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Western Ontario Municipal Conference Returns in 2025 Following a Successful Inaugural Event

Southwestern Ontario – Following the success of the 2024 inaugural relaunch, the Western Ontario Municipal Conference (WOMC) is set to return in 2025, continuing its mission to bring together municipal leaders, policymakers, and key stakeholders from across Western Ontario.

Hosted by Middlesex County, the 2025 conference will take place at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre in London, Ontario on Friday, October 17th.

Last year's sold-out conference welcomed more than 250 attendees, featured over 30 speakers, and offered a range of engaging sessions on key municipal priorities including housing, mental health and addictions, infrastructure, workforce development, and economic growth.

The WOMC is presented by the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) and is designed to reflect the diversity and strength of rural and small urban communities across the region. With a focus on practical solutions and strategic partnerships, the conference provides a platform to advance regional priorities in areas such as infrastructure, housing, workforce development, and economic growth.

"Middlesex County is proud to host the 2025 Western Ontario Municipal Conference. We look forward to welcoming our colleagues from across the region for a day of shared learning, dialogue, and connection," said Warden Brian Ropp, Middlesex County.

"We're thrilled to bring the Western Ontario Municipal Conference back for 2025, building on the incredible energy and momentum of last year's event," said Warden Marcus Ryan, Oxford County and Chair of the 2025 Conference Committee. "This is a unique opportunity for municipal leaders to come together, spark new ideas, and drive real progress for our communities across Western Ontario."

Registration is now open with early bird rates available.

Further details, including the full agenda and keynote speakers, will be announced in the coming months. For updates, visit www.wowc.ca or follow WOWC on social media.

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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