



Staff Report to Council - for Direction

Title: 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission

From: Aaron Stauch, Director Government Relations

Date: January 23, 2025

Report Number: GR-2025-002

Staff Recommendation:

That the 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation Submission, attached to Report GR-2025-002, be endorsed for submission to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance.

Report Summary:

The Government of Ontario is seeking submissions as part of their 2025 Pre-Budget Consultation process. Bruce County has prepared a submission that outlines needs around: a new municipal funding model; access to infrastructure funds; funding for energy host communities; poverty reduction; rural transition; community safety and wellbeing; rural health care; housing affordability; and long-term care.

Background/Analysis:

In Ontario we are navigating one of the most complex political contexts in recent memory with both federal and provincial elections anticipated in the coming months.

As such, the County took a lighter approach to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference that took place between January 19-21, 2025, instead deciding to submit a comprehensive pre-budget submission (attached).

This submission highlights the key areas of advocacy that Bruce County has worked on over the past 18 months and continues the follow-up work resulting from previous Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Rural Ontario Municipal Association conferences.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal, or IT considerations with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

There was no interdepartmental consultation with this report.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

Growth and Innovation - Promote responsible growth

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

Not applicable

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Departmental Approval:

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Attachments:

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