

Governance and Accountability

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) is a non-profit organization that supports regional economic development through improved connectivity. Its governance model ensures the effective use of taxpayer dollars with the flexibility needed to work with the private sector.

From 2010 to 2015, EORN 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. Today, EORN is leading a \$300 million public-private project to expand the coverage and capacity of cellular services throughout the region.

Recently, EORN has leveraged its expertise learned during the first two projects to expand into a regional project delivery and support organization. Jurisdictions from across Canada and the world have reached out to learn from EORN's experience.

In addition, EORN continues to:

- Oversee the broadband network to ensure private partners are meeting contractual obligations
- Advocate for improved connectivity and seek new opportunities for expansion
- Implement a \$300 million regional cell gap project
- Identify areas of market failure within eastern Ontario and support and implement regional projects based on data-driven analysis

EOWC

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) represents 11 counties and two single-tiered municipalities. The EOWC, in its support for EORN:

- Advocates for government funding to EORN
- Provides support for strategic plans and receives regular updates on progress and financial matters
- Appoints five EOWC members to the EORN board of directors

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 the competencies needed to effectively govern EORN. Responsibilities include:

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