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SCOR EDC MOVING TRANSPORTATION FORWARD

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SCOR EDC is moving regional transportation forward. As part of the delegations with Ministers at the AMO conference in August SCOR EDC met with Minister Mulroney and seven other Ministers to discuss needs and opportunities across the region

Stephen Molnar, Chair of SCOR EDC and Mayor of Town of Tillsonburg comments that “we have been working with MTO and other Ministries since our inception in 2010. In 2013 SCOR EDC identified transportation as a critical piece of infrastructure needs across the region. To that end we have been in conversations with MTO on the need for a transportation plan for the region. The five county partnership is like having a concierge for regional stakeholders and residents.”

SCOR EDC hosted the first in a series of regional transportation sessions to coordinate transportation across the five county region. In attendance at the session were representatives of communities implementing or considering community transportation models. The session focused on collaboration, coordination and streamlining information and rider experience across the five county region. The session included representatives from County of Brant, Elgin County, Municipality of Bayham, Middlesex County, Norfolk County Oxford County and Haldimand County.

Stephen Molnar comments, “This is really a fantastic example of how the five county region and its neighbors can work towards solid solutions for the region. This session was all about being efficient with resources and coming together to tackle large scale issues. SCOR provides a vehicle for elected officials to come together in an efficient and cost effective manner to serve their communities.”

Alison Warwick, SCOR EDC Board member and Mayor of Thames Centre also commented, “this is a prime example of how we are working together to ensure that our communities are well connected and have infrastructure in place to serve our residents. The public does not care about municipal boundaries. They want integrated services that will work for them and their communities.”

SCOR EDC also presented on their regional transportation model and work at the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Policy Forum held in London at the Hilton Doubletree hotel. The AMO forum was attended by municipalities across the Province.

Fast Facts

- SCOR EDC has been working with MTO, Rural Ontario Institute and partner counties across the region to find ways to increase transportation options for this region
- Several communities within the South Central Ontario Region received Community Transportation Funding and all have identified community transportation as an issue supporting resident attraction and workforce attraction <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/community-transportation-grant.shtml>
- According to Ontario Public Transit Association:
 - Nearly 45 percent of all transit trips in Canada are taken in Ontario



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ABOUT SCOR EDC

South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC) is a not for profit corporation owned by the counties of Brant, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk & Oxford. The corporation was formed in 2010 and is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of two elected officials from each partner county. The partnership was the first of its kind in Ontario. The partnership came together as a result of the need for small urban and rural communities to tackle large issues that they did not have the resources to do on their own.

The focus of the corporation is economic development and community prosperity in the five county region.

The corporation's current priorities as outlined in its most recent strategic plan are:

1. Infrastructure supporting economic development
2. Human capital and workforce supporting economic development
3. Sector development focusing on agriculture, food and manufacturing

About the region.

- SCOR EDC has a population of around 604,000 in the rural and small urban communities
- SCOR EDC is a not for profit corporation owned by the counties of Brant, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk & Oxford
- SCOR geography is approximately the same size as the GTHA with about one tenth of the population
- The separated cities of Brantford, London and St Thomas are not part of the SCOR partnership but are valued neighbors