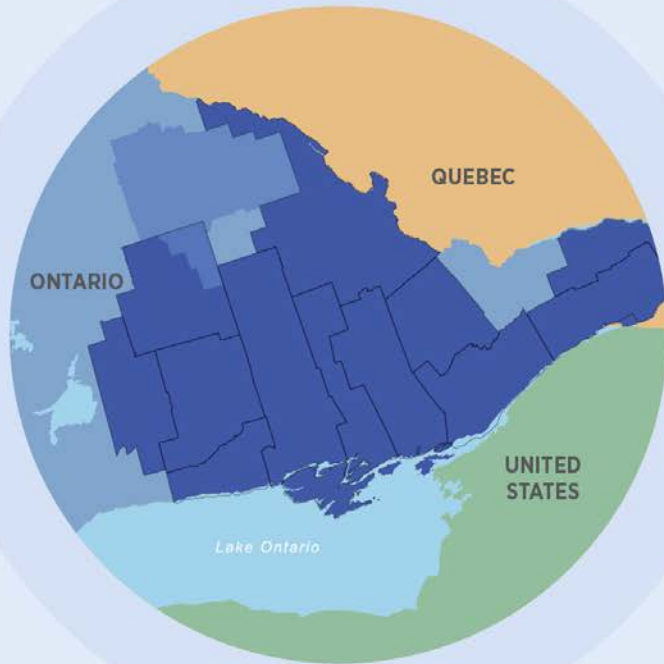


Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Historical Overview & 2019 Accomplishments



Rural Eastern Ontario

Ontario

- 45,000 sq. km
- 750,000 population
- 13 upper and single-tier
- 90 lower-tier municipalities

What We Do

- Monitor federal, provincial and municipal legislation, regulations and information
- Research and analysis on rural Eastern Ontario issues
- Political Advocacy
- Partnerships (AMO, EOLC, EOMC, WOWC, OFA, CFDCs)
- Communication and representation

What We Do

- The EOWC's advocacy work has been executed through position papers, financial analyses, mapping, forecasts, meetings, presentations, and service on provincial boards and committees
- Focused on regional economic development, rural broadband, and current policy issues impacting Eastern Ontario

2019 EOWC Priorities

1) EORN Cellular Network
and Mobile Broadband
Improvement Project

2019 EOWC Priorities



- ## 2) Ontario Health Overhaul
- Paramedic Services
 - Public Health
 - Long-Term Care
 - Ontario Health Teams

2019 EOWC Priorities



3) Affordable Housing

2019 EOWC Priorities



1

Skilled
Workforce



2

Technology
Innovation



3

Intelligent
Transportation
Systems

4) Eastern Ontario Leadership Council

2019 EOWC Submissions

- EOWC Review and Final Report of Eastern Ontario Paramedic Services: Key Messages (December)
- Enhancing Housing Affordability in Eastern Ontario (December)
- Affordable Housing: Opportunities for Home Builders (November)
- EOWC Submission on New Models of care for Select 9-1-1 Patients (October)
- EOWC Submission on Joint and Several Liability (September)
- Provincial Health System Overhaul: An EOWC Perspective (August)
- EOWC Stronger Future 2019 (August)
- EOWC Submission on Affordable Housing (July)
- Letter outlining the impacts of Community and Safety Well-Being Planning (April)
- Provincial 2019 Pre-Budget Submission (January)



2019 EOWC Advocacy

- EOWC and the Local Home Builders' Associations Eastern Ontario Regional Meeting (November)
- EOWC CAOs Meeting with Provincial Associate Deputy Ministers (November)
- Eastern Ontario Communications Conference (October)
- 2019 AMO Annual Conference (August)
 - Multi-Ministerial Delegation
 - EOWC – EOMC Health Overhaul Delegation with Minister Elliot
 - Priority Setting NDP Caucus Meeting
- Strategic Priority and Advocacy Setting with StrategyCorp (July)
- Meeting with Members of Provincial Parliament (May)
- Meeting with Members of Federal Parliament (April)
- Strategic Priority and Advocacy Setting with StrategyCorp (January)
- 2019 ROMA Conference – Multi-Ministerial Delegation

Past Successes

- **November 2017** – EOWC successfully lobbied at Queen's Park against the financial impacts of minimum wage changes for municipalities in the first draft of Bill 148
- **September 2018** – EOWC successfully lobbied the Province to mandate the Ontario Energy Board to expand natural gas networks into rural areas, via cross-subsidization (Bill 32)

Past Successes

- **2013/2014** – Lobbied for legislative change to improve POA fine collection. Result: Province amended legislation and improvements forthcoming.
- **August 2015** – Successful lobbying in favour of the passage of Bill 34
- **February 2016** – Successful lobbying in favour of increasing Provincial OCIF to \$300 million per year

Past Successes

- **2011/2012** – Lobbied for changes to mandatory participation in Housing Services Corporation insurance program for Social Housing.
- **2012/2013** – Lobbied for Province to introduce “formula based” infrastructure funding instead of all funding being application based / lottery style. As a result, the Province introduced the \$100-million OCIF and Small Communities Fund.

Past Successes

- **2005: CFDC/EOWC partnership** – Federal support of \$10 million per year for the Eastern Ontario Development Program to promote the growth of businesses in rural communities. Extended in 2013, an additional \$48 million committed over 5 years.
- **2008: Provincial EODF Program** – \$80 million for the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund. As one of EOWC's recommendations, the EODF was made permanent in 2012.

Past Successes

- **2004 CRF Reconciliation** – “Pay Your Bills” campaign resulted in the Province reversing its decision not to reconcile actual costs for downloaded programs and payments of \$90 million across the municipal sector
- **Land Ambulance Costs** – Along with AMO strongly advocated on the issue of true 50-50 cost sharing between Province and municipalities. In 2006, the Province announced a three-year phase-in of \$300 million.

EORN 2019 Key Accomplishments

- On May 17, the Province of Ontario held announcements in both the County of Northumberland and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, to announce the Province's funding commitment of \$71 million for the EORN to help fill gaps in mobile broadband coverage across the region.
- On July 4, the Government of Canada announced its \$71-million investment to EORN to help fund rural broadband infrastructure.
- EORN has developed a \$213-million public-private partnership; the province is providing one-third of the project funding, with the other one-third from the federal government, and the 13 Eastern Ontario municipalities' providing \$10 million of their share.
- info@eorn.ca

EOLC 2019 Key Accomplishments

- In September, the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council launched the refreshed version of the Eastern Ontario Regional Economic Development Strategy at the Ontario East Municipal Conference. The Strategy will Guide EOLC's work through until 2024.
- As part of the Strategy, the implementation plans represent the three foundational pillars and priorities of the Strategy – Workforce Development and Deployment, Technology Integration and Innovation, and Integrated, Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Digital Infrastructure.
- www.eolc.info

2019 Mentorship

Policy and Administration Mentorship Program

- **Justin Bromberg**
Manager of Government Relations, EOWC
Chief of Staff and Communications Manager,
United Counties of Prescott & Russell
- **Maddison Ellis**
Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Deputy Clerk and Executive Assistant to the CAO,
Northumberland County
- **Meredith Staveley-Watson**
Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Policy Analyst, Association of Municipalities of
Ontario (AMO)

2019 Mentorship Accomplishments

Policy and Administration Mentorship Program

- Communications newsletters
- Meeting preparation, support and presentations
- EOWC and CAO agendas, minutes and follow-up actions
- Policy briefs, formal and administrative correspondence
- Research and speaking notes for delegations
- Logistics coordination, planning and troubleshooting
- EOLC Governance Report (Meredith's MPA research)
- Eastern Ontario Communications Conference
- Working Group leadership/support to further key priorities
 - 1) Affordable Housing
 - 2) Ontario Health Overhaul