



Sunday, August 16

9:00am – 7:00pm

Registration Open: Second Floor, Rogers Centre

2:00pm – 7:00pm

Trade Show Open: Third Floor, Rogers Centre

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Conference Workshops

- **Securing More Revenue Without Raising Taxes**, sponsored by The Partnership Group, Sponsorship Specialists

Location: Governor General 1, Fourth Floor, Westin

Want more money without increasing taxes and user fees? This workshop will help you to understand the channel of commercial sponsorship and naming rights to put more revenue on your bottom line.

- **MEPR: Practising Leadership in a Flooding: A Municipal Exercise Workshop**

Location: Confederation 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

In this realistic flooding exercise and workshop, municipal leaders and staff will navigate escalating impacts on critical infrastructure, public safety, municipal services, and community recovery while working through the decisions local leaders face during a flooding event. Participants will experience how municipal exercises encourage discussing mutual aid, prioritizing resources, and collaborating with provincial and community partners. Participants will also get hands on experience working with the provincial supports available to municipalities before, during, and after an emergency. No emergency management experience is required.

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Harmony in Leadership Georgia Municipal Association Workshop

Location: Ontario, Third Floor, Westin

Great leadership begins before you ever enter the room; it starts with how you show up. Through the BIKE module, this course invites you to lead with greater intentionality, civility, kindness, and emotional intelligence. You'll explore how your thoughts, emotions, and actions shape your influence and the people around you. Whether you're rebuilding trust, deepening connection, or striving to lead with more heart, this course will equip you to lead harmoniously, creating environments where people feel seen, valued, and inspired to grow together.

- Freddie Broome: Director of Members Services, Georgia Municipal Association

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Conference Workshops

- **Asset Management for Sustainable Decision-Making**

Location: Governor General 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

A municipal council is ultimately responsible for setting service levels. This is achievable through your municipal asset management program, which provides the information needed to make confident, evidence-based decisions about infrastructure investments, service levels, risks, and long-term financial sustainability.

To support municipal staff and council, AMO and AMONTario have prepared a comprehensive Asset Management Orientation Toolkit that is adaptable to all communities.

This engaging workshop will introduce the toolkit, and showcase how asset management supports informed, prioritized decision-making. Come ready to participate, share your experiences, and swap ideas with peers who are navigating the same challenges.

- **NWMO: Planning Canada's Second Deep Geological Repository**

Location: Governor General 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is planning a second deep geological repository (DGR) to safely manage Canada's intermediate- and high-level radioactive waste over the long term. This initiative is separate from NWMO's first DGR for used nuclear fuel.

The proposed approach to site selection will place the highest priority on safety, will be consent-based, principles-led, flexible, adaptive, aligned with international best practices and will be grounded in Reconciliation. During this workshop, participants will be asked to share their views on our proposed approach with an external facilitator. This is your opportunity to confirm and refine the site selection process for Canada's second DGR.

4:00pm – 5:00pm **The Astronaut, the Thermostat and the Hidden Work of Reliable Energy Panel Discussion** brings Chris Hadfield's space-tested perspective to reframe how municipal leaders think about reliability on Earth, sponsored by Enbridge Canada

Location: Canada Hall 1, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

In space, every watt is planned, protected and tied to survival. In Ontario, energy is so reliable that it often feels invisible. When extreme weather, outages, cold snaps or rapid growth put our systems to the test, we're reminded how much daily life depends on it.

In a dynamic conversation with Commander Chris Hadfield, Enbridge Gas President Michele Harradence, and Ottawa Councillor and Federation of Canadian Municipalities President Tim Tierney, this panel will explore the hidden work behind reliable energy systems, why infrastructure must be planned and built for extremes, and how bold leadership supports the



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long-term planning needed to keep residents safe, businesses operating and economies growing.

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Opening Reception: Third Floor, Rogers Centre

7:00pm – 10:30pm

City of Ottawa Welcome Reception

Location: Lowertown Brewery, ByWard Market, 73 York Street



Monday, August 17

7:00am – 5:00pm Registration Open: Second Floor, Rogers Centre

7:15am – 8:00am **Youth Networking Breakfast**

Location: Provinces 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

Spend your breakfast with AMO's 2026 Youth Fellows: Akbar, Allan, and Rebecca, as they lead an inspiring conversation about how their communities unlocked their passion for local government. Their diverse experiences from across Ontario will demonstrate how this election campaign can set you up to do the same for youth in your municipality.

7:30am – 6:00pm Trade Show Open: Third Floor, Rogers Centre

7:30am – 8:30am **Coffee with Exhibitors:** Third Floor, Rogers Centre

8:00am – 4:00pm **Local Leadership Foundations: Chat with Kate**

Location: Rideau Alcove, Second Floor, Rogers Centre, by the pedway to the Westin Hotel

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8:10am – 10:15am **Plenary Program:** Canada Hall 1, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

- 8:10am – 8:30am Welcome, O Canada
 - Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor, City of Ottawa
 - Councillor Merv Sarazin, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation
- 8:30am – 9:45am The Curse of Politics, sponsored by Enbridge Canada
- 9:45am – 10:00am Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict
- 10:00am – 10:10am Robin Jones, AMO President; Mayor, Village of Westport
- 10:10am – 10:15am Annual General Meeting



10:15am – 10:40am **Coffee Break, sponsored by MNP:** Third Floor, Rogers Centre

10:10am – 10:30am **Demo Stage:** Interac Corp: Konek: Canada's Way to Pay

Location: Canada Hall 2 and 3, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

Konek is Canada's new way to pay online, offering Canadians the choice to pay directly from their chequing or savings account, or credit card. Powered by Interac, and backed by Canada's leading banks, Konek makes it easy for municipalities to accept payments for services like summer camp registration, utility bills, or parking permits—giving residents more choice, convenience, and control in how they pay.

10:40am – 11:50am **Plenary Program:** Canada Hall 1, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

- 10:40am – 10:50am The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- 10:50am – 11:00am The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- 11:00am – 11:05am IPE and LAS Grant Announcement
 - Jason Hagan, Program Manager, AMO Business Services
 - Jessica Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services, IPE
- 11:05am – 11:50am Women's Leadership Forum, sponsored by Strategy Corp

Moderator: Nam Kiwanuka, host, (MIS)Treated podcast

Speakers:

- Patrice Barnes, Senior Advisor, Counsel Public Affairs
- France Bélisle, Co-présidente, Posture Inc.
- Dr. Eileen de Villa, former Medical Officer of Health City of Toronto, Adjunct Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, Bruce Public Health Unit, Special Advisor

12:00pm – 5:30pm **AMO Board of Directors Election Voting Hours**

Location: Third Floor Foyer, Rogers Centre

12:00pm – 1:15pm **Caucus Lunches**

- County Caucus: Provinces 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin
- Large Urban Caucus: Ontario One Call's Transformation, Sponsored by Ontario One Call
Location: Governor General 3, Fourth Floor, Westin
- Northern Caucus: Ontario, Third Floor, Westin



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- Regional and Single Tier Caucus, Sponsored by Canadian Beverage Association
Confederation 3, Fourth Floor, Westin
- Rural Caucus: Governor General 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin
- Small Urban Caucus: From Pressure to Possibility: Transforming Municipal Challenges into Opportunities, Sponsored by Bell Canada: Confederation 2, Fourth Floor, Westin
- Non-voting Lunch: Confederation I, Fourth Floor, Westin

1:15pm – 1:35pm **Demo Stage:** Access2Pay: Solving the Hidden Red Tape in Municipal Finance

Location: Canada Hall 2 and 3, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

Ontario municipalities lose staff time and resident goodwill to fragmented, vendor-by-vendor payment systems, a hidden cost that adds up across property tax, utilities, and permits. This session shows what changes when every payment channel is consolidated onto one Canadian-hosted platform, cutting the operational overhead of managing multiple vendors, manual reconciliation, and disconnected support lines. Attendees will learn how municipalities like Brampton, Oakville, and Dufferin County have reduced back-office costs and freed up staff time by moving to a single unified platform.

1:15pm – 1:45pm **Dessert with Exhibitors:** Third Floor, Rogers Centre

1:45pm – 2:30pm **Plenary Program:** Canada Hall 1, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

- 1:45pm – 1:55pm Ontario Human Rights Commission dual celebration of 65 years of human rights in Ontario, sustaining democratic societies and the rule of law.
 - Patricia DeGuire, Chief Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- 1:55pm – 2:15pm AMO and Anishinabek Nation Partnership
- 2:15pm – 2:20pm Spencer Gill, Vice President and Executive Lead, Asset Management and Grid Modernization, Hydro One
- 2:20pm – 2:30pm Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition and NDP

2:30pm – 2:50pm **Demo Stage:** AMO Education: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

Location: Canada Hall 2 and 3, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

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returning councillors excel in their roles and get the upcoming term off to a great start. Hear from the developers, preview the material, and ask us questions about how to join in!

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Coffee Break with Exhibitors, sponsored by Bell Canada

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Women's Networking, Hosted by: The Honourable Edith Dumont,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Location: Trillium, Fourth Floor, Rogers Centre

Enabling Collective Problem-Solving: The Role of Civic Space

How can municipalities create conditions for communities to solve problems together? This session explores the role of civic space in fostering participation, collaboration, and innovation. Through Canadian and international examples, panelists will share practical approaches to strengthening partnerships and building more resilient communities.

Favoriser la résolution collective des problèmes : le rôle de l'espace civique

Comment les municipalités peuvent-elles créer les conditions permettant aux collectivités de résoudre ensemble des défis complexes? Cette séance explorera le rôle de l'espace civique pour favoriser la participation, la collaboration et l'innovation. À partir d'exemples canadiens et internationaux, les panélistes présenteront des approches concrètes pour renforcer les partenariats et bâtir des collectivités plus résilientes.

Moderator: Melanie Pilon, Mayor, Municipality of Wawa

Speakers:

- Melissa Hammel, Co-Founder and Professional Facilitator, Bridge Building Group
- Jennifer Angel, Chief Executive Officer, Evergreen

3:00pm – 3:20pm

Demo Stage: municipaI AI: Ask Your Municipal Website Anything

Location: Canada Hall 2 and 3, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

What if your website could answer residents the way your best front-desk staff would? Watch a live demo of municipaI AI, Canadian-built AI technology that embeds directly in your existing site. It instantly answers resident questions, cuts call volume, and works around the clock. See how Ontario municipalities are already turning hard-to-search sites into instant answers and seeing real returns on staff time and resident satisfaction.

3:30pm – 4:45pm

Concurrent Sessions

1. Advancing Mental Health Supports in Emergency Services

Location: Confederation 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

This panel explores how municipalities are addressing mental health challenges for first responders, including WSIB pressures and evolving obligations. Experts will share practical strategies, innovative service models, and lessons learned to strengthen supports, reduce risks, and drive organizational change while highlighting the significant costs of inaction.

Speakers:

- Dr. Megan Edgelow, Associate Professor, Queen's University
- Troy Cheseboro, Chief of Paramedic Services, Durham Region
- Dave McLennan, President and Founder, Boots on the Ground

2. Buy Ontario, Build Local: Navigating Municipal Procurement

Location: 205/207, Second Floor, Rogers Centre

Recent changes to provincial procurement policy now require municipalities to prioritize purchasing made-in-Ontario light duty vehicles and Ontario and Canadian goods and services in capital infrastructure procurements. Learn about how municipalities can navigate this changing landscape to support Canadian businesses while balancing infrastructure project costs and timelines. Brief introductory remarks will be provided by Minister Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement (MPBSDP).

Chair: Christina Pavone, Director of Business Services, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Speakers:

- Christopher Gonsalves, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement
- Tina Iacoe, Director of Procurement, City of Hamilton and Past-President of the Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) received form tbc
- Brian Barron, CEO, Ontario Construction Secretariat

3. Strengthening Relationships between First Nations and Municipalities

Location: 206/208, Second Floor, Rogers Center

Join a timely dialogue with First Nations Chiefs from across the province as they share firsthand experiences in emergency management and collaboration with local municipalities. Grounded in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), this panel brings together Chiefs representing diverse regions and communities—both large and small. Together, panelists will draw on their own experiences to offer unique geographic and community perspectives on key areas of collaboration, including emergency preparedness, coordinated emergency response, jurisdictional protocols, infrastructure resilience, evacuation planning, and mutual aid agreements. Participants will gain valuable, multifaceted insights into building enduring partnerships that respect First Nations' Inherent Rights and advance shared regional safety goals.

Speakers:

- Alvin Fiddler, Grand Chief, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
- Linda Debassige, Grand Council Chief, Anishinabek Nation
- Laurie Carr, Chief, Hiawatha First Nation

4. How to Talk About Costs with Constituents

Location: Confederation 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

“Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.” This quote from 130 years ago still captures the challenge that elected representatives and municipal staff face today when explaining to their constituents the need for a tax increase or the billion price tag to repair aging infrastructure.

Businesses that sell expensive goods or services have time-tested marketing playbooks on how to shift consumers’ focus from cost to value. This session will provide practical insights on how to communicate and sell the value of expensive goods and services to rate and taxpayers.

Speakers:

- Jennifer McLeod Macey, Senior Executive, McLeod Advisory
- Kelly Peters, Global Behavioural Economics Leader and Partner, Deloitte Canada
- Julie Martini, Vice President of Public Affairs, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

5. Primary Care Expansion and Community Impact

Location: Governor General 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

The provincial government is working to connect every Ontarian to primary care, regardless of where they live. This session will bring together health sector experts to break down what this actually means, how primary care helps support the health of your communities, and what municipalities can do to help.

Speakers:

- Dr. NP Michelle Acorn, CEO, Nurse Practitioners Association of Ontario
- Dr. Jobin Varughese, President, Ontario College of Family Physicians
- Jess Rogers, CEO, Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario

4:45pm – 6:00pm

Power Down Reception

Location: Third Floor, Rogers Centre

Tuesday, August 18

7:00am – 5:00pm

Registration Open: Second Floor, Rogers Centre

7:30am – 8:15am

Insight Breakfasts

- **Stronger, Healthier Ontario Communities for Older Adults: The Municipal Leadership Advantage**, sponsored by AdvantAge

Location: Governor General 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

- **Slow Down, Move Over – Protecting Lives on Ontario Roads**, sponsored by CAA South Central Ontario

Location: Provinces 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

Slow Down, Move Over is a critical law designed to protect those working on Ontario's roads, yet compliance remains inconsistent, putting lives at risk every day. For more than a decade, CAA has led advocacy efforts to strengthen roadside safety, pushing for enhanced protections backed by evidence and real-world experience.

Join CAA for an engaging discussion that goes beyond awareness, grounded in data, practical solutions, and proven approaches to implementation. Learn how CAA is leading the charge to better protect roadside workers and explore actionable strategies that can be adopted to improve compliance, enhance safety, and save lives.

- **OMERS Governance Reform and Its Implications for the Delivery of First Responder Services**, sponsored by Emergency Services Steering Committee

Location: Governor General 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

OMERS is undergoing its most significant governance transformation in years, replacing the Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council. This raises real questions for municipal leaders about contribution rates, benefit design and plan oversight as well as what that means for local budgets.

Join panelists from the Emergency Services Steering Committee (ESSC) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for a panel discussion on what's driving these changes and how they may impact the cost of delivering police, fire, and paramedic services.

- **Shaping LAS Programs and Services**, sponsored by LAS-AMO Business Services

Location: Ontario, Third Floor, Westin



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Join the LAS-AMO Business Services team for an interactive breakfast workshop and help shape future programs that respond to your needs. Discover opportunities to save over 200 hours on procurement processes, reduce costs through collaborative municipal solutions, and redirect valuable staff time and cost savings toward high-impact community priorities.

- **Planning 101 & Recent Legislative Updates**, sponsored by Ontario Professional Planners Institute

Location: Confederation 1, Fourth Floor, Westin

Join Andria Leigh, Chair of the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) and Director of Planning & Growth for the Town of Innisfil, for an overview of the Councillor's role in planning within Ontario's municipal planning framework. Learn how Registered Professional Planners (RPPs) support informed decision-making on local planning matters and gain insight into OPPI's recent and upcoming initiatives to streamline development approvals, reducing costs and timelines. Andria will explain why these reforms were critical in supporting Ontario's housing goals, and what they mean for municipalities and communities as they work to meet future growth and development demands.

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8:30am – 9:45am

Concurrent Sessions

1. **Beyond Assessment: MPAC's Expanding Value to Municipalities**

Location: Confederation 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

Join MPAC for an annual update on how our evolving strategy is delivering greater value to municipalities and the residents you serve. Discover how our data, tools, and services – current and emerging – can strengthen financial planning, support informed decisions, and unlock new opportunities for your community.

Learn how a stronger partnership with MPAC can help you serve your constituents and plan with confidence for the challenges ahead.

Speakers:

- Alan Spacek, MPAC Chair, Board of Directors
- Nicole McNeill, President and Chief Administrative Officer, MPAC
- Jamie Bishop, Chief Customer Officer, MPAC
- Carmelo Lipsi, Chief Valuation and Operating Officer, MPAC
- Greg Martino, Chief Assessor and Data Officer, MPAC
- Ian Freeman, Assistant Deputy Minister – Provincial Local Finance Division, Ministry of Finance

2. Delivering Infrastructure Innovation: From Pilot to Practice

Location: 205/207, Second Floor, Rogers Centre

Municipalities need to invest over \$250 billion in public infrastructure over the next decade, and innovation will be essential to meeting this challenge. This session will explore case studies that highlight the opportunities and challenges of moving innovative infrastructure solutions from pilot stage to implementation.

Speakers:

- Ian McVey, Director of Environment and Climate, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- Andre Pepin, Director of Environmental Services, Town of Midland
- Graham Good, Manager of Geomatics, District of Muskoka

3. Health and Supportive Housing Partnerships to Address Homelessness

Location: 206/208, Second Floor, Rogers Centre

Permanent supportive housing with wraparound supports and medical care can help reduce chronic homelessness. Learn through case studies about what cross-sector partnerships can accomplish and how relationship building with health and housing providers can produce benefits for people, communities and municipal governments.

Speakers:

- Dr. Andrew Boozary, Executive Director of the Gattuso Centre for Social Medicine, University Health Network
- Tyler Campbell, General Manager, Community Well-being, City of Greater Sudbury

4. Urban Indigenous - Municipal Relations

Location: Confederation 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

Urban Indigenous organizations play a critical role in meeting the needs of the growing Indigenous population in municipalities. This panel will explore how municipal leaders can work in partnership with urban Indigenous organizations to deliver on local priorities and advance Indigenous rights. Bringing together representatives from municipalities, local Friendship Centres, and Indigenous women's organizations, this session will deliver insights, lessons for municipal leadership, and real-world examples for successful and impactful relationships between municipalities and local urban Indigenous organizations that advance reconciliation in practical ways.

Speakers:

- Brandon Maracle, Executive Director, Kingston Native Centre and Language Nest
- Amber Bryant Peller, Indigenous Initiatives Manager, City of Kingston
- Mary Daoust, Executive Director of Minwaashin Lodge

9:45am – 10:00am

Coffee Break

Location: Third floor, Rogers Centre

10:00am – 11:45am

Plenary Program: Canada Hall 1, Third Floor, Rogers Centre

- 10:00am – 10:05am FCM President, Tim Tierney
- 10:05am – 10:15am John Fraser, Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party
- 10:15am – 11:00am Protecting Democracy and Local Governance

A vibrant municipal democracy empowers local leadership and diverse voices to build a resilient, self-determined future for every community in Ontario. There is concern centralizing local governance could undermine the transparency and collaboration that is foundational to local government. Learn how municipalities can navigate changing governance structure and ensure that local democracy continues to work.

Moderator: John Michael McGrath, Co-Host #onpoli podcast

Speakers:

- Sandra Datars Bere, City Manager, City of London
- Bill Irwin, Councillor, Municipality of North Middlesex and Professor Emeritus, Huron University and Western University

- Gary Zalepa, Mayor, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

- 11:00am – 11:10am Mike Schriener, Leader, Green Party of Ontario
- 11:10am – 11:25am Jennifer McKelvie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure
- 11:25am – 11:30am The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier

11:45am – 12:45pm

Learning Lunches

- **Beyond Consultation: Municipal Readiness and Engagement in Large-Scale Energy Development**, sponsored by Bruce Power

Location: Confederation 1, Fourth Floor, Westin

Large infrastructure projects benefit from early and ongoing dialogue with municipal governments. This session will highlight how Bruce Power has worked with municipalities across the Clean Energy Frontier (Bruce, Grey and Huron) region to support readiness planning, share information, and create opportunities for meaningful participation in the Bruce C Impact Assessment process. Participants will learn about the benefits of having municipalities engaged as informed local partners, helping to identify community priorities, infrastructure considerations, and growth-related opportunities while maintaining clear roles within regulatory and planning processes.

- **Ontario's Electricity Sector: Powered By Our Progress**, sponsored by Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)

Location: Provinces 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

Collaboration is essential to a reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity system. Join the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) for an engaging session on the accomplishments communities and the electricity sector have achieved together to advance the infrastructure needed to support economic development and local growth plans, enhance reliability, and create lasting benefits for future generations.

- **Health Care on the Ballot: What It Means for Your Municipality**, sponsored by the Ontario Medical Association (OMA)

Location: Governor General 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

Join us for a timely discussion on how health care is influencing priorities in communities across Ontario and why it matters in the upcoming municipal elections. Concerns about access to care, wait times, and pressure on local health services continue, and municipal leaders are increasingly engaging with these issues. This session will explore the connection between health care and local economic well-being, how health care is showing up in municipal election

conversations, and the practical ways local governments can support and advocate for better access to care.

As elections approach, this discussion will help participants better understand the municipal perspective on health care and how local action can contribute to stronger, more connected communities.

- **Protecting Residents from Illegal Vehicle Sales: When a Bad Vehicle Sale Becomes a Community Issue**, sponsored by Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC)

Location: Governor General 1 and 2, Third Floor, Westin

From illegal vehicle sales and online scams to hidden vehicle histories and misleading advertising, the public face a growing number of risks when purchasing a vehicle. This interactive session will explore emerging marketplace trends, real Ontario-wide case studies, and opportunities for municipalities to support consumer protection and awareness in their communities.

- **Local Leadership Foundations**, presented by AMO Education and the Institute on Governance

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Concurrent Sessions

1. **Governing Municipal AI for Privacy and Human Rights**

Location: Confederation 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

As municipalities adopt AI and automated decision-making for local services, they face scrutiny regarding public trust, data privacy, and civil liberties. Learn to decode exactly what municipal governments must know, and do, to harness AI for the public good without compromising fundamental human rights and privacy.

Speakers:

- Alfred Fung, Senior Policy Analyst, Ontario Human Rights Commission
- Javier Ruiz-Soler, Senior Policy and Technology Advisor, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario
- Nelson Loureiro, Government and Public Sector Partner, PwC Canada
- Marilia Araujo, Government and Public Sector AI and Data Partner, PwC Canada

2. Resilience in the Age of Disruption

Location: Confederation 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

Economic uncertainty of the last several years has acted as a catalyst for municipal innovation. Leaders from each corner of the province will discuss their playbook for creating resilient communities – from taking a people first strategy to revitalizing downtowns to working across political divides and ideology to buffer local industries and businesses to shifts in consumer preferences and geopolitics.

Speakers:

- Andrea Horwath, Mayor, City of Hamilton
- Cameron Kroetsch, Councillor, Ward 2, City of Hamilton
- Brent Lamming, Deputy CAO, City of Sault Ste. Marie
- Paul Blais, Managing Director of Economic Advisory, Deloitte

3. Strengthening Municipal Capacity for Emergency Readiness

Location: 205/207, Second Floor, Rogers Centre

This session examines how municipalities are adapting to growing emergency preparedness challenges driven by climate risks, staffing shortages, and rising expectations. Panelists will discuss “reasonable preparedness,” share lessons from recent disasters, and identify where provincial support is effective and where critical gaps remain.

Speakers:

- Hillary Winstanley, Regional Coordinator – Boreal East, Wildfire Resilience Consortium of Canada
- Daniel Henstra, Professor, University of Waterloo
- Stephen Rettie, CAO, Town of Bracebridge
- Rick Maloney, Mayor, Town of Bracebridge

4. The Business Case for Green Infrastructure Investment

Location: 206/208, Second Floor, Rogers Centre

Municipal governments across Ontario are at the forefront of climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts. This session will provide practical insights on how to effectively make the case for green infrastructure investment to support climate adaption and resilience.

Speakers:

- Dr. Anabela Bonda, Managing Director at Intact Centre of Climate Adaptation
- Claire Holloway Wadhwani, Councillor, Municipality of Port Hope and Green Municipal Fund Council Member
- John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

- Jesse Fieldwebster, Manager of Environment and Climate Change, Metis Nation of Ontario

2:15pm – 2:30pm

Coffee Break

Location: Third floor, Rogers Centre

2:30pm – 4:50pm

Plenary Program: Third Floor, Rogers Centre

- 2:30pm – 3:20pm Municipal Infrastructure: Framing the Fiscal Challenge

The status quo for infrastructure funding is shifting rapidly. Caught between recent policy changes, mounting repair backlogs, and new growth demands, what can municipalities realistically afford? We'll map out the challenges facing community infrastructure, exploring municipal funding innovations and hard limits, as well as what's required to solve systemic issues and fully fund local assets.

Moderator: John Michael McGrath, Co-Host #onpoli podcast

Speakers:

- Josh Morgan, Mayor of London
 - Bill Hughes, Chair, ONE Joint Investment Board
 - Leith Deacon, Associate Professor, Rural Planning & Development, University of Guelph
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- 3:20pm – 3:35pm PJ Marshall Awards
 - 3:35pm – 3:40pm AMO Board Election Results
 - 3:40pm – 3:50pm The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - 3:50pm – 4:50pm Ministers' Forum

4:45pm – 5:45pm

Provincial Reception

Location: Parliament Foyer, Fourth Floor, Westin

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Ticketed Social Event

Location: Nation Arts Centre, 1 Elgin Street

Wednesday, August 19

7:00am – 10:00am

Registration Open: Parliament Foyer, Fourth Floor, Westin

7:30am – 8:15am

Insight Breakfasts

- **Long-Term Care in Ontario: What the Data Tell Us**, sponsored by Ontario Long Term Care Association

Location: Governor General 3, Fourth Floor, Westin

Long-term care is changing how Ontarians think about their communities, and OLTCA has been tracking it. Join us as we share what our latest polling reveals about how residents feel about long-term care today, and what they expect from the leaders closest to them.

We'll look at where things stand, the jobs and economic activity long-term care already generates in communities across the province, how municipal decisions on zoning, land and planning shape what's possible locally, and why long-term care belongs in the same conversation as housing, health care and local infrastructure.

You'll leave knowing what your constituents are thinking, what long-term care means for your local economy, and what levers are already in your hands. Stick around after to talk directly with the CEOs and Presidents leading long-term care homes across Ontario, from not-for-profit to private sector, about what redevelopment and growth actually look like on the ground in communities like yours.

- **Paving the Way: The Build Communities Strong Fund: Community Stream (BCSF-CS)**

Location: Governor General 1 and 2, Fourth Floor, Westin

The Community stream provides flexible and predictable funding that best enables strategic investments in infrastructure ensuring healthier, more connected, and more resilient communities. Join us as we explore how the fund is effectively delivering results by supporting the growth and livability of Ontario communities.

8:30am – 9:45am

Plenary Program

Location: Confederation Ballroom, Fourth Floor, Westin

- 8:30am – 8:40am Incoming AMO President, Riley Brockington, Councillor, City of Ottawa
- 8:40am – 8:50am The Hon. Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure
- 8:50am – 9:00am Jasvinder Sandhu, Chair, Healthy Democracy Advisory Committee
- 9:00am – 9:45am The New Era in Leadership



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Building on AMO's work through the Healthy Democracy Project and respect in local leadership, join Peter McLeod, Founder and Principal of MASS LBP and Freddie Broome, Director of Membership Services, Georgia Municipal Association, in conversation with TVO host Nam Kiwanuka as they explore civility and respect in this new era of governance. The conversation will focus on the role and importance of civility and respect in municipal political leadership, recognizing in many cases these are nowhere to be found. Explore cross jurisdictional experiences, strategies and important things to think about for everyone looking to run in 2026.

Moderator: Nam Kiwanuka, host, (MIS)Treated podcast

Speakers:

- Freddie Broome: Director of Members Services, Georgia Municipal Association
- Peter MacLeod, Principal, MASS LBP

9:45am – 10:00am

Coffee Break

Location: Fourth Floor, Westin

10:00am – 11:00am

Plenary Program

Location: Confederation Ballroom, Fourth Floor, Westin

- 10:00am – 10:55am The Future of Affordable Housing

Addressing Ontario's affordable housing crisis requires a coordinated, multi-level government approach working with the non-profit, co-operative, and private sectors. The launch of Build Canada Homes and the next iteration of the National Housing Strategy provide the opportunity to leverage inter-governmental partnerships to accelerate affordable housing supply at a new scale. This panel will discuss what is needed to ensure they succeed.

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Speakers:

- Jag Sharma, Deputy City Manager, Development & Growth Services, City of Toronto
 - Jeff Lehman, Chair, Muskoka District
 - Michelle Boileau, Chair, Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association and Mayor of Timmins
 - Pedro Barata, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Canada
- 10:55am – 11:00am Conference Closing, Wrap Up Prize Draw, Sponsored by Enbridge Canada