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Ontario Supporting Education Sector, Students, and Municipalities During COVID-19 Outbreak

April 14, 2020 3:30 P.M.

To assist the education sector, municipalities, and students during the COVID-19 emergency, Ontario has passed the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act* in the Ontario Legislative Assembly, amending the *Education Act, Planning Act, Development Charges Act, Police Services Act* and the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*.

The changes are as follows:

Education Act

Amending the *Education Act* will allow school boards with an expiring education development charge (EDC) by-law to use their existing by-law for an additional six months after the end of the COVID-19 outbreak, so they can continue to charge fees on new construction. This change ensures school boards can retain a vital source of revenue that helps support new school projects. This amendment aligns with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's approach to development charges that are expiring during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The *Education Act* is also being amended to provide a fair and consistent, provincewide approach to addressing school suspensions and expulsions. During the closure period and with the physical distancing requirements, it is not feasible for boards to complete investigations and hold expulsion hearings. To guarantee procedural fairness for students, especially where the principal's investigation may lead to a recommendation for an expulsion hearing, the amendment extends the timeline for principals and boards to carry out investigations and expulsion hearings for these students up to 20 school days after the school closure order ends, and when schools re-open. The amendment will help protect the safety and security of students and staff upon the reopening of schools.

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act

Amending the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act* will temporarily suspend student loan payments for OSAP borrowers and initiate a six-month interest-free moratorium on OSAP loans. Both measures will automatically apply to current OSAP loans, providing immediate relief to OSAP borrowers during this difficult time. Anyone who wishes to continue to

make payments to their loan can still make one-time payments through their online account or online banking.

Planning Act

Amending the *Planning Act* will provide municipalities the time they need to focus on local public health priorities by making it possible to suspend certain planning decision timelines during a declared state of emergency. These changes will temporarily pause the need for municipalities and planning boards to make planning decisions within specified timelines without the risk of appeal. If municipalities choose to process planning applications, they may still do so by holding virtual/electronic public meetings and making decisions on planning matters during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Development Charges Act

Amending the *Development Charges Act* will ensure municipalities can continue to count on a vital source of revenue that helps pay for local growth-related infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewers as well as fire and police services. This change allows municipalities with an expiring development charge by-law to use their existing by-law during the current emergency and for six months following the end of the emergency declaration, so they can continue to charge fees on new construction.

Police Services Act

The Solicitor General can give municipalities an extension on the deadline to prepare and adopt a community safety and well-being plan. Municipalities have inquired about an extension in order to keep resources focussed on dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. The amendments to the *Police Services Act* allow the Solicitor General to extend the deadline past January 1, 2021, which will help ensure municipalities are able to meet the legislative requirements and complete their community safety and well-being plans within new required timelines, which will be set at a later date.

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Dear Heads of Council / Clerks and CAOs:

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of all Ontarians. Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of the virus.

Our government knows that an increasing number of municipalities are responding to the COVID-19 outbreak by diverting resources to essential services, instructing nonessential staff to work from home and suspending in-person meetings. We appreciate that the current situation is not "business as usual," and that meeting statutory timelines associated with decisions on planning applications can be difficult, if not impossible.

In response to requests from municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, our government intends to introduce legislation in the coming weeks to allow for the suspension of specified timelines associated with land use planning matters that could be applied retroactively to the date that an emergency was declared. If passed, these changes would provide authority for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to give municipalities time to focus on the COVID-19 outbreak.

If approved, municipalities and planning boards would still be able to make decisions on land use planning matters during this time if they so desired and can consider using electronic and virtual channels as appropriate to engage and solicit feedback from the public on land use planning matters. It is vital for the economy that we move the administrative process along to the best of our collective ability in order to continue the important job of creating housing and keeping infrastructure projects moving.

Municipalities that instead wish to pause their consideration of planning applications and direct their resources and attention to more immediate priorities would be permitted to do so without the threat of appeal.

We know that such a change could have a significant effect on your municipality's land use planning matters, but it is necessary to ensure we can all offer our full support to help our health care sector to stop the spread of COVID-19.

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Our government also supports growth paying for growth and ensuring municipalities have the tools to ensure complete communities are built. Therefore, we will also be proposing amendments to the *Development Charges Act* to ensure these important principles would continue during the COVID-19 outbreak.

If passed, our proposed changes would allow municipalities to continue to use their existing development charge bylaw during the COVID-19 outbreak and for a short period thereafter. We know that if a municipality's development charge bylaw is scheduled to expire in the coming months it would be difficult to replace given the current situation. We are taking this measure to ensure municipalities can continue to count on this vital source of revenue for local infrastructure and services.

We have also extended the current Environmental Registry of Ontario posting related to community benefits charges until April 20, 2020. The extension of the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting along with the proposed development charge changes will allow municipalities more time to consider the alignment of future development charge bylaws with the new community benefits tool to support local growth.

Let me assure you that our government is working to support you, our municipal partners, and will continue to work collaboratively to keep all Ontarians safe.

Further details and information will be provided once the legislation is introduced.

Sincerely,

Steve Clark Minister

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c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario

From: Rachel Tyczinski
To: Madison Zuppa

Subject: For correspondence agenda

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 1:07:08 PM

From: AMO Communications [Communicate@amo.on.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:45 PM

To: Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: AMO COVID-19 Update: Action Plan for Long-Term Care Homes Released and Planning Update

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April 15, 2020

AMO COVID-19 Update: Action Plan for Long-Term Care Homes Released and Planning Update

Today, the Province released a Long-Term Care Action Plan and subsequent regulations under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMCPA), in an attempt to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of Ontarians residing in long-term care homes. In particular, the <u>announced changes</u> to long-term care homes under the new emergency orders are intended to reduce the unintentional spread of COVID-19 which officials believe may be caused by the movement of staff among different care environments.

Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for Long-Term Care

Today, the Province released the <u>COVID-19 Action Plan: Long-Term Care</u>. The Plan adds critical new measures to prevent further outbreaks and deaths from COVID-19 in long-term care homes, including:

- Aggressive testing, screening, and surveillance for staff and residents (both symptomatic and asymptomatic).
- Managing outbreaks and spread of the disease including providing public health and infection control expertise and additional training and support to current staff.
- Growing the long-term care workforce which includes redeploying staff from

hospitals and home and community care.

Regarding redeployment, yesterday the Province passed Ontario Regulation 146/20, under subsection 7.0.2 (4) of the EMCPA. It means that as of midnight, Wednesday, April 22, an employee who performs work at a long-term care home cannot work at another health service provider or a retirement home. Workers must inform each of their employers that they subject to this order by 5pm on Friday, April 17th. Note that this order is notwithstanding any collective agreements the employee is under.

Long-term care providers must ensure that any employee of their home is not performing work elsewhere, and that the order be posted. Regulation 147/20 under subsection 7.0.2 (4) of the Act titled, Work Deployment Measures in Long-Term Care Homes, enables this redeployment to happen.

Update on Bill 189 – New *Planning Act* Timelines

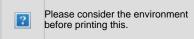
Yesterday <u>Bill 189</u> added a new section to the *Planning Act*, Sec. 70.11, which allows for temporarily suspending specified timelines for development applications during COVID 19 while the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* is in effect. This relief applies retroactively to the date that the emergency was declared and took effect as of the date of Royal Assent, yesterday.

O.Reg. 149/20 implements this new section of the *Planning Act*. This impacts all types of notices, appeals and interim control by laws. The details of the regulation are complex. An explanatory note from MMAH is expected to be posted on the <u>ERO</u> in the next few days.

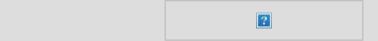
This legislation allows those municipalities who want to proceed with planning applications to do so while allowing those that are not in a position to proceed to redirect efforts to dealing with the COVID emergency without fearing appeals for missing deadlines. The timelines would return to normal once the emergency ends.

AMO's <u>COVID-19 Resources</u> page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to <u>covid19@amo.on.ca</u>.

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From: <u>Madison Zuppa</u>
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Subject: AMO COVID-19 Update: Bill 189

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:39:37 PM

From: AMO Communications [Communicate@amo.on.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:05 PM

To: Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: AMO COVID-19 Update: Bill 189, Coronavirus Support and Protection Act, 2020 Receives Royal

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AMO COVID-19 Update: Bill 189, Coronavirus Support and Protection Act, 2020 Receives Royal Assent

Today, the Province extended the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* for a further 28 days, to May 12, 2020. This extension was made to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of Ontarians.

The extension of the provincial declaration of emergency allows Ontario to continue to enforce current emergency orders. A full list of emergency orders can be found on the <u>e-Laws website</u> under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*.

Bill 189 Receives Royal Assent

Today Bill 189 was introduced and passed by the Ontario Legislature. Of municipal significance, the Act amends the *Planning Act*, the *Development Charges Act*, and the *Police Services Act*. This new legislation was intended to demonstrate that the government is actively listening to the concerns of education and municipal stakeholders during this COVID-19 emergency.

At the time of writing this update, the legislation has not been posted but the Province

has <u>released a backgrounder</u> with a summary of these changes. While AMO staff will provide further Bill 189 analysis if required, here are the municipal implications that we understand Bill 189 will have:

Planning

We understand that Bill 189 temporarily suspends specified timelines for applications for development and land use planning matters. This relief may be applied retroactively to the date that an emergency was declared. This legislation allows those municipalities who want to proceed with planning applications to do so while allowing those that are not in a position to proceed to redirect efforts to dealing with the COVID emergency without fearing appeals for missing deadlines. The timelines would return to normal once the emergency ends.

We appreciate the efforts of Minister Clark to bring about these extensions to development approvals timelines. AMO will continue to press for similar suspension to all statutory timelines that municipal governments are currently required to follow. As well, AMO is requesting that when timelines are restarted there should be a reasonable recovery period to properly manage any backlog.

Development Charges

The changes to the Act governing development charges ensures that municipal governments can continue to use their existing development charge bylaws. Preserving these existing bylaws allows municipalities to continue collecting development charges without having to replace expiring bylaws. AMO understands municipalities will have six months from the end of the declared emergency to develop new development charge bylaws.

In addition, education related development charges may still be collected.

Police Services Act

Municipalities had previously been mandated to complete Community Safety and Wellbeing Plans by January 1, 2021. This due date will no longer apply. The Solicitor General will establish a new deadline, by regulation, at a future date.

The above changes will allow municipal governments and their staff to continue to focus on responding to the public health emergency in the months ahead.

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Rachel Tyczinski

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:22 AM

To: Rachel Tyczinski

Subject: AMO COVID-19 Update: Recovery

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April 10, 2020

AMO COVID-19 Update: Recovery

Spring in Ontario, and this time in particular, is emblematic of rejuvenation, hope, and the promise of brighter days ahead.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 emergency, AMO has recognized the fundamentally important and indispensable role of municipal government in the recovery that will follow.

This quote from AMO President Jamie McGarvey has been front and center on the AMO COVID-19 webpage since it was established on the first day of the emergency:

"There is no place better prepared than Ontario to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, manage through it effectively, and to rebuild prosperity through a period of recovery. Municipalities will support the province, our communities, and enterprises large and small, every step of the way".

One way we will do this is through the AMO-MOU process which serves to augment the policy capacity of the province by providing sector expertise and information, and local intelligence, to support fully informed provincial decision making.

AMO applauds the Government's <u>announcement</u> on April 9th, that it has created a Cabinet committee to develop a plan for post-pandemic growth and prosperity.

Through the AMO-MOU process, and through our many contacts and networks, we will ensure that the experience of the people, social and private enterprises that comprise our communities – and the energy, aspirations and know-how of the

communities that comprise Ontario's economy – are brought to bear on the work of the committee.

This emergency has shown all of us what is possible when all orders of government, and all parties, collaborate to get the job done. AMO salutes this approach and is confident that it will inform the work of the recovery in rebuilding and stimulating the economic activity in our communities that will be the foundation of growth and prosperity in Ontario and Canada.

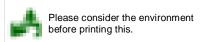
Thank you to our members for the incredible work you are doing to respond to the emergency and to begin the recovery. To municipal councils for your leadership in tough times, and to the extraordinary municipal public servants, from administration to the frontlines of the emergency and recovery, thank you!

AMO will support its members in every aspect of this emergency and the recovery that follows.

We are keeping our <u>COVID-19 webpage</u> 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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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:45 p.m. Electronic Meeting / Conference Call

1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

2. Finance and Administration

- February 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- April 15, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- Accounts Payable
- 2019 Auditors Report
- 2020 Budget Update
- Health and Safety Meeting Minutes
- Banking Update

3. Water and Related Land Management

- Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses
- Application Approvals

4. New Business / Other

- Draft Updated Travel Policy
- Memorial Sign on CA Property
- New Truck Rental

5. In Camera

Personnel matter(s)

6. Adjournment

For members of the public interested in joining the meeting electronically, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca no later than Noon on Friday April 17, 2020 to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



SAULT STE. MARIE SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY 2020 REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2020
Electronic Meeting / Conference Call
Agenda

- 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 2. Administration
- Approval of Minutes for Feb 18, 2020 Meeting
- 3. Program Update
- Source Protection Committee Member Appointment
- 4. Adjournment

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From: <u>Madison Zuppa</u>
To: <u>Madison Zuppa</u>

Subject: FW: Special Request - Algoma University Student Emergency Fund

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:36:50 PM

From: Shelley Schell

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:41 AM **To:** CAO White <<u>cao.white@cityssm.on.ca</u>>

Subject: FW: Special Request - Algoma University Student Emergency Fund

Any thoughts on sharing this through Council? Perhaps just as a communication update item. Shelley

From: Paul Quesnele paul.quesnele@algomau.ca>

Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:13 AM

To: Board of Governors < bgov@algomau.ca>

Subject: Special Request - Algoma University Student Emergency Fund

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Hello Governors,

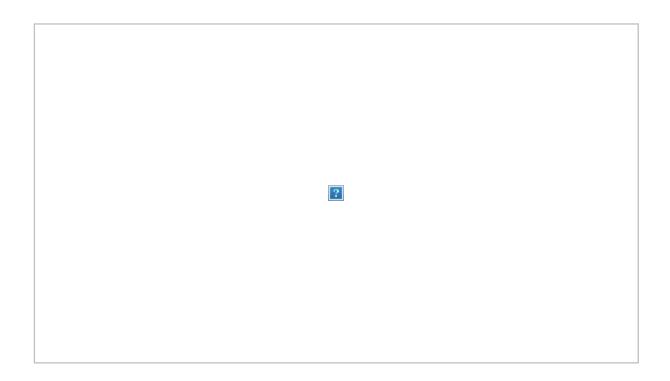
Please review the information below which provides further information on the Student Emergency Fund. As indicated in the last Board meeting, we have never had to make a request like this before, but these are unprecedented times, and our students need your help. If you are able and your circumstances allow you to help, we ask the Board members to please promote this fundraiser within your networks and consider making a donation to the Algoma University Student Emergency Fund. Together we can make a difference.

Thank-you,

Paul Ouesnele

Secretary to the Board/Executive Lead Special Projects





Good Afternoon,

We recognize that as employees of Algoma University, we are all trying to adapt to a new way of working, learning, and living during this COVID-19 crisis - and it is challenging. I want to thank each of you for all that you are doing to adapt to these challenges and continue to provide support for our students and for each other.

We have many students who are experiencing numerous challenges as a result of COVID-19. As a community, we pride ourselves on helping our students, and we are working to find solutions to help them through this difficult time. We encourage everyone who is able to help us address one key concern that is at the forefront of many of these challenges, financial hardship. We have created the **Algoma University Student Emergency Fund** to help students with financial needs. I am reaching out to our Algoma U family to help us build this fund. We recognize that some may not be able to help, and that's okay, but if you can, please consider making a donation to our **Algoma University Student Emergency Fund**.

Algoma University students are doing their part to flatten the curve, but many are facing financial difficulties that they couldn't have anticipated just a few short weeks ago.

The goal of the fund is to provide immediate financial assistance to help in response to the financial hardships our students are currently facing such as;

- Securing food and other essential items (toiletries, sanitizers, medication and health-related supplies, etc.)
- Assisting with housing challenges for those who are self-isolating to protect their loved ones
 or those directly affected by border closures
- Supplementing income loss due to work layoffs or a decrease in employment hours
- Supporting those who are impacted as a result of the measures implemented by public health officials and government directives issued in response to COVID-19

"We have never had to make a request like this before, but these are unprecedented times, and our students need your help. If you are able and your circumstances allow you to help, please consider making a donation to the Algoma University Student Emergency Fund."

- Savannah Shaver, Algoma University Students' Union President
- Angela Trudeau, Shingwauk Anishinaabe Students' Union President

As employees, you have the option to donate through payroll deduction. Your one-time gift or monthly donation will be deducted directly from your pay, and your charitable tax donation will be included on your T4 at the end year for income tax purposes. A <u>fillable donation form</u> is linked. Employees who are able to donate can download and send the completed form via email to <u>bev.teller@algomau.ca</u>.

I want to thank those who have already reached out to us to support this initiative. It is truly heartwarming to see the care and support in our community for our students and each other. For more information on the Algoma University Student Emergency Fund or other options to donate, please contact Bev Teller, CFRE, Advancement Officer at 705-949-2301, ext. 4125 or bev.teller@algomau.ca.

Thank you for all that you are doing to help us navigate through these challenging times, and for your consideration of this very important initiative. I am so proud of my Algoma U family. We couldn't do this without you. Together we will support each other, and make it through this.

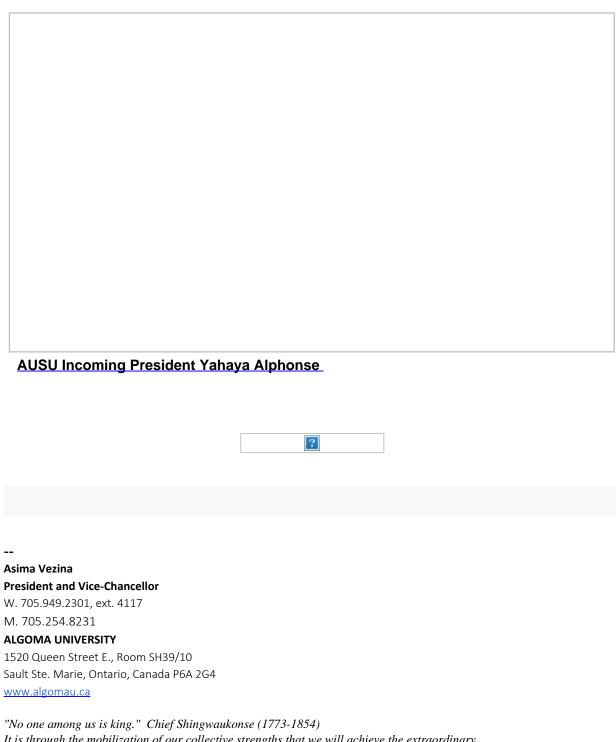
Stay well, stay safe and stay connected.

Sincerely,



Asima Vezina
President and Vice-Chancellor

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It is through the mobilization of our collective strengths that we will achieve the extraordinary.



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