



Bob Peters Awarded “Economic Development Officer of the Year” during the Ontario East Municipal Conference

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[EASTERN ONTARIO] The Ontario East Economic Development Commission (Ontario East) recognized Bob Peters, Manager Economic Development for the City of Cornwall as the "Ontario East EDO of the Year" during the Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) hosted at the DEV Centre in Cornwall, Ontario. The award is sponsored by ResearchFDI, one of Canada's leading investment attraction agencies, founded by Bruce Takefman, who was a member of the awards selection committee.

"Ontario East is pleased to recognize Bob for his efforts to promote his community and the region as a premier business location. We congratulate Bob on this important recognition and appreciate his continued support for our organization and towards economic development in Eastern Ontario." commented Chris King, President of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission and CEO, Quinte Economic Development Commission.

With a career spanning over 30 years, Peters has been a leader in economic development and investment attraction supporting projects totalling more than \$250 million for the region in recent years. During the last 12 months alone, he has facilitated the sale of over 330 acres in the Cornwall Business Park which brought an initial investment value of \$8 Million to the City and an estimated \$1 Billion in revenue and investment over the next 3 years.

Peters is also well regarded for his local responses and strong communication campaigns throughout the COVID-19 pandemic including the quickly developed Small Business Emergency Response Loan, the COVID-19 Daily Digest on the Choose Cornwall website, and the free “Business Reopening Toolkit” which was hand delivered to over a hundred business in the community.

“It has been my privilege to work with Bob over the past few years and to witness his extraordinary commitment to the Cornwall community,” stated Jay Amer, Executive Director of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission. “He brings innovation and determination to the role and has worked tirelessly to establish Cornwall as a major hub of business, manufacturing, and logistics activity in Eastern Ontario. Bob’s leadership has been inspirational to his colleagues, peers, and business community and this award is so well deserved.”

The nomination submission was substantial and thorough, with many letters of support from peers, clients, and colleagues who have worked with Peters over the last 30 years. Those who contributed spoke of his creativity, professional integrity, determination, and community-oriented strategies towards economic development. Peters was presented with the award following the government address during OEMC in Cornwall today.

About the Ontario East Economic Development Commission

Since 1988 the Ontario East Economic Development Commission has been a collective voice for economic development in Eastern Ontario. The Commission markets the region to key sectors, offering investors and site selectors a one stop location to connect with local economic development professionals.

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Ontario East Economic Development Officer of the Year Award

The Ontario East EDO of the Year Award has been bestowed annually upon an economic development professional serving their community in eastern Ontario since 1997. The award recognizes excellence of an individual who has significantly demonstrated the execution of community economic development programming resulting in business growth, expansion and retention. Twenty-three awards have been granted since inception and the full list of award winners can be found online.

- Web: [EDO of the Year](#)

About the Ontario East Municipal Conference

Established in 1989, the Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) has developed into the largest annual regional municipal conference east of Toronto. The Ontario East Economic Development Commission has delivered a dynamic program to share municipal knowledge and best practices and enhance economic opportunities and successes. Each year, 300+ delegates comprise a diverse group of elected officials, economic development professionals, entrepreneurs, municipal service providers, private sector business leaders and provincial ministry representatives.

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