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Date: July 3, 2026

To: Mayor Olivia Chow, Chair and Executive Committee

Re: Good Roads Board of Directors Meeting, Chatham-Kent, June 11 – June 12, 2026

Recommendation:

1. Toronto City Council receive the Good Roads Board of Directors Meetings June 11 – June 12, 2026, update for information.

Background

I am pleased to provide Council with an update regarding the Good Roads Board of Directors meeting held in Chatham-Kent, Ontario, from June 11–12, 2026. The meeting brought together municipal elected officials, senior staff, and Good Roads leadership from across Ontario to advance the association's advocacy, governance, education, and research priorities.

The Chatham-Kent meeting included meetings of the Executive Committee and several standing committees, including the Public Affairs Committee, Education and Training Committee, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and Research and Product Development Committee. These discussions focused on strengthening Good Roads' support for Ontario municipalities through advocacy, professional development, research initiatives, and organizational leadership.

A component of the meetings was the opportunity to engage directly with local infrastructure, transportation, and community assets within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Directors participated in technical and cultural tours. These visits provided valuable perspectives on rural economic development, agricultural transportation needs, community history, and the importance of transportation networks in supporting local economies throughout Ontario.

During the Board of Directors meeting on June 12, members reviewed current organizational priorities and discussed opportunities to continue strengthening municipal transportation infrastructure across the province. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to supporting municipalities through research, advocacy, training, and the sharing of best practices that improve the safety, sustainability, and efficiency of local transportation systems.

As President of Good Roads, I continue to advocate for policies and investments that support municipalities of all sizes while ensuring Toronto remains connected to emerging best practices in transportation planning, asset management, road safety, and infrastructure delivery. Participation in Good Roads provides Toronto with valuable opportunities to collaborate with municipal partners throughout Ontario and to contribute to province-wide discussions on transportation and infrastructure priorities.

I look forward to sharing future updates with Council as Good Roads continues its work on behalf of Ontario municipalities.

The 2027 Good Roads Conference will be held on April 4-7 [Conference - Good Roads](#).

Sincerely,

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