



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Briefing/Speaking Note

2009 Pre-Budget Submission

ROMA/OGRA 2009

Issue:

For the past number of years the EOWC has prepared a pre-budget document in which issues of particular interest have been identified. This document was then submitted to the Minister of Finance for consideration in the preparation of the Provincial budget.

Our 2009 Pre-budget submission was delivered to Minister Duncan recently and includes a number of recommendations for his review. Our recommendations this year include:

- Financial support for the Eastern Ontario Broadband project;
- Financial investments in affordable housing;
- Removing eligibility criteria for very businesses in the EODF;
- Amending the Assessment Act regarding “bank towers”;
- Investing in roads and bridges as part of a stimulus package;
- Sustainable funding provisions;
- Reviewing OMPF

Action Requested:

The EOWC looks for the support for our recommendations.