



## Government Relations Committee Report

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**To:** The Chair and Members of the Government Relations Committee  
**From:** Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk  
**Date:** February 10, 2025  
**Report #:** RPT-0091-25  
**Subject:** Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations  
**Purpose:** For Information and Direction

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### **Recommendation**

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That RPT-0091-25 “Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations” be received as information;

And that Committee directs staff to submit delegation requests with Provincial Ministers for OGRA as approved.

### **Strategic Plan Priority**

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Strategic Priority 4 - Stable and Responsive Governance

### **Impacts and Mitigation**

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#### Social Impacts

The ability of Councillors to speak to Provincial Cabinet Ministers and bring to their attention local matters provides a positive impact on local social issues within the County of Brant.

#### Environmental Impacts

None.

#### Economic Impacts

None.

### **Report**

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#### Background

The Ontario Good Roads Conference is scheduled from March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 in Toronto. Registration for the conference is open and the Mayor and 8 Councillors have expressed interest in attending.

## Analysis

The OGRA conference has opened information on delegations, with delegation requests being due on February 21, 2025. In preparation for publication of submission details, staff are requesting direction from Committee on which Ministers to request meetings with the topics of the delegation.

At the Government Relations Committee meeting of November 14, 2024, Committee discussed the following delegations for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference:

- Ministry of Health – Funding of Family Health Teams
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Consistent funding for new housing projects
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Updating funding formula for Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation – Bishopsgate Road Interchange and Highway 24 safety concerns

Further, at the ROMA conference that took place January 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the County of Brant was successful in procuring delegations with the following Ministries:

- Ministry of Health – Redeveloping our Community Hospitals
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Ontario Works Funding Models
- Ministry of Transportation - Bishopsgate Road Interchange and Highway 24 Crossing for Agricultural Operators
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation – Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)

## Summary and Recommendations

Staff are requesting the Committee to provide instruction on delegation applications for the Ontario Good Roads Association conference.

### **Reviewed By**

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S. Katikapalli, Director of Council Services/ Clerk

### **Copied To**

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A. Newton, Chief Administrative Officer

### **By-law and/or Agreement**

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By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No