



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Charting the Way
Forward for
Eastern Ontario**

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- **45,000** sq. km
- **750,000** population
- **13** upper and single-tier
- **103** municipalities when lower-tier municipalities included

Infrastructure Needs

Infrastructure

- **\$8.7 billion** in assets
 - **69,000 lane-kilometres** of rural roads
 - **5,000** structures
- **\$3.4 billion** deficit
- **\$600 million / year** needed

Affordability

Municipal

- **Reserves:** total would be spent in one year
- **Debt capacity:** \$575m remaining of \$1.14 bn
- **Sparse population:** 5 households / 1 km of road, vs. 25 households / km in urban areas

Affordability

Ratepayer

- **Average household income:** 12% lower than Ontario average
- **Higher proportion of seniors:** 18% vs. 15%
- **Less reliant on employment income:** 67% vs. 75%
- **More reliant on government supports:** 15% vs. 12%

What we've done so far

EORN

Economic development via expanded broadband

- Connecting:
 - **500,000+** homes and businesses
 - **50+** business parks
- **Spurred \$57 million** in private sector investment

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Regional Economic Development Strategy

Priority 1: Workforce Development and Deployment

Priority 2: Technology Integration and Innovation

Priority 3: Integrated and Intelligent Transportation
Systems

What we need from Ontario

Invest in infrastructure

- \$350 million per year, permanent, predictable
- 40% to Rural Eastern Ontario
- Rural Eastern Ontario portion managed by EOWC

What we need from Ontario

Contain costs

- New policing model
- Joint & several liability
- Interest arbitration

What we need from Ontario

Create new revenue sources

- Payment-in-Lieu for Crown lands
- Move on Provincial Offences reform

The Big Picture

**We are all on this road
together**