



SOUTH CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: September 25, 2025

Location: Waterford Public Library 15 Main Street South Waterford ON

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Meeting ID: 260 902 843 558 6

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Present: E Ketchabaw, Chris Van Paassen, A Martin,

Virtual: D Bailey, B Martin, S McMillan, T Noble, J Kyle, D Gilvesy

Regrets: M Smibert

Guests: Tracey Arts - OFA

ISSUE	ACTION	Assigned to:
1. Call to Order	E Ketchabaw calls the meeting to order at 9:03 am	
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests	None Declared	
3. Adoption of Agenda	E Ketchabaw, calls for the adoption of the agenda as presented. <u>MOTION 2025-27</u> Moved by C Van Paassen and seconded by D Bailey: “RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented ” CARRIED	
4. Approval of Previous Minutes	E Ketchabaw calls for approval of the July 31, 2025, minutes. <u>MOTION 2025-28</u> Moved by S McMillan and seconded A Martin: CARRIED	
5. Correspondence	E Ketchabaw calls for a motion to receive the correspondence as information. <u>MOTION 2025-29</u> Moved by D Gilvesy and seconded S McMillan: CARRIED	
6. Delegation / Guests / Partners	Delegation / Guests / Partners T Arts provides updates on OFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on business risk management program advocacy continues • Trespassing on farm properties also remains high priority for advocacy • Request to consult on round-about construction, large farm equipment have special needs that require consultation, thought and planning • TFWP and SAWP discussion of impact on agricultural sector • Micro-credentials discussion related to agriculture 	

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ISSUE	ACTION	Assigned to:
7. Committee & Staff Reports	<p>K Earls provides staff report.</p> <p>E Ketchabaw calls for motion to receive staff report as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION 2025-30</u> Moved by C Van Paassen and seconded by J Kyle: CARRIED</p>	
8. Ongoing Business	<p>a)SCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion of SCT inter-community transit <p>b) Rail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Update on funding o Yarmouth yards discussion and overall logistics plan for region to encourage strong supply chain. <p>c) AMO Follow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion on AMO delegations, and ministry follow- up <p>d) ROMA planning and general Advocacy planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o focus less on conferences and more on regional meetings with targeted purpose <p>d) Oxford County local tier delegations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Most delegations complete. East Zorra Tavistock scheduled for October 15h o Discussion continues regarding continued and consistent communication with partners. <p>e) Partner delegations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Discussion of partner delegations and preparation 	
9. New Business	<p>a)Thames Centre representative: Deferred</p> <p>b) Trade Impacted Communities Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion ensues regarding Resource Advisory Committee application to Trade Impacted Communities Fund. • Board supportive of application and coordination of Resource Advisory Committee members <p>c) ERO Updated Planning Submission Guidance – ERO 025-0844 Overview of ERO Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has released proposed updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline to support implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS, 2024). Discussion ensues.</p> <p>d)CIRRO C Community Immigrant Retention in Rural Ontario. Discussion ensues regarding potential SCOR EDC partnership with Fanshawe College. Members discuss other organizations such as Welcome Wagon / TNO CES Library C Van Passen comments it would be worthwhile for SCOR EDC to undertake from a coordination perspective.</p> <p>E Ketchabaw calls for a motion to provide direction to the Executive Director to pursue this opportunity with Fanshawe College:</p>	

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	<p><u>MOTION 2025-31</u> Moved by A Martin and seconded by S McMillan: CARRIED</p>	
<p>10. County Updates</p>	<p>BRANT D Bailey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Dig in Paris on going • Salute to Brant Business <p>J Kyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning in County • Growth focused in settlement areas: St George, Paris and Burford • Economic development continues steadily • St George waste water treatment facility planning <p>ELGIN T Noble</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning underway for psychiatric hospital lands in Elgin <p>E Ketchabaw-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round-about with hard edge providing issues for agricultural equipment <p>THAMES CENTRE S McMillan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new CAO recruitment for Thames Centre • Water and waste-water requirements for building <p>NORFOLK A Martin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some reporting structure changes for staff at county <p>C Van Paassen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norfolk road upgrades underway in Port Dover, Simcoe and Delhi • Moving into pre-budget considerations soon <p>OXFORD D Gilvesy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro, building and other infrastructure remain priority for Town • Marwood Fire: D Gilvesy sincerely thanks Norfolk fire and emergency services for aid. 	
<p>11. In-camera</p>	<p>E Ketchabaw calls for a motion to move in-camera session</p> <p><u>MOTION 2025-32</u> Moved by A Martin and seconded by C Van Paassen: CARRIED</p> <p>Board returns to open session</p> <p><u>MOTION 2025-33</u> Moved by T Noble and seconded by C Van Paassen: CARRIED</p>	
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<p>E Ketchabaw calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am</p> <p><u>MOTION 2025-34</u> Moved by S McMillan and seconded by J Kyle: CARRIED</p>	