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### Town of Ingersoll Presents Strategic Priorities at 2026 ROMA Conference

**INGERSOLL, ON (January 19, 2026)** — Town leaders met with provincial officials at the 2026 ROMA [Rural Ontario Municipal Association] Conference in Toronto this week. The goal was to discuss Ingersoll's future and secure support for local projects.

#### Key Meetings and Goals:

- **Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**
  - The Town met with the Minister to discuss the GM CAMI Assembly plant.
  - The Town asked for help to build new roads and utilities to support job creation and housing growth, keeping economic stability.
- **Minister of Sport**
  - Leaders asked the Minister of Sport for funding to help build the Multi-Use Recreation Centre (MURC).
  - This building will be the heart of a new area that includes housing, a school, and a long-term care home.
- **Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance**
  - The Town spoke with the Ministry of Finance about local tax challenges.
  - Ingersoll leaders asked the province to update how auto plants are valued for taxes.
  - The Town requested fair shares of provincial grants, such as *Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)* and *Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)*, to keep the Town's finances stable.

#### Quotes

"Thank you to the provincial officials who met with the Town of Ingersoll at ROMA. These discussions help us match our local goals with provincial plans. It is a small but important step toward a better future for our community. We look forward to working together."

— Mayor Brian Petrie, Town of Ingersoll

## Photos



Town of Ingersoll delegation meets with Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. (Photo taken by CAO, Michael Graves. Left to right: Councillor Shannon Hutson, Mayor Brian Petrie, Minister Vic Fedeli, Deputy Mayor Lindsay Wilson, MPP Ernie Hardeman, Councillor Rick Eus)



Town of Ingersoll delegation meets with Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport.  
(Photo taken by CAO, Michael Graves. Left to right: Councillor Shannon Hutson, Deputy Mayor Lindsay Wilson, Mayor Brian Petrie, Minister Neil Lumsden, MPP Ernie Hardeman, Councillor Rick Eus)





Town of Ingersoll delegation meets with Michelle Cooper, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance. (Photo taken by CAO, Michael Graves. Left to right: Warden Marcus Ryan [Oxford County], MPP Ernie Hardeman, Michelle Cooper [PA to Minister of Finance], Mayor Brian Petre, Councillor Shannon Hutson, Deputy Mayor Lindsay Wilson, Councillor Rick Eus)

### **About ROMA**

ROMA takes pride in promoting, supporting, and enhancing strong and effective rural governments. About 270 of Ontario's 444 municipalities have populations of less than 10,000, while scores more are rural in character. The rural arm of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, ROMA advocates for policies and programs that will help build thriving rural Ontario communities.

### **About the Town of Ingersoll**

The Town of Ingersoll is a welcoming community in the heart of Oxford County, conveniently located on Highway 401. With a rich local history and a strong sense of community, Ingersoll continues to grow while preserving its small-town charm. The Town is committed to service excellence and sustainability, with forward-thinking initiatives that support both residents and businesses. Ingersoll is where heritage, opportunity, and

community come together. To learn more about the Town of Ingersoll, please visit [www.ingersoll.ca](http://www.ingersoll.ca).

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