

## **Resolve to foster healthier municipal democracy in 2026 with help from AMO**

The next municipal election is just around the corner in October 2026. With the number of people running for municipal office and voter turnout dropping over the past several elections, AMO has launched tools to help you strengthen participation in Ontario's local governments.

- [Lead Where You Live](#) is AMO's comprehensive guide for anyone considering running in the 2026 municipal election whether as a first-time candidate or seeking re-election. This resource walks municipal candidates through key dates and rules, what municipal councils do, what it means to serve their community, and the steps involved in launching a successful campaign.
- [AMO's Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities](#) workshops are designed to equip municipal candidates with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. It's offered at no charge in two streams: first-time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026.
- [AMO's Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate](#) is a 90-minute free workshop that provides useful insights and strategies to support municipal candidates in getting their name on the ballot. While this workshop focuses on individuals from underrepresented communities, all are welcome to participate.
- [Local Solutions Bank 2.0](#) offers innovative ideas and examples of practical ways to improve democratic participation – ranging from candidate supports and engaging with diverse communities to civic education and fostering respect.
- [Turn Up the Turn Out](#), AMO's voter turnout guide, was created in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University. It offers strategies and ideas to help drive voters to polling stations in the 2026 municipal election.
- [AMO's Municipal Rep Day curriculum](#) provides a turnkey program to make school visits easy for elected officials and engaging for students, developed with CIVIX Canada.
- [Engaging youth in local democracy](#) has never been more important. Today's young people are looking for ways to make a positive difference. AMO's report, created with Apathy is Boring, offers ways to harness that energy.

Stay tuned for AMO's new campaign in 2026 to inspire respectful participation in local democracy, and AMO's upcoming resource for restoring public civility and trust in municipal government.