



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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**EOWC PRESENTS 2008 PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION TO STANDING
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

Current EOWC Chair Ron Gerow, Warden of the County of Peterborough, and Past Chair J. Douglas Struthers of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville made a formal presentation to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs on key issues that impact residents of Eastern Ontario.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), which represents the rural population of the region, attended a Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation with the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs in Kingston.

Chair Gerow stated "the EOWC delegation with the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs was well received and brought to the forefront the necessity for change to reduce the burden on property taxpayers and to improve the region's economic situation". Gerow added "the EOWC 2008 Pre-Budget Submission concentrates on two specific areas which greatly affects the EOWC membership: *the impending infrastructure crisis and the need for fiscal sustainability* for the municipalities in Eastern Ontario".

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