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New Municipal Risk Management Institute Offers Online Access to Sector-Specific Training

PRINCETON AND TORONTO, ON – Councillors and municipal employees have a new option for risk management training thanks to a collaborative effort between Frank Cowan Company, a public sector managing general agent (MGA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The Frank Cowan Company Institute of Municipal Risk Management offers online, municipal-specific education focusing on risk management best practices. There are two streams currently available – one to help new and returning Councillors, and the other focuses on municipal employees.

The Institute opened its virtual doors to all Ontario municipalities on January 30th with its first course, Introduction to Common Municipal Liabilities. A second course, Making Your Community a Safer Place, will be available in late February. There are plans to add more courses to the roster in the near future.

“Frank Cowan Company wrote the book on municipal risk management and who better to partner with than the respected team at AMO? We want to offer all municipal employees in Ontario education to help enhance their role by gaining a better understanding of risk management practices. It’s important and very in-demand. We’re asked to come out and present to municipalities all the time – we’re still going to do that, but these courses can reach a larger audience,” says Barb Szychta, Vice-President, Risk Management, Frank Cowan Company.

“Municipal liability and risk management issues cost municipal governments millions of dollars every year. That is why AMO is so pleased to partner with Frank Cowan Company on this Institute, which can be accessed from anywhere online,” said Jamie McGarvey, AMO President. “It will help municipal employees better understand existing and emerging risks and learn how to manage them. This will help reduce both the frequency and severity of claims, protecting our residents and the property taxpayer.”

To view the course online, or to register, visit municipaleducation.ca

About Frank Cowan Company

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About the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

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