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# What is a County Warden?



# Who is the Warden?

- The Warden is the Head of Council for Peterborough County.
- Every two years, County Council elects a Warden from amongst themselves.
- The next election for Warden will be in December 2026.
- Nominations for Warden open in November. Election information will be sent by the Clerk to the elected County Council.
- The Warden may serve two consecutive two-year terms.
  
- The Deputy Warden is selected by the Warden from among the County Council members.
- The Deputy serves as Chair of County Council when the Warden is absent and can be delegated other responsibilities of the Warden as needed.
  
- The Warden, Deputy Warden, and Council Members are supported by County Staff in the Clerk's Department and CAO's Office.
  
- For over 180 years, a Warden has served as the leader of Peterborough County.
  - Visit [www.ptbocounty.ca/wardenswall](http://www.ptbocounty.ca/wardenswall) for a list of Peterborough County's Wardens since 1841
  
- More Information about the Warden can be found at the Warden's Office webpage:
  - Visit [www.ptbocounty.ca/county-government/departments/wardens-office/](http://www.ptbocounty.ca/county-government/departments/wardens-office/)

The workload can vary depending on how many of their responsibilities the Warden chooses to delegate.

The approximate minimum for the Warden is 25 hours per month in addition to regular County Council meetings and Lower-Tier municipal responsibilities.



# Municipal Act, 2001

## Role of head of council

225 It is the role of the head of council,

- (a) to act as chief executive officer of the municipality;
- (b) to preside over council meetings so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively;
- (c) to provide leadership to the council;
- (c.1) without limiting clause (c), to provide information and recommendations to the council with respect to the role of council described in clauses 224 (d) and (d.1);
- (d) to represent the municipality at official functions; and
- (e) to carry out the duties of the head of council under this or any other Act.

## Head of council as chief executive officer

226.1 As chief executive officer of a municipality, the head of council shall,

- (a) uphold and promote the purposes of the municipality;
- (b) promote public involvement in the municipality's activities;
- (c) act as the representative of the municipality both within and outside the municipality, and promote the municipality locally, nationally and internationally; and
- (d) participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality and its residents. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 101.



# County Committees & Boards



The Warden is an ex-officio member of all County committees with voting rights. The Warden is nominated specifically to attend the following committees:

- Awards and Bursaries Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Lang Pioneer Village Museum Advisory Committee
- Peterborough County Land Division Committee
- Joint City/County Waste Management Committee

Additionally, the Warden is a member of two external boards:

- Lakelands Public Health Board of Health
- Peterborough Housing Committee

The Warden may recommend to Council the creation of a Warden's Advisory Committee and shall recommend the size and mandate of the Committee to the Nominating Committee. Meets at the call of the Warden.

The Warden and Deputy Warden both participate in bi-weekly Agenda Review meetings ahead of County Council.

Pictured is the Chain of Office worn by the Warden at bi-weekly County Council meetings.

# Community Leadership

The Warden is invited to over 80 events each year in the community.

Event invitations may include:

- Business Openings and Anniversaries
- Annual General Meetings of local community organizations
- Announcements by other levels of government and community organizations
- Significant community events (fairs, community dinners, award ceremonies)
- National Holidays (Canada Day, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Remembrance Day)

The Warden can be part of up to 100 stakeholder meetings each year:

- Members of Parliament
  - Peterborough County is represented by two MPs: Peterborough and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes
- Members of Provincial Parliament
  - Peterborough County is represented by three MPPS: Peterborough-Kawartha, Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
- Ministers and Staff from Provincial and Federal departments
- First Nations Leaders especially from Curve Lake First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation
- International Diplomats
- Media Organizations
- Residents
- Business and Agriculture Leaders
- Other stakeholders with an interest in working with Peterborough County

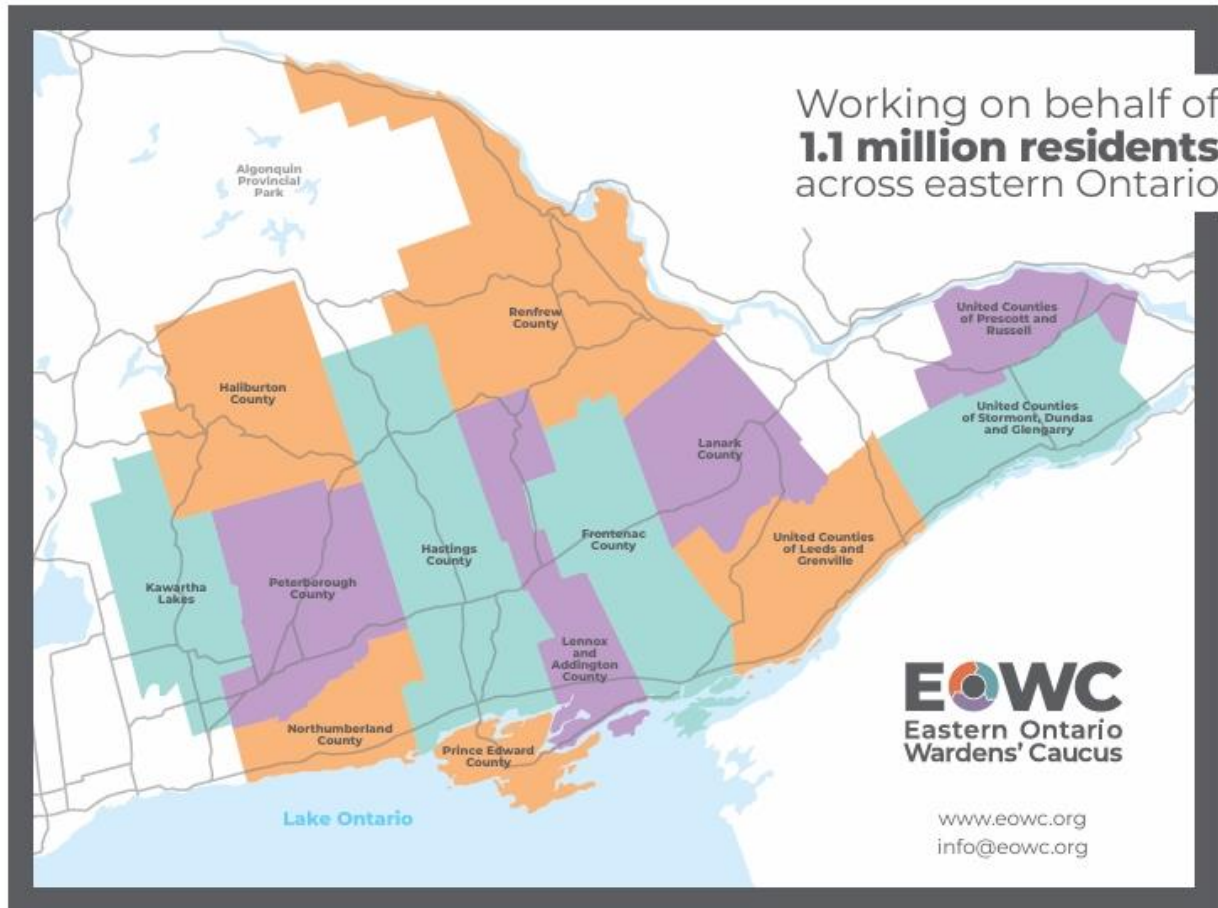
These events and meetings can be delegated to the Deputy Warden or other members of Council when appropriate.

County Staff will help the Warden manage and prioritize these different engagements.



# EOWC

## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) is a non-profit organization advocating for 103 small urban and rural municipalities across eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 1,100,000 residents. For more than 20 years, the EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

Members of the Caucus are the 11 County Wardens and 2 Single-Tier Mayors of large rural municipalities in Eastern Ontario stretching from the City of Kawartha Lakes in the West to the United Counties of Prescott and Russell in the West. Eastern Ontario Urban municipalities (such as the City of Peterborough, Belleville, Cornwall) have their own organization called the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC).

The Warden of Peterborough County is a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Meetings of the Caucus are approximately every two months. The EOWC also organizes delegations and advocacy days several times per year at Queen's Park, Parliament Hill, and the major municipal conferences of AMO and ROMA.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the EOWC are elected annually at the AGM in January by the 11 Wardens and 2 Mayors. These roles have additional responsibilities. For example, the Chair sits on the Board of Directors of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and is often called to participate in events and meetings with provincial officials several times per month.

The EOWC's 2024-2027 strategic priorities include; Infrastructure, Housing, Health Care, and Strengthening Organizational Impact.

More information can be found at [www.eowc.org](http://www.eowc.org)



# Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

# Province-wide Associations

## Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- A non-profit organization that represents Ontario's municipal governments, advocating for their interests to the provincial and federal governments.
- It is a membership-based association governed by elected municipal officials, providing a unified municipal voice on policy, legislation, and funding matters affecting local communities.
- AMO also delivers programs, training, conferences, and group purchasing services, supporting municipal leadership, capacity-building, and effective local governance across Ontario.
- AMO hosts an annual conference that council members have the opportunity to attend in August each year.
- For more information, visit [www.amo.on.ca](http://www.amo.on.ca)



## Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

- Represents Ontario's rural and northern municipalities, advocating to the provincial government on issues such as rural infrastructure, economic development, housing, and access to services through forums and events.
- ROMA hosts an annual conference that council members have the opportunity to attend in January each year.
- For more information, visit [www.roma.on.ca](http://www.roma.on.ca)



# Other Municipal Organizations

## Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

- A non-profit, municipally led organization focused on improving access to reliable high-speed internet and cellular connectivity across Eastern Ontario.
- It is owned by the EOWC, ensuring strong municipal leadership and regional accountability.
- EORN coordinates regional planning, funding, and partnerships—working with municipalities, Indigenous communities, governments, and the private sector—to close connectivity gaps and support economic development and digital adoption across the region.
- For more information, visit: [www.eorn.ca](http://www.eorn.ca)



# EORN

EASTERN ONTARIO  
REGIONAL NETWORK

## Other Municipal Organizations

- [Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario](#)
- [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#)
- [Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators](#)
- [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#)
- [Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative](#)
- [Ontario Big City Mayors](#)
- [Ontario Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Ontario East Economic Development Commission](#)
- [Ontario Federation of Agriculture](#)
- [Ontario Municipal Administrators Association](#)



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