

Governance and Accountability

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is a non-profit organization that supports regional economic development through improved connectivity. It oversaw the region's \$170 million, public-private expansion of broadband access. It continues to monitor the network, which is now valued at \$260 million. Its governance model ensures the effective use of taxpayer dollars, with the flexibility needed to work with the private sector.

Jurisdictions from across Canada and the world have reached out to learn from EORN's experience. In response to this interest, EORN created EORN Consulting Services, a municipal services corporation that will provide fee-based consulting and advice. This will ensure that all the value created by EORN, including intellectual property, experience and expertise, serve the interests of Eastern Ontario.



EOWC

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) represents 11 counties and two single-tiered municipalities. It has final responsibility for meeting strategic goals and accountability for the use of public funds.

- Receives and flows government funding to EORN.
- Provides high-level approval of strategic plans and receives regular updates on progress and financial matters.
- Appoints all nine EORN board members.

EORN Board

The board is comprised of elected officials from the EOWC and the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), as well as three members of the public with legal and/or management expertise. Responsibilities include:

- Hire and evaluate CEO.
- Set the strategic direction of EORN Inc.
- Work with management to develop the strategic plan and oversee implementation.
- Approve the budget and monitor achievement of strategic objectives
- Oversee the work of EORN Consulting Services.

EORN

- Managed network build and continues to oversee the network to ensure private partners are meeting contractual obligations.
- Ensures the project is achieving economic and social goals through a 10-year Digital Strategy and various regional partnerships.
- Continues to advocate for improved connectivity and seeks new opportunities for expansions.
- Finalizing funding for a \$213 million regional cell gap project.
- Conducting ongoing research on broadband market failure and opportunities to address CRTC 50/10 basic service objectives in Eastern Ontario.

ECS

EORN Consulting Services (ECS) is a for-profit, wholly-owned subsidiary of EORN

- Based on EORN's experience and expertise, ECS will provide fee-based consulting services for other jurisdictions to help them improve rural broadband access.
- A broad range of consulting services will be offered, from strategic planning to project management and technical services.
- Revenues would support progress on EORN's digital strategy.
- Accountable to EOWC through EORN's board.