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- End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) processing.
- New project categories for the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- AMO's Council Challenges Workshop this March & April.
- Planning a Creative City at AMO's Urban Symposium.
- On the Agenda at the AMO Annual Conference.
- Final two Energy Workshops before Energy Plan deadline.
- Leverage LAS' experience to save your municipality money.
- Real asset management municipal examples at LAS/MFOA Symposium.
- Niagara Region resolution concerning hydro rate increases.
- Career opportunity with Cochrane District SSAB.

### Provincial Matters

The Ministry of the Environment is looking for input on proposed [regulatory changes](#) that would apply new environmental standards to ELV processing. Feedback on the [discussion paper](#) is due by April 6.

### Federal Matters

A new federal Gas Tax Fund Agreement will have more eligible project categories to invest in. Visit "[What's New](#)" to learn how changes to the Fund will benefit your community.

### Eye on AMO/LAS Events

AMO's [Council Challenges](#) workshop asks the question "Are you ready for...?" and will cover topics related to anti-spam legislation, lame duck council provisions, preparing for the challenges for the year ahead and much more. Learn more and register today.

How does art and culture contribute to a healthy community and economy? Jeff Melanson, President of the Banff Centre, will present at the [AMO Urban Symposium](#) (April 3 & 4) on what it takes to Plan a Creative City. Learn more about the program and register today.

The agenda at the [AMO Annual Conference](#) continues to grow! With three keynotes previously announced, AMO is pleased to announce the addition of Nik Nanos, famed Canadian public opinion pollster, to the program. Learn more about what's on the agenda and register today.

Due to popular demand, LAS is offering two more [energy planning workshops](#) in March. Those preparing their energy conservation plans ahead of the July 1, 2014 regulatory deadline are encouraged to register before they sell out.

service, streetlight upgrade program, and 3 energy procurement opportunities that can help you address rising energy commodity costs in your organization.

The LAS/MFOA Asset Management Symposium is for municipal staff and elected officials with an interest in their organization's asset management program. Attendees will learn about the importance of asset management, the components of successful plans, leading case studies, and also policy considerations.

### **Municipal Matters \***

The Niagara Region resolution calls on the Premier and Province of Ontario to take immediate action to prevent the implementation of any hydro rate increases.

### **Career opportunities**

EMS, Deputy Chief - Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board (CDSSAB). Please apply by March 14, 2014 to Sue Chernier, Human Resources Assistant, 500 Algonquin Blvd. E., Timmins ON P4N 1B7. Fax: 705.268.8290; Email: [cherniers@cdssab.on.ca](mailto:cherniers@cdssab.on.ca).

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