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Ontario launches audits of 6 municipalities to look at how housing law will affect budgets

CBC

The Ontario government says it has chosen an auditor to analyze the finances of six municipalities to learn how their budgets will be affected by a housing law that was passed last year. Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark said in a news release the province had selected accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP to audit the City of Toronto, Peel Region, Mississauga, Caledon, Brampton, and Newmarket. [Read More](#)



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Affordable housing may rise on city-owned land in Hyde Park

The London Free Press

City officials are eyeing vacant municipal land in Hyde Park for residential development, a strategy Londoners can expect to see more often as city hall attempts to reach its 47,000 residential unit goal by 2031, planners say. Planners are accepting public feedback on the proposal to rezone city-owned land at 1364-1408 Hyde Park Rd. until Aug. 11, the first step toward a potential affordable housing development at the site. [Read More](#)

Here's how each Ontario city is doing on hitting provincial targets for building new homes

CBC

Nearly all cities in Ontario must dramatically pick up the pace if they hope to hit the targets set by Premier Doug Ford's government, the latest housing construction figures show. A year and half ago, Ford's Progressive Conservatives set the goal of 1.5 million new homes to be built in Ontario over the course of a decade, and laid down specific housing targets for 29 of the province's largest and fastest-growing municipalities to hit by 2031. [Read More](#)

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Hockey team out of luck for lottery licence but Township of Wilmot takes shot at changing Ontario rules

CBC

The Township of Wilmot is calling for changes to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) rules that govern the issuance of lottery licences to amateur sports organizations. The township's effort comes after a local Junior C hockey team that has relied for years on revenue from 50/50 draws learned this year that it was not eligible for a licence. [Read More](#)

Building registry could solve Sudbury's derelict structure woes

Northern Ontario Business

The City of Greater Sudbury's \$2-million purchase of the triangular block on which the Ledo Hotel building stands has rekindled a discussion regarding vacant

properties. As Mayor Paul Lefebvre explained last month, city council members took advantage of the fact the properties were up for sale in order to get something done with the long-vacant structure. [Read More](#)

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City of Greater Sudbury fined \$150K in worker's death

Elliott Lake Today

The City of Greater Sudbury has been fined \$150,000 after a 40-year-old municipal employee was fatally injured at the Levack public works depot in 2022. Details of the series of events that led to the worker's death were outlined in a court bulletin released this week. [Read More](#)

County begins to sketch out plan for public art

CountyLive

Art, in its many forms, genres and nuances, she said, has become synonymous with Prince Edward County, a place home to hundreds of artists over many decades, and attracting many more art lovers to the special island community. Public art exists within the community beyond traditional gallery environments, accessible to all. Council voted Thursday to continue to develop a public art policy for any public installations or pieces of art, and to direct staff to begin extensive public consultation, led by Prince Edward County Arts Council (County Arts), and to come back to council with a draft public plan. [Read More](#)

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Pelham gets funding to support Municipal Natural Asset Management Plan

Town of Pelham via Pelham Today

The Town of Pelham will begin developing a Municipal Natural Asset Management Plan following a Greenbelt area analysis with \$67,377 in support from the Greenbelt Foundation's Resilient Greenbelt program. The Municipal Natural Asset Management Plan project will identify natural assets in Pelham's Greenbelt area. Once identified, Pelham will be able to move forward with

protecting and managing these sites in a holistic, evidence-based manner as part of the town's asset management plans. [Read More](#)

Automated speed enforcement cameras get green light in Barrie

City of Barrie via Innisfil Today

LAS and the City of Barrie have signed an agreement that will help Ontario municipalities enforce speed limits, slow down motorists and improve public safety through the use of speed enforcement cameras in designated safety zones. Under the agreement with the city, LAS will initially fund two Provincial Offences officers at the City of Barrie who will process speed-camera violations on behalf of municipalities participating in the ASE program. [Read More](#)

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Building a blueprint for a more dynamic way to use municipal land

Yahoo News

Lucas Tingle, Garden Educator at The Local Community Food Garden on Dufferin St., has been growing a community food farm and educating volunteers at the two-acre property since 2020. This community garden helps to supply the Local Community Food Centre with organically grown, healthy food for the community market. The community food garden is grown with a holistic approach in order to preserve the land. [Read More](#)

Reflecting on the devastating 2013 storm, Mississauga takes lead in municipal flood resilience

The Pointer

It's been a decade since the 2013 flood that caused widespread damage across Mississauga, Brampton and many other parts of the GTA. After a brief early evening deluge, water overtook the streets and corridors of concrete-covered municipalities, creating traffic chaos, flooding basements and overwhelming creeks and riverbanks. It also left elected leaders questioning how prepared their cities really were for a major flood event. [Read More](#)

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Regulatory Registry Posting: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from OPP under the Community Safety and Policy Act, 2019

AMCTO

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is requesting input on a proposed regulation. [Read More](#)

UPCOMING MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Aug. 14 – [Registration Deadline for AMCTO Mentorship Program](#)

Aug. 20-23 – [AMO Conference](#)

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Oct. 12 – [Municipal Clerks Forum](#)

Oct. 26 – [Municipal Finance Forum](#)

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Steer clear of these toxic leadership traits



Lauren Cancienne, Content Editor

Working under toxic leadership can be damaging to an employee's well-being and to the overall success of a company. With increased emphasis on employee mental health and the shift back to in-person work that has recently taken place, employees rely on leaders to guide, support and inspire more than ever. Unfortunately, when a leader exhibits certain behaviors and traits that contribute to a toxic work environment, it can be one of the main sources of stress for employees. [Read More](#)

The art and science of leadership

Forbes

Despite the importance of leadership in companies today, the evidence pointing to its absence is alarming. A staggering 77% of organizations report gaps in leadership. [Read More](#)

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