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AMO Policy Update – Ontario Legislature Recessed, Standing Committee Now Looking at Infrastructure, Stage 3 Openings Information

Ontario Legislature on Summer Recess

The Ontario Legislature had many late evening debates yesterday. The following government bills are now passed (after being time-allocated and clearing second- and third-reading debate and receiving Royal Assent):

- Bill 184, *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act*
 - AMO's letter and Bill 184 submission can be found [here](#).
- Bill 195, *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*
 - AMO's update on Bill 195 can be found [here](#).
- Bill 197, *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act*
 - Includes changes to the Development Charges (DCs)/Community Benefit Charge (CBC). AMO's update and brief analysis of Bill 197 can be found [here](#).

The Ontario Legislature will resume on Monday, September 14th.

Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs – Infrastructure Hearings

The Committee is holding public hearings on the Infrastructure sector by videoconference (Zoom) on Thursday, July 30, 2020, Tuesday, August 4, 2020; Wednesday, August 5, 2020; Thursday, August 6, 2020; Monday, August 10, 2020; and Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

If your municipality wants to be considered to make an oral presentation on the Infrastructure sector by videoconference or teleconference, you are required to register by 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, July 24, 2020. To simply provide a submission regarding infrastructure, the deadline is 6:00 p.m. (EDT) on Tuesday, August 11,

2020.

To register or send a written submission, please visit the following link:
ola.org/en/apply-committees.

Stage 3 Reopening Information and Assistance

We have followed up with the Province on some of the Stage 3 questions we have received from members and can provide you with additional information:

- If there are not any specific directions on how to reopen an activity or operations in the Ontario order [O. Reg. 364/20](#), Rules for Areas in Stage 3, then municipalities and their staff are to follow the [provincial](#) and local, if provided, public health measures to prevent COVID-19 spread.
 - An example of this is playgrounds. There are no additional specific directions to follow for playgrounds, but they are allowed to open under Stage 3.
- The federal government also has many infection prevention resources that may be of assistance to municipalities to assist in reopening facilities safely during COVID-19.
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces during COVID-19](#).
- If your municipality is experiencing significant challenges opening with restrictions in Stage 3, there is provincial assistance available to work with you. You can access this assistance by sending in a completed form available [here](#).

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