ONTARIO EAST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE 2026

September 9-11, 2026

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Pocket Program

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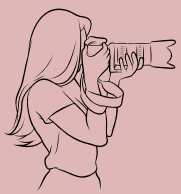

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OEMC Pocket Program: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

8:30 AM	**Registration Open | Morning Refreshments in *Exhibit Hall*** Sponsored by hydro one			
10:00-10:30 AM	**OEMC Opening Remarks & Government Address *Room 118 CDE***			
10:30-11:30 AM	**Plenary Panel on Defence *Room 118 CDE***			
11:30-12:30 PM	**Plenary Panel on Nuclear *Room 118 CDE***			
12:30-1:30 PM	**Lunch | Pick up your food in *Exhibit Hall*** Sponsored by bdc Canadian Nuclear Laboratories | Laboratoires Nucléaires Canadiens			
	Room 118 A	**Room 118 B**	**Room 106 FG**	**Room 106H**
1:30-2:30 PM	10 Considerations When Building Your Next Recreation Centre (30 mins) ***and*** From Cost Centre to Economic Engine: The Modern Municipal Sports Dome Model (30 mins)	From Inception to Active Project Development – the Journey of Frontenac Municipal Services (30 mins) ***and*** What is in a Hydrogeological Assessment (and what should be!) – Establishing Terms of Reference	From Tension to Trust: Preventing Escalated Behaviours in Municipal Workplaces Through Awareness and Early Action	Envisioning Eastern Ontario's Electricity Future
2:30-3:00 PM	**Refreshment Break in *Exhibit Hall*** Sponsored by Welch LLP			
3:00-4:00 PM	Why Strong Municipal Projects Miss Out on Funding and How to Improve the Odds	Public – Private Partnerships for Affordable Housing	Gateway to Government	Building Succession Ready Communities
4:00-4:10 PM	**Transition**			
4:10-5:10 PM	Ground Transportation Opportunities (30 mins) ***and*** Issues AND Private & Public Collaboration for Workforce Mobility (30 mins)	Power, Pressure & the Next Council – The 2026 Election's Impact on Eastern Ontario	The AI-Augmented EDO: Faster Insights, Better Outreach, Stronger Outcomes (30 mins) ***and*** When AI Enters the Room: What Happens to Decision Authority (30 mins)	

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - continued

5:10-6:30 PM	**OEMC President's Reception in Partnership with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) in *Exhibit Hall*** Sponsored by ieso
6:30 PM	**Free Night! Looking for Ideas on How to Spend Your Free Night?** **-Explore the ByWard Market: Free shuttle service provided sponsored by COVENTRY** **-Ottawa Titans Baseball Game: Discounted OEMC tickets available in advance with code *oemc26***

Thursday, September 10, 2026

8:00-9:00 AM	**Hot Breakfast in *Room 118 CDE*** Sponsored by ALTO			
9:00-9:15 AM	**Morning Remarks in *Room 118 CDE*** **Special Recognition Award** Sponsored by RESEARCHFDI			
9:15-10:00 AM	**Local Opportunity in a National Infrastructure Project: How Alto High-Speed Rail Can Support Economic Growth in Eastern Ontario**			
10:00-10:30 AM	**Refreshment Break in *Exhibit Hall*** Sponsored by HORIZON LEGACY			
	Room 118A	**Room 118B**	**Room 106 FG**	**Room 106 H**
10:30-11:30 AM	The Resilient Municipality: Strategies for Strengthening our Communities (30 mins) ***and*** Building a Resilient Eastern Ontario (30 mins)	Municipal Law Update		Navigating Federal Government Funding in a Changing Economy
11:30-11:40 AM	**Transition**			

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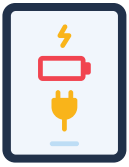

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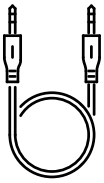

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11:40-12:40 PM	Advantage by Design: How Regions Grow Sector Strength	Planning on Purpose: Why Planning and Building Code Compliance is Vital for Future Growth in Eastern Ontario	The ICARE Model: Strategic Community Investment Driving Rapid Employment for Skilled Newcomers (30 mins) ***and*** Responding to Employer Demand: Data-Driven Employment Services Programming (30 mins)	Age-Friendly Planning Where the Rivers Meet: Insights from Arnprior's Age-Friendly Community Plan Renewal (30 mins) ***and*** Approvals to Occupancy: Delivering MMC Housing with On-Site Robotics in Gananoque (30 mins)
12:40-1:45 PM	**Lunch | Pick up your food in *Exhibit Hall*** ***Remarks from Invest Ontario and Invest Ottawa***			Sponsored by Invest Ontario / Invest Ottawa | Investir Ottawa
1:45-2:45 PM	Tourism Investment in Eastern Ontario	Adaptive Reuse That Delivers: Municipal Leadership and the Bell Hall Housing Project (30 mins) ***and*** Mississippi Mills Affordable Housing CIP – Adding to the Missing Middle (30 mins)	The Canadian Immigration Toolbox: A Strategic Solution for Municipalities Seeking Economic Growth	The Process and Policy of Municipal Film Readiness
2:45-3:15 PM	**Refreshment Break and Draw Prizes in *Exhibit Hall*** ***If you visited a booth and dropped off a business card, you could win!***			Sponsored by SUCCESSION ONTARIO
3:15-4:15 PM	Belleville Investment Toolkit (30 mins) ***and*** Best Practices for Municipalities to Attract New Commercial and Industrial Developments (30 mins)	From Consultation to Action: Turning Stakeholder Engagement into Strategy	Making AI Safe to Scale: Privacy, Governance, and Resilient Adoption in Municipal Contexts (30 mins) ***and*** AI and the Workforce of the Future (30 mins)	
5:00 PM	**Banquet & Entertainment - Reception begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.** *Dinner & Entertainment to follow. Featuring* ***Painchaud Productions****!*			

Friday, September 11, 2026

8:00- 9:30 AM	Sponsored by ENBRIDGE **Hot Breafast in Room 118 CDE** **Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM** **Closing Presentation: Eastern Ontario's Economic Outlook** Sponsored by STRATEGYCORP Sébastien Labrecque, Executive Director and Chief Economist of the StrategyCorp Institute of Public Policy and Economy

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