



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

# 2012 Priorities

# Considerations

- Cognizant of current economic/fiscal realities, especially at the provincial and federal levels
- Where possible, align/support AMO
- Release of the Financial Sustainability report for Eastern Ontario

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## 1. Economic Development

- Improvements/enhancements to the Eastern Ontario Development Fund
- Continuation of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network – build stage
- Develop an Eastern Ontario economic development strategy
- The Mamora Pumped Storage Facility project



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## 2. Legislative/Regulatory Change

- Support AMO in its work for legislative changes
- Housing Services Corporation
- Reduce reporting requirements – long-term care and land ambulance
- Increase efficiency in ambulance dispatch – medical priority dispatch system

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## 3. Fiscal Issues

- Sustained investment in infrastructure
- Dedicated fund for roads and bridges
- Protect the property tax base from anymore downloaded and/or new costs
- Farm lands, managed forests and Crown lands comprise over 75% of the land mass in Eastern Ontario

# Facing our Fiscal Challenges

- Where are we going with it?
  - Distribution
  - Met with various provincial ministers
  - Presentation to the Deputy Minister of Transportation (Ontario)
  - Presentation to the Eastern/Northern Ontario MPs' Caucus
  - Further analysis
  - Considered by the upper levels of government as they design new infrastructure programs
  - Business case
  - Better understanding for our current position and where we need to go

