



# SCOR EDC Partnership Middlesex County

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# Infrastructure

- **Transportation**
  - SCOR EDC Board member on Ministry of Transportation Mayors Task Force – direct line to shaping transportation across SWO
- **Community Transportation**
  - Efficiencies in community transportation
  - Cost savings – shared RFP for tech
  - Mapping uploads to workforce planning boards
  - Connecting to London and other larger centres for an overall coordinated inter-community transit system
- **Rail**
  - Shortline rail – 800+ jobs across the region
- **Broadband**
- **Energy**
  - expansion of natural gas





# Infrastructure: Transportation

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  - Cost savings – shared RFP for tech
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  - Application to Rural Transit Solutions for system inventory and review
  - Discussions with City of London regarding regional connections and collaboration





# Human Capital

- Workforce
  - Focus on agricultural workforce capacity building
  - Fanshawe College –Agri-Management Program (London & Simcoe campus)
  - Conestoga College- Agricultural Equipment Operator Program
  - Support for SAW at outset of COVID-19 and on-going
- Education
  - Partnerships with post-secondary institutions
- Participation in Workforce Planning Board projects
  - supporting and participating role in many great projects





# Sector Development

- Partnerships with OFA to build workforce capacity in Agricultural Sector
  - Feeding Your Future – agricultural capacity and videos
  - Always in Season – county promotional guide
- Policy, programing inputs at Provincial and Federal level
- Ongoing issues for ag community
- Hazelnut industry market development support
- Marketing the region domestically and globally





# Advocacy & Connecting

- 25 Delegations and meetings with Cabinet Ministers regarding issues specific to this region
- On-going communications with other levels of government supporting regional and individual county efforts
- Collaborating with other organizations such as Elgin Middlesex Oxford Workforce Planning and Development Board
- Collaborations with WOWC in researching and disseminating rural data
- 12 Letters of support to other organizations resulting in successful funding applications





# Partnership

- Partnership creates immediate value but more importantly cumulative value over time
- equal say – 1 in 5 vote at the Board table
- Recognition and positive reputation as a region
- Ability to tackle projects and issues that are larger in scale than one municipality can take on individually
- Small enough to reach consensus and move forward on areas of focus
- Ability to attract and leverage funding on a regional scale







We have accomplished a great deal as a five county partnership ...good neighbours working together for the good of all!

Thank you!

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