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Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Releases Regional Priorities for Provincial Election Candidates

(Southwestern Ontario, February 12, 2025) – In advance of the 44th Ontario general election scheduled for February 27, 2025, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) has released a comprehensive briefing package for election candidates across all major provincial parties.

The [briefing package](#) details the regional priorities outlined in the WOWC's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan—housing, infrastructure, workforce development, and mental health, addictions, and homelessness—along with the WOWC's requests and recommendations for each priority as well as important statistical data from across rural Western Ontario's municipalities.

“The WOWC has for many years been the united voice of small and rural municipalities across Western Ontario,” stated WOWC Vice-Chair Kevin Marriott. “Our organization has made significant progress in addressing housing, infrastructure, workforce development, and the critical issues of mental health, addictions and homelessness.”

Vice-Chair Marriott further concluded: “The priorities identified by the WOWC are without a doubt the core issues and recommendations that should be at the forefront of any discussions held with election candidates across rural Western Ontario in the coming weeks – and furthermore should form the basis of future provincial policy priorities for the elected candidates.”

About

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario, representing more than 1.6 million residents. The WOWC aims to enhance the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region. Caucus members work collectively to influence federal and provincial legislation and programs through advocacy, research, analysis and education. For more information, visit www.wowc.ca.

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