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Step Up, Stand Out: Your Journey to Municipal Office Starts Here.

AMO's Free Campaign Readiness Workshops

As Ontario prepares for the October 2026 municipal elections, AMO is offering a dynamic lineup of information sessions and workshops to support aspiring candidates and current elected officials. Whether you're planning your first campaign, seeking re-election, representing an underrepresented community, or stepping forward as a young candidate, these programs are designed to meet you where you are—and help you move forward with confidence.

[Find the right workshop for you](#)

Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities

New June 2026 session dates have been added—don't miss your chance to participate.

Dates:

- Session 1 - June 16 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 2 - June 23 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 3 - June 25 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)
- Session 4 - June 30 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

This engaging four-part online series is designed **for first-time candidates** preparing to run in the 2026 municipal elections.

Participants will build the skills, resilience, and confidence needed to lead in today's municipal environment through sessions focused on finding your purpose, managing conflict and building effective relationships, prioritizing mental health and wellbeing, and turning values into action through movement-building.

For full details, click [here](#).

Workshop for Underrepresented Candidates

Additional June 2026 workshop date now available.

Date: June 9 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Led by former municipal leaders, this session provide practical guidance and insider perspectives for those from underrepresented communities, while remaining open to all participants.

The workshop explore what it takes to become a candidate, key strategies for running a successful campaign, how to develop effective messaging, and ways to use community engagement to build visibility and support. For full details, click [here](#).

Youth Information Sessions

New June 2026 session date just announced.

Date: June 2 (6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Facilitated by currently elected officials, these sessions are designed to empower young people considering public office.

Participants will gain insight into what it's like to run for office as a young candidate, learn how to build a strong campaign, understand candidate requirements, and explore effective approaches to voter engagement.

For full details, click [here](#).

Urban Indigenous Peoples' Information Sessions

Facilitated by Indigenous leaders with firsthand electoral experience, these sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and run a campaign.

Gain insight into what it's like to run for municipal office as an urban Indigenous leader, explore key strategies for building a strong campaign, understand the requirements to become a candidate, and learn approaches to lead with cultural integrity and community connection.

For full details, click [here](#).

How to Register

All programs are offered at no charge. Registration is required for each workshop or session.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your networks and with anyone who may benefit from learning more about running for municipal office.

For more information or to register, please visit the [AMO Education](#) website or contact: events@amo.on.ca.

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