



Building Municipal Asset Management Capacity across Ontario

Introduction

**FCM Climate Change & Asset Management Workshops,
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Asset Management Ontario (AMONTario)

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- What we do
- How to get involved

Who We Are

**AMONTario is a 'community of practice'.
We're municipal employees who are passionate about
asset management and sharing best practices with
each other.**

**Communities
of Practice**
help support us



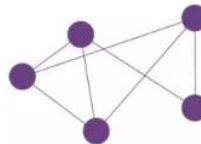
and give us confidence
and motivation

**Communities
of Practice**
help us learn and
grow our skills



and get better at
what we do, together

**Communities
of Practice**
help us share our
knowledge



and join up related work

**Communities
of Practice**
help us scale our
ways of working



and share common
approaches across teams

**Communities
of Practice**
help us collaborate



and create better
practices for everyone

Source: Tacit London Ltd.

AMONTario started in the pre-PSAB 3150 days as an informal forum for Ontario municipal practitioners to share best practices around asset management.

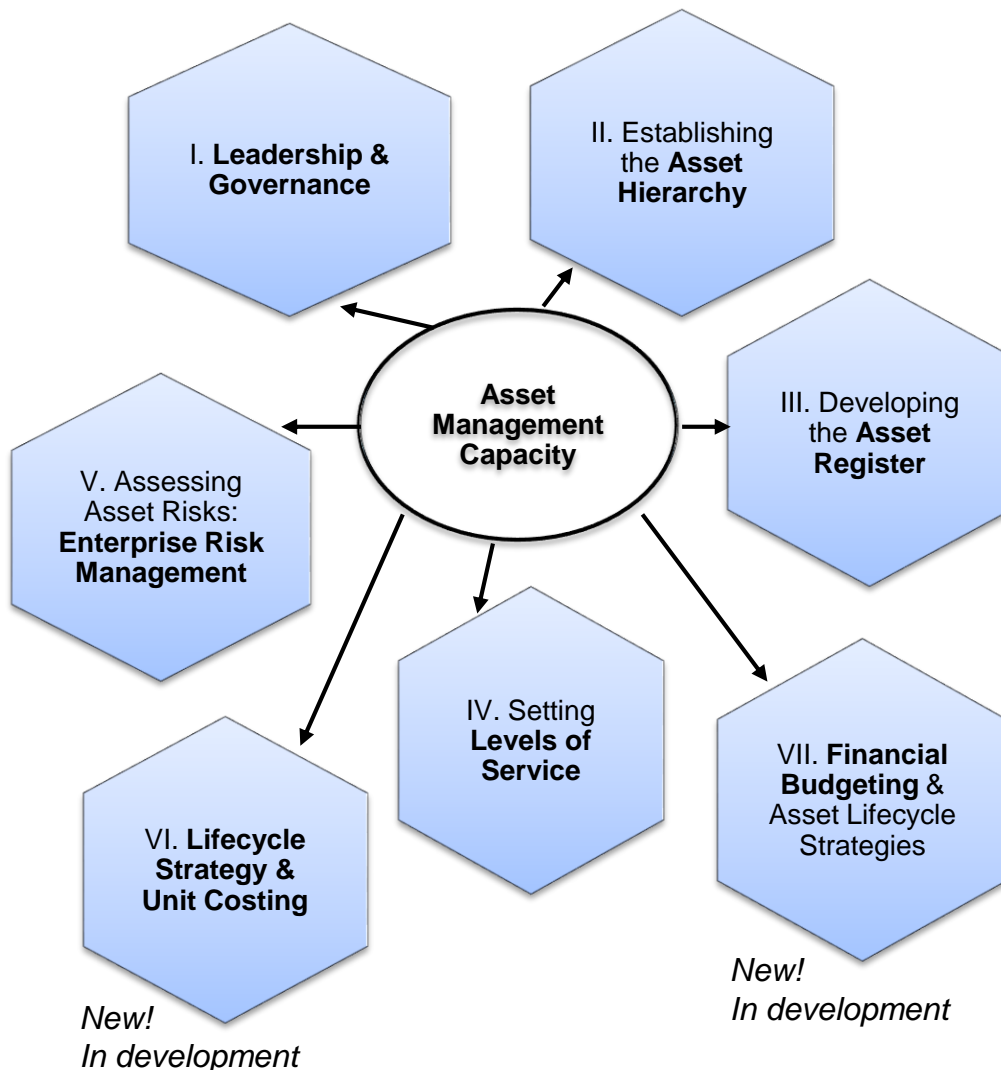
- Started in 2008 among municipal asset managers in the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area in anticipation of PSAB 3150 rules being implemented in 2009.
- Played critical role in providing advice & guidance for provincial Asset Management initiatives, including:
 - Building Together: Guide for Municipal Asset Management (2011-12);
 - O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure Regulation (2016-17)
- Incorporated in 2018 to provide more formalized asset management capacity-building to municipalities across Ontario on behalf of Federation of Canadian Municipalities & Province of Ontario (Ministry of Infrastructure).

Several things distinguish AMONTario:

- **Multi-disciplinary.** Dealing with asset management & climate change is collaborative and cuts across departments. Our board and membership come from different functional backgrounds (public works; corporate; finance; planning).
- **Municipal.** Our members are municipal employees, from the smallest to the largest municipalities across Ontario; representing upper, lower, and single-tier municipalities; from across a range of disciplines.
- **Non-profit.** Driven by volunteers (all Ontario municipal employees) who care about building stronger communities and spearheading excellence in municipal asset management.
- **Innovation.** Part of our passion is identifying and developing innovative and effective practices that can be scaled across municipalities.

What We Do

We developed a Comprehensive Guide to the Municipal Asset Management Process.



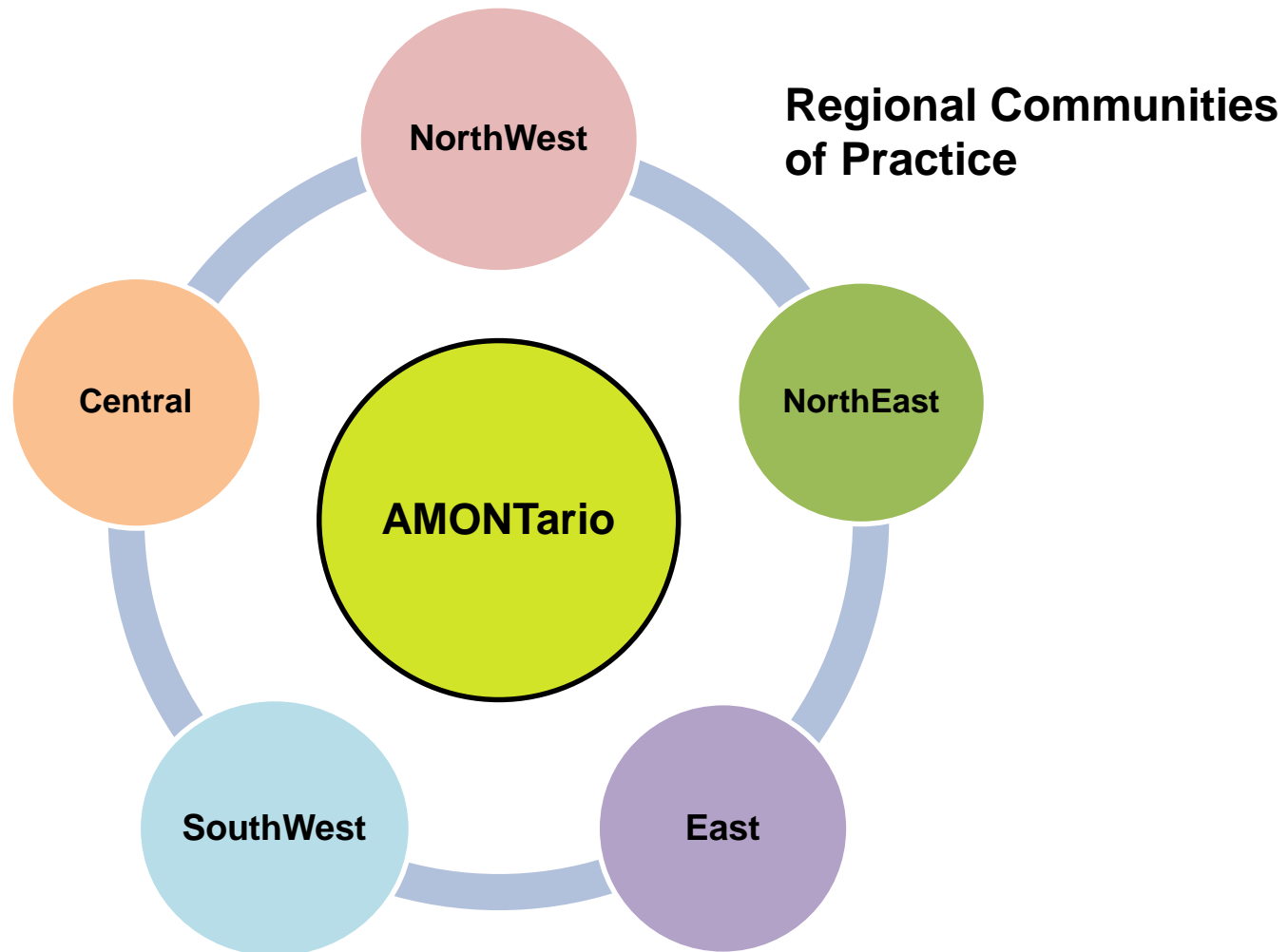
- 5 Modules
- Accompanying Excel templates; worked examples; presentations; and case study
- 2 more modules in development for 2020.
- Made possible by the generous support of the Ministry of Infrastructure, materials are designed for Ontario municipal staff. To access, go to:

<https://amontario.ca/comprehensive-guide-to-the-asset-management-process-2/>

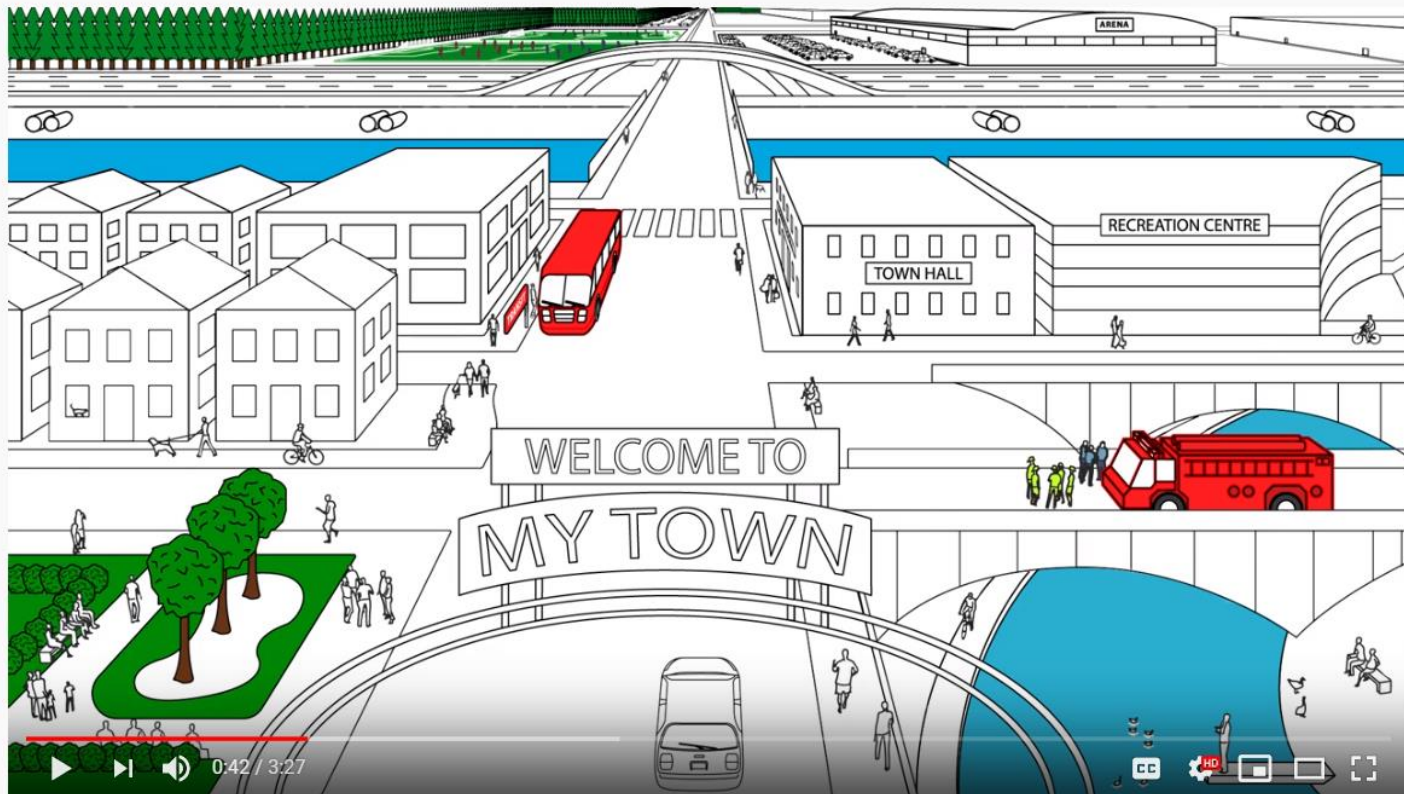
Through our partnerships with FCM and the Ministry, increased emphasis on building AM capacity among small/mid-sized municipalities.

- In 2017-18: Provided training & workshops for 225 participants from 105 municipalities.
- In 2019-20: Delivered the 'Comprehensive Guide to the Municipal Asset Management Process' curriculum to 17 municipalities and ~100 municipal staff.
- Climate Change: An emerging and important issue in our asset management work, which we incorporate in a 'triple bottom-line' risk management framework that identifies and ranks risks along three parameters: financial, community, environment.
- ***Municipalities and their residents are helping to drive the shift towards cleaner, healthier communities through infrastructure that reduces pollution; improves energy efficiency; and finds new uses for assets to improve environmental sustainability.***

AMONTario is moving towards a 'Hub & spoke' model by training regional AM champions who would facilitate effective practices & knowledge-sharing with municipalities in the same geographical area.



A big part of this will entail leveraging a robust online platform for knowledge sharing.



AMONTario - Principles of Municipal Infrastructure Asset Management

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXqPxliDz3U&t=43s>

➤ *How to Get Involved*

For those who want to increase their Asset Management expertise...

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Asset Management Ontario (AMONTario) partner to deliver hands-on training & technical assistance to municipalities.

- **Attend introductory webinars, sponsored by AMO's Federal Gas Tax Program:** <https://www.gastaxatwork.ca/asset-management/asset-management-webinar-series-fundamentals> (includes recordings of presentations along with slides & templates).
- **Increase your technical AM skills in a supportive, interactive environment. Find out more about the AM Technical Assistance program at:**
<https://www.gastaxatwork.ca/municipal-asset-management-ontario/asset-management-technical-assistance>

AMO will soon announce registration for 30 municipalities to participate in the second cohort of this program.

For those who want to be more involved with the municipal AM sector...

- **Climate Change & Asset Management:** Join a new AMONTario Committee to identify and develop effective practices around climate change & municipal asset management.
- **Asset Management Champion:** Do you want to host an AM meeting with support from AMONTario in your area? Can be combined with a pre-existing group involving representatives from different municipalities.
- **Want to be creative?**
 - Consider being part of our team that is storyboarding & developing engaging AM videos, including some potentially about aspects of climate change & asset management.

We'd like to hear from you.

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Questions?