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## AMO's 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum

**October 18 – 19, 2025**  
**Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario**

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is hosting its 2nd annual Healthy Democracy Forum. The 2025 Forum will focus on two initiatives underway to support AMO's members in the lead up to the 2026 municipal elections and beyond.

The Forum is an initiative of [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#), which is a unique project inspired by AMO's Board of Directors in 2022 that is focused on:

- Attracting more diverse candidates to municipal office.
- Promoting more respect for the people engaged in democratic processes.
- Encouraging greater participation in local democracy and an increase in voter turnout.
- Promoting greater civic engagement and greater awareness of the role of municipal government.

**Day 1—Strategies to encourage and increase voter turnout, candidate attraction and retention**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

Join an interactive day learning about AMO's public affairs campaign that includes approaches, resources and tools to help:

- increase diverse representation across municipal governments
- encourage more people to run or seek re-election for local government
- increase declining voter turnout

## **Day 2—Promoting civility and confronting harassment in Ontario municipalities**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

AMO's Municipal Civility and Anti-Harassment Strategy is focused on supporting AMO members to address the growing incivility, harassment, and threatening behaviour directed at municipal elected officials and staff.

Join an impactful day exploring opportunities, practical tools and resources to prioritize the wellbeing of municipal public servants and foster safer and more respectful municipal environments.

To see how the 1st Annual Healthy Democracy Forum went, [take a look here](#).

### **Registration**

Full Event: \$150.00 +HST

Single Day: \$75.00 +HST

[Register Here](#)

### **Accommodations**

[Westin Harbour Castle](#), 1 Harbour Square, Toronto, M5J 1A6

AMO has secured preferred rates of \$314 per night until September 25, 2025. After that date, rooms may be available at the Westin Harbour Castle at market rate.

[Click here to book your accommodations](#)

***Together, let's draft a blueprint to a more engaged, informed, and vibrant local democracy.***

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