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VIA EMAIL

**Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada/Government of Canada  
c/o Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices  
235 Queen Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H5**

To: Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices;

**RE: Response to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada/Government of Canada  
Consultation Spectrum Outlook 2018-2022**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network please find attached a response to the Innovation, Science and Economic Development of Canada's consultation on Spectrum Outlook 2018-2022.

The EOWC and EORN commends the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development for issuing this consultation as it acknowledges the demand and growth for digital connectivity, and recognizes how those demands will impact spectrum allocations. The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus represents 103 municipalities with a population of close to one million people. The majority of the population of Eastern Ontario reside in areas deemed rural. Connectivity to all of our residents, but especially those in rural areas is vital to their existence. Ensuring that rural residents are not disadvantaged by the distribution of spectrum in the future is paramount.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Boards would like to extend our appreciation to your ministry for the opportunity to respond to the consultation. Please contact EORN CEO, David Fell - [dfell@eorn.ca](mailto:dfell@eorn.ca) if you require clarification or additional information pertaining to this submission.

Sincerely,

Robin Jones, Chair  
EOWC Board of Directors

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