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March 03, 2022

Re: Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands

Greetings,

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) would like to make you aware of a Bulletin recently posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario [<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5119>].

We are seeking to engage municipalities on potential ideas and approaches to manage “camping” and the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario’s public lands. The ministry is seeing increased interest in the use of waterways by various types of vessels (i.e., watercrafts equipped for overnight accommodation). In some cases, the ministry has heard concerns relating to vessels that are primarily designed for accommodation and not navigation.

We are seeking input from the public, Indigenous communities, and municipal associations, and various stakeholders including your organization **by April 19, 2022**.

Input from this process will inform consideration of potential future changes intended to address growing concerns around the impacts of this activity on Ontario waterways and those who use them.

Please note, no regulatory changes are being proposed at this time. Any regulatory or policy changes that may be considered in the future would be posted on the Environmental Registry for consultation purposes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Reeder, Sr. Program Advisor, Crown Lands Policy Section at [Julie.reeder@ontario.ca](mailto:Julie.reeder@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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## ONLINE TRAINING

March 8, 2022

### Upcoming AMO Training Opportunities

#### **Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official - May 4-5, 2022**

This training is an opportunity to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

Elected officials run for municipal office for a variety of reasons which include providing leadership, stewardship and improving their local communities.

However municipal life is very much a people-oriented business, meaning elected representatives must engage in and build a wide variety of relationships with constituents, municipal staff, other elected officials, other orders of government and community organizations to name a few.

Not all relationships are smooth sailing and conflicts are inevitable. Sometimes the waters become choppy especially when navigating challenging relationships and conflict situations. Having conflict-free and collaborative relationships can play a significant role in helping locally elected officials carry out their collective responsibilities as decision-makers of their communities.

During this 2-part virtual, interactive workshop, we will explore the constructs, traps and pitfalls of conflict relationships, why relationships may go wrong and how to approach, plan and execute relationships successfully using practical tips, tools and real-world examples.

#### **Who Should Attend?**

Locally elected municipal representatives.

#### **DATE: May 4 - 5, 2022**

Part 1: May 4, 2022 -10am - 12:30pm

Part 2: May 5, 2022 – 10am - 12:30pm

#### **Registration:**

\$200.00 + HST

Limited to 20 participants (first come first served)

\*\* A \$50.00 cancellation fee applies\*\*

[Register here.](#)

## **Introducing AMO's Advanced Land Use Planning Training**

Land use planning is a complicated issue for elected officials. To support its members, AMO developed '*Land Use Planning: A Deeper Dive*' focused on developing the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the complexities of land use planning such as; conflicting policies; how to manage pressures during the application process, working with approval bodies such as provincial ministries, conservation authorities and others, understanding technical tools and managing bad behaviour, as examples.

AMO's '*Land Use Planning: A Deeper Dive*' will launch in the early spring. Stay tuned for announcements of training dates.

It is recommended that you attend the '*Land Use Planning: Basics*' training session prior to attending the '*Land Use Planning: A Deeper Dive*' session.

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March 8, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program, New PTSD Rehabilitation Centre for First Responders, *Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022*, and AMO Statement on Ukraine**

### **Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program**

The provincial government is consolidating three programs into a new [Homelessness Prevention Program](#). It combines the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, Home for Good, and the Strong Communities Rent Supplement Program into one. The change will provide more flexibility for municipal service managers to prevent homelessness and decreased administrative reporting burden. An annual funding increase of \$25 million is also being added.

AMO asked in the pre-budget submission for increase in funding to address homelessness. AMO continues to advocate to the government to co-develop a comprehensive [action plan](#) with municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards to end homelessness in Ontario.

### **Funding for a New PTSD Rehabilitation Centre for First Responders**

The Ontario government announced a \$1 million dollar investment in the Runnymede Healthcare Centre's First Responders Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Rehabilitation Treatment and Assessment Centre. The new treatment centre would provide a comprehensive mental health rehabilitation program to first responders affected by work-related stress or trauma, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is expected to provide specialized services like assessments, intensive treatment and aftercare, as well as high quality care to first responders in need of substance use treatment. Other expected services include virtual care and 24/7 crisis support, as well as peer and navigation support towards recovery.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the mental health challenges first responders face and enhanced the need to provide services that meet their unique needs. Peel Region has allocated 26 acres to support the future site of one of the new residential treatment facilities. Ontario is working with Runnymede Healthcare Centre to finalize the early stages of planning, including identifying programming, operational space, and funding needs. As part of this, work is underway to assess how else the project can help to address existing gaps in care, as well as the growing need for unique and targeted mental health and addictions supports for first responders.

## **The *Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022***

Yesterday the province [announced](#) new [legislation](#) to help make it easier and faster to build high-speed internet infrastructure across the province. The legislation, if passed, would reduce delays to help meet the government's commitment to connect every community with access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. Municipal governments are encouraged to review the legislation as it proposes changes to two Acts.

The legislation, if passed, would [amend](#) the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* to set required service standards, require information sharing through new Broadband One Window platform, and ensure organizations that own utility infrastructure near a designated high-speed internet project provide timely access to infrastructure data.

Timelines for approval of requests to access municipal rights-of-way for construction are also included in the proposed legislation. It would also amend the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* to make it faster and easier for construction and infrastructure projects to obtain underground infrastructure location information (e.g., locates).

## **AMO Statement on Ukrainian Conflict**

Municipal governments in every part of Ontario stand with the people of Ukraine in the face of unconscionable tragedy, invasion, and war. AMO has compiled a list of [ways that municipalities and individuals can help](#).

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Good morning

Please share this email with your Council and Senior Staff.

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**2022 FONOM Conference**

Hosted by the City of North Bay, May 9-11, 2022

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay, ON (705) 474-5800

Don't miss out! This year's **in-person** Conference will be an informative event for municipal representatives on issues relevant to Northern municipalities.

This year's Keynote speaker is Doug Griffiths. Doug is the author of **13 Ways to Kill Your Community**. He will provide a lively, full of personality, conversational, breezy, concise, and fun session. One can imagine seeking out information on boosting their local community, sighing dutifully as they seek out material, and then being relieved and delighted when what they find turns out to be as entertaining as it is informative.

During the FONOM Conference Hosted by the City of North Bay in May, FONOM will be hosting a **Northern Leaders Debate**, with three of the four Leaders confirmed. The FONOM Board would like to solicit our members for debate questions they would like to have asked during the debate. We would ask that the question be submitted **by Friday, April 29**. The FONOM Executive Committee will review the questions for consideration. Please ensure the question is of regional importance.

**Other planned Agenda Items for the 2022 FONOM Conference are; Cultural Mindfulness, NWMO Safety Transportation plan, Reception at Gateway Casino, MPAC Update, Insurance pricing explained, Banquet, AGM, a path forward for Mental Health, Homelessness and Addiction, and an update from FedNor.**

Talk soon, Mac

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