to five for both the likelihood of the risk occurring and the impact of the event. This translates into an overall risk rating of high, medium, or low, and only the high risks are reported.

Public Health Senior Leadership identified five high risks across five categories.

High Risks:

1. **Financial**: When provided, 1 per cent funding increases do not keep pace with inflation, collective agreement pressures, and rising program costs. This erodes the Board of Health's purchasing power and limits NRPH's ability to sustain service

levels, plan effectively, and meet legislated requirements. Without predictable, sustainable funding, NRPH may need to reduce or redesign services, affecting delivery of its core mandate.

2. **Governance/Organizational**: Governance changes in Niagara will establish a Board of Health composed of the 12 local area municipality mayors with weighted voting, led by a strong chair with powers that mirror those of a strong mayor. There remains uncertainty whether committees will continue to exist; as a result, matters may proceed directly to Council. This new structure may affect budget approval and decision-making processes, which may impact timely planning and delivery of NRPH's mandate.
3. **Operational/Service Delivery**: Demand for public health services in Niagara is increasing, including support for equity-deserving populations and responses to emerging needs beyond routine service delivery. Niagara has hosted Indigenous evacuees from northern communities affected by health hazards and has been identified as an Ebola isolation site for the GTA. Without additional resources, there is a risk that NRPH will be unable to meet growing demand and maintain timely, equitable services
4. **Security:** A cybersecurity breach could compromise Public Health data and systems, including personal health information, through third parties, cloud platforms, malware, staff practices, or insecure software. A breach could disrupt services, damage public trust, and result in privacy, legal, and regulatory consequences.
5. **Technology:** Rapid technological change makes it difficult for NRPH to keep pace with emerging tools and innovations. Limited funding, specialized capacity, and competing priorities may delay adoption, leaving the NRPH one step behind and unable to fully realize opportunities to improve services and outcomes.

Risk Mitigation Strategies

1. **Financial**: Regularly assess service costs and pressures, prioritize legislated and high-impact programs, and identify efficiencies, partnerships, and service redesign options before reductions are required.

2. **Governance/Organizational**: Provide clear, regular orientation and briefing materials to Board of Health members on public health obligations, local needs, risks, and budget pressures. Maintain a forward-looking governance calendar and

strengthen communication with municipal partners to support informed and aligned decision-making.

3. **Operational/Service Delivery**: Monitor service demand, population needs, and emerging pressures to identify capacity issues early. Apply a transparent, risk- and equity-based prioritization framework to allocate available resources, focus efforts on legislated and highest-impact services, and adjust service delivery models where appropriate.

4. **Security**: Maintain layered cybersecurity controls, including access management, multi-factor authentication, patching, backups, vendor security requirements, and incident-response procedures. Deliver ongoing staff awareness training and regularly test systems, third-party controls, and response plans.

5. **Technology**: Work with centralized IT, vendors, and sector partners to identify shared solutions, build internal digital capacity, and pilot promising technologies before broader implementation.

Pertinent Reports

PHD 7-2025 Ontario Public Health Standards Risk Management Requirement. (https://niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/PHSSC_Nov04_2025/eSCRIBE%20Documents/eSCRIBE%20Attachments/PHD%207-2025%20Ontario%20Public%20Health%20Standards%20Risk%20Management%20Requirement.pdf)

PHD 5-2024 Ontario Public Health Standards: Risk Management Requirement (https://niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/PHSSC_Oct08_2024/eSCRIBE%20Documents/eSCRIBE%20Attachments/PHD%205-2024%20Ontario%20Public%20Health%20Standards-Risk%20Management%20Requirement.pdf)

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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-245

Subject: Competitive Procurement Awards Between $100,000 and $10,000,000 – October 2026

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the Competitive Procurements included in Appendix 1 have been awarded.

As per the Procurement By-law 2025-57, section 19, Reporting, item 19.1 the Director of Procurement Services shall:

> (b) report to Council on a monthly basis via the Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution, all Competitive Procurement Awards between $100,000 and $10,000,000 excluding VAT.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Director, Procurement Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Competitive Procurement Awards Between $100,000 and $10,000,000 – October 2026

Request for Quotation, By-law section 13.2.2

BID NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	AWARD VALUE (PRE-TAX)	SUPPLIER	REGISTERED SUPPLIERS	COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS
2026-Q-148	Topographic Survey and Level C SUE for Steele St Class EA	$154,440.00	Planview Utility Services Limited	7	6

Request for Tender, By-law section 13.3.5

BID NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	AWARD VALUE (PRE-TAX)	SUPPLIER	REGISTERED SUPPLIERS	COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS
2026-T-106	Supply and Delivery of Traffic Signal Heads and Pedestrian Heads	$282,876.30	Econolite Canada Inc.	8	4
2026-T-108	Roof System Replacement at Rapelje Lodge Long Term Care home	$571,000.00	George Roque Roofing Corp.	23	7
2026-T-111	CCTV Inspections and Sewer Cleaning	$736,377.00	Bob Robinson & Son Construction	4	4
2026-T-127	Materials Testing Services For The Reconstruction Of RR 100 (Casablanca Blvd) Between The RR 39 (North Service Rd) And RR 512 (Livingston Ave) In The Town Of Grimsby	$231,833.00	EXP Services Inc.	5	4
2026-T-128	Contract Administration and Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Bridges and Structures	$149,875.00	Associated Engineering (Ont.) Ltd.	3	3

BID NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	AWARD VALUE (PRE-TAX)	SUPPLIER	REGISTERED SUPPLIERS	COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS
2026-T-161	Supply and Delivery of Nine (9) Light-Duty Half-Tonne Pickup Trucks	$575,069.00	Finch Auto Group	16	6

Request for Proposal, By-law section 13.3.6

BID NUMBER	PROJECT NAME	AWARD VALUE (PRE-TAX)	SUPPLIER	REGISTERED SUPPLIERS	COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS
2026-RFP-122	Consulting Engineering Services for the Niagara Falls Watermain Replacement Study	$120,610.00	Aspire Consulting Group Ltd.	12	5

NOTES

NRPS, NRH and NTC are not included in the datasets outlined herein as these agencies operated under their own Procurement By-law and/or Governing Bodies.

Registered supplier data is unaltered and includes construction agencies as registered suppliers.

Completed submission data includes all submissions received, including those that were determined to be non-compliant.

Bid numbers preceded by an asterisk indicate that those bids were not included in the prior monthly reports and are therefore included in this report.

Competitive procurements are counted based on the procurement process rather than the number of suppliers awarded. A single competitive process that results in multiple supplier awards is reported as one competitive procurement in the Corporate Competitive Procurement Awards Between $100,000 and $10,000,000 report. However, each individual award is identified in the appendix for reference.

Niagara Peninsula CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF UPCOMING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
Lake Ontario Coastal Resilience Pilot Project – Phase 2

The **Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, and Hamilton Conservation Authority** are inviting members of the community to participate in the next phase of the Lake Ontario Coastal Resilience Pilot Project, exploring how communities can prepare for flooding, erosions, and climate change.

About the Project

The Lake Ontario Coastal Resilience Pilot Project is a regional initiative in partnership with the NPCA, Conservation Ontario, Hamilton Conservation Authority, and Conservation Halton, alongside municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other project partners.

The project covers approximately 100 kilometres of Lake Ontario shoreline, from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Oakville, excluding Hamilton Harbour.

Funded through Natural Resources Canada's Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities program, as part of Conservation Ontario's *Adapting to Coastal Hazards Across the Great Lakes* initiative, the project brings together technical analysis and community knowledge to support long-term coastal resilience planning.

Phase 2 Opportunities

Earlier this year, community members shared their experiences, observations, and what they value most about the shoreline. Building on that feedback and ongoing technical studies, the project is now moving from understanding shoreline challenges to exploring potential solutions.

Through five community open houses across the study area from November 17-19, and an interactive online activity, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about different ways to manage shoreline risks, from nature-based solutions to hybrid approaches and engineered structures.
- Explore how adaptation approaches might work in different locations and understand their benefits and trade-offs.
- Review updated draft mapping for flooding, erosion and dynamic beach hazards for Niagara and Halton areas, along with climate change projections.

Join us – **drop in anytime** during the scheduled times. RSVPs are appreciated but optional.

Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Halton Region
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Art Gallery of Burlington, 1333 Lakeshore Rd.
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Trafalgar Park Community Centre, 133 Rebecca St

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Hamilton
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | The Lakeview by Carmen's, 180 Van Wagners Beach Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Niagara
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. | Port Dalhousie Lions' Club, 201 Main St.
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | Elizabeth Street Pumphouse, 447 Elizabeth St., Grimsby

Contact

For more information about the Lake Ontario Coastal Resilience Pilot Project, please contact Brendan Buggeln, Manager of Natural Hazard Management and Resiliency, bbuggeln@npca.ca.

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November 05, 2026



Updated Municipal Tariff Modelling Tool Now Available

AMO is pleased to share an updated municipal modelling tool, developed by Oxford Economics, to help municipalities estimate the impact of tariffs on capital construction project costs. The updated tool reflects tariff costs as of late August 2026.

Developed in close consultation with municipal public works leaders and treasurers, the tool incorporates valuable feedback from across the sector and will help municipalities:

- Inform council decisions on capital projects with a better understanding of potential tariff-related costs.
- Understand and explain price fluctuations and their impact on project budgets.
- Support procurement negotiations with vendors using more informed cost estimates.

To help municipal teams get started, Oxford Economics has also developed a supplemental user guide and a video tutorial.

Municipalities are encouraged to explore the updated tool and share it with their finance, public works and procurement teams.

Explore the Tool





Now Accepting Applications for 2027 AMO Youth Fellowship Program

AMO is seeking applicants for its 2027 Youth Fellowship Program.

Share this opportunity with students and youth interested in local government, governance, and the health of our democracy.

Through this Fellowship, participants learn about municipal governance and policy while gaining exposure to real-time issues facing Ontario's municipalities.

Applications are due November 27th.

Apply Now

AMO President Attends Anishinabek Nation Fall Assembly

AMO President Riley Brockington attended the Anishinabek Nation Fall Assembly, where he spoke about strengthening relationships between First Nations and municipalities.

His remarks highlighted AMO's Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan (IRAP) and its Memorandum of Understanding with the Anishinabek Nation.

During Treaties Recognition Week, his participation also serves as a reminder of the importance of honouring treaty rights, relationships and responsibilities.

See AMO's IRAP

Events and Education

Steve Paikin to Keynote ROMA 2027

Join us January 24–26 in Toronto for the 2027 ROMA Conference, featuring renowned journalist and political commentator Steve Paikin as the keynote speaker.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear his insights on Ontario's political landscape and connect with rural municipal leaders from across the province. Register today!

Start the New Term Strong with Local Leadership Foundations

With municipal elections behind us and new councils beginning their term this month, now is the time to invest in strong local leadership.

AMO's Local Leadership Foundations (LLF) program offers practical, experience-based learning to help councillors and heads of council navigate their roles, make informed decisions and lead with confidence. Learn more at amo.on.ca/LLF.

See the Full Event Calendar

LAS AMO Business Services

Blog: Employee Benefits: Navigating Competing Priorities

Group Benefits are an integral part of total compensation, a consideration in collective bargaining and an important element of an organization's ability to attract, retain and support its workforce. Read the blog here.

Webinar: We Already Know How Your Streets Ride

What if the vehicles already driving your roads could help assess their condition? Join LAS and Citylogix on November 19th to learn how Pulse uses data collected from everyday vehicles to support asset management, planning, and infrastructure investment decisions. Register Here.

Federal Matters

National Housing Catalogue Information Session

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is hosting webinars about how municipalities can use the national Housing Design Catalogue to advance housing outcomes. Register to attend in in English or French.

Provincial Matters

Best Practices for Source Water Protection Program

Municipalities not covered by the province's source protection planning framework can apply for funding to develop local source water protection action plans. Apply by November 27.

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

Applications are now open until December 22 for the next round of the $500 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.

MUNICIPAL PARTNERS*

AdvantAge Seniors' Housing and Community Services Forum 2026

AdvantAge Ontario is hosting the Seniors' Housing and Community Services Forum 2026, a virtual event exploring innovative approaches to seniors' housing, aging in place, and community-based care.

Ontario Invasive Species Municipal Expenditure Survey

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