A message from the Executive Director:

As we approach the conclusion of another transformative year, it is both an honour and a privilege to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your commitment to advancing the prosperity of our region, while honouring our traditions and historical support of one another as neighbouring communities. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and reinforced our shared dedication to creating positive change in our communities.

In the spirit of collaboration, our collective efforts have yielded significant achievements that have positively impacted the region. Whether it be advocacy, community engagement, or innovative economic initiatives, your contributions have been instrumental in shaping a more inclusive, sustainable and solid future.

This year presented its fair share of challenges, from issues related to unprecedented growth to unforeseen global events. However, through resilience and commitment to the region, we have responded as a strong collective voice with an action plan for the future. Your commitment to overcoming obstacles underscores the depth of our shared commitment to your county and the decadelong commitment each of you has made.

Our work is not just about addressing the issues at hand but about empowering lasting change that is targeted and specific to our regional needs. Together, we have supported communities, facilitated dialogue, and championed policies that resonate with the values that are important to the success of this five-county region. As we reflect on the past year, it is important to take pride in the positive impact we have had on the lives of those we serve.

As we look towards the new year, let's carry forward the lessons learned and the achievements made. Our shared vision for a prosperous and forward-thinking region remains at the heart of all we do. In the coming year, let us renew our commitment to collaboration, innovation, and advocacy, knowing that our collective efforts can bring about enduring positive change.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of SCOR EDC; whether that is our board of directors, member county councils, or staff. Your dedication, expertise, and passion are the driving forces behind our success. The work we undertake is challenging and complex and often includes long time-line horizons that are difficult to support when immediate needs are at the forefront of everyone's mind, I am confident that we will continue to make significant strides in contributing to a bright future for our region. I once heard someone say; that you will never know the success of celebrating milestones if you can't make it through the minutes. That is very apropos for this organization; SCOR EDC has not only weathered change but anticipated, and often led change with an eye for the future and a commitment to the region.

In closing, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season and a rejuvenating break. May the coming year be filled with new opportunities, shared victories, and the fulfillment of our collective vision.

Thank you for your commitment and continued partnership.

Best,

Kimberly Earls,

Executive Director

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SAVE THE DATE

SCOR EDC AGM: February 29th, 2024



Save the date and hear from keynote speaker Kate Graham at the AGM.

Things to Watch

OMAFRA will be hosting a Community Economic Development (CED) 101 training on January 10th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about economic development or refresh your current knowledge. More details can be found here.

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