



SCOR EDC Partnership County of Brant

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Background

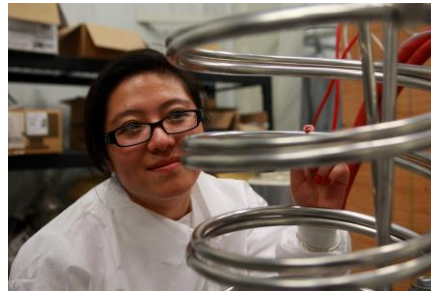
SCOR EDC came together because councils of the day recognized that a strong member-based partnership would benefit their individual counties and the region in the long term





Our Focus

- Larger regional issues that have an impact on the region but would be difficult for one municipality to tackle on their own
- Shared resources
- A strong voice for advocacy and moving forward large issues and opportunities





Infrastructure

- Transportation
 - SCOR EDC Board member on Ministry of Transportation Mayors Task Force – a 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
- Rail
 - Shortline rail – 800+ jobs across the region
 - Most businesses are in manufacturing and agricultural supports
- Broadband
- Housing
- Energy
 - expansion of natural gas





Infrastructure: Transportation

- Rail
- Supporting business and creating opportunities for industrial land development
- Supporting current business and agricultural sector





Community Transportation Southwest Community Transit





Human Capital

- Workforce
 - Focus on agricultural workforce capacity building
 - Fanshawe College- Agri-Business Management Program
 - Conestoga College- Agricultural Equipment Operator Program
 - Support for SAW at outset of COVID-19 and on-going
- Education
 - Partnerships with post-secondary institutions





Agriculture and Food Sector



With the dire need for agricultural workers in Ontario, there is a high demand for skilled equipment operators to support this industry. Completion of the Agricultural Equipment Operator program will position you to successfully enter a wide variety of agricultural operations. This program includes significant hands-on experience in safely performing basic machine maintenance and operation of various pieces of agricultural equipment. This practical experience is complemented with the related theory in addition to math, communications, safety, and welding courses. By the end of the program, you will be well-prepared for success as you enter employment in agriculture as an equipment operator.

- Graduate Opportunities**
Graduates will find employment opportunities in a broad cross-section of Agricultural operations including cash crop farms, orchards, beef, dairy and poultry operations. Additional opportunities will be found with custom farming businesses such as large-scale spraying and fertilizing operations, custom tillage, and harvesting operations.
- Admission requirements**
 - Must be a resident of Ontario to apply.
 - Successful completion of an intake assessment.
- Program Cost: \$500**
This program is funded in part by the federal and provincial governments.
- Contact:** Trades@conestoga.on.ca





Advocacy and successes

- Southwest Ontario Development Fund
- MTO – Community Transportation Pilot Project
- Federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund
- Supporting agriculture and workforce
- Leadership during the pandemic





Partnership

- Partnership creates immediate value but more importantly cumulative value over time
- Action-oriented organization – with a focus on strategic planning and implementation
- SCOR is widely recognized with a 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 a consensus and move forward on areas of focus
- Ability to attract and leverage funding on a regional scale





Regional Vision

- The County of Brant is an integral part of the region
- SCOR EDC needs stability and partner commitment for long term planning
- An organization like SCOR EDC underpins long term confidence and planning in a region





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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