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**THE GREAT SOUTHWEST – ZONE 1  
SPRING ZONE MEETING  
Wednesday, May 6, 2020**

**ZONE 1 EXECUTIVE  
2018 - 2019**

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Board**

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**Atlas Tube Centre**

447 Renaud Line Road, Belle River ON N0R1A0  
(GPS may reflect 447 Renaud Line Road, Lakeshore ON N0R1A0)

**Special Thanks to our Sponsor:**

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**We are encouraging our members to register early!** Those members that register before March 31, 2020 at Noon, will be entered into a draw for 2 tickets to any 2020 Summer Season performance at Victoria Playhouse Petrolia value at \$150.00.

**A G E N D A**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**  
(\$100.00 for meeting/lunch)  
(Retiree's \$25.00 for meeting/lunch)  
(Current Post-Secondary Students \$25.00 – meeting/lunch)
- 9:20 a.m. Zone Business**
- Minutes of November 7, 2019 meeting
  - Date and Venue for Zone 1 2020 Fall Meeting
  - Zone Elections – Chair, Representative to the Board
- 9:45 a.m. AMCTO Presentation**  
Dean Sauriol, Vice President  
Rick Johal, Director, Member & Sector Relations
- 10:30 a.m. AMO Gas Tax Policy Update**  
Jordan Scantlebury
- 11:30 a.m. Municipal Legislation Update**  
Tim Ryall, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch – catered by Iron Kettle**  
\*If there are any dietary restrictions for lunch, please direct your request to [jalexander@tecumseh.ca](mailto:jalexander@tecumseh.ca)

**1:30 p.m. Real Tax – One Idea, Two Hundred Municipalities**  
Jeff Oberman

This presentation was a huge hit at the 2019 OMTRA Conference. Funny, entertaining, yet compelling, this talk could be a nice break in a day filled with intensive seminars and discussions. It describes how one simple idea transformed tax recovery procedures for half of the municipalities in Ontario. It will be followed by a Q & A on any topic related to tax registrations or tax sales

**2:30 p.m. AGRIS - 4R Nutrient Stewardship, and What It Means for Municipalities with Farmland**  
Dale Cowan, Senior Agronomist

Discussing nutrient runoff into Lake Erie (algae blooms) and other waterways continues to be a major public environmental issue. Veteran agronomists note that industry-driven 4R Nutrient Stewardship should be adopted before more stringent and costly government regulations on nutrient runoff are introduced. Nutrient management needs to be viewed through a social and environmental lens, not strictly an economic one. Education at the municipal level will aid in local government officials and administration to better understand and assist the farming community within their municipality. With similar programs being enacted in different American states, 4 R Ontario is a collaboration of several signatories. Fertilizer Canada, OMAFRA, Ontario Agribusiness Association, CFFO, GFO, OFA, CCA model, the agricultural community needs to be ready for renewed discussions with the province and other regulatory bodies on nutrient loading reduction targets, and methods of achieving those targets. Policy discussions have been underway since 2019. The outcome of these discussions will be important for municipalities with a strong agricultural base to understand, especially within the Erie basin, but also for all communities that have waterways and tributaries.

**3:30 p.m. Prize Draws**

- Early registration
    - VPP Professional Theatre Tickets
  - Spring Meeting Baskets (must be present to win)
    - Bluejays tkts (field level) & 2 Yeti Tumblers
    - Gardeners pack & 2 Yeti Tumblers
- \*additional items may be added as donations received.

**3:25 p.m. Meeting Concludes**

