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Warden Jim Ginn elected Chair of Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC)

INGERSOLL, ON - County of Huron Warden Jim Ginn has been acclaimed as Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) during the organization's Annual General meeting in Ingersoll, Ontario on January 31, 2020.

"I am honoured to have been placed in the position of Chair of the Caucus, to represent Southwestern Ontario, and I look forward to helping drive our collective goals forward," said Warden Ginn. "We have seen significant success over the last year and a half in relation to advocating on behalf of the region and specifically with the SWIFT broadband project. We thank the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Steve Clark and Minister of Agriculture, Ernie Hardeman, for attending the meeting today, engaging in good conversation with us, and demonstrating how they value our perspective. Co-operation among all levels of government in the form of funding and partnership opportunities will continue to foster the future success of Southwestern Ontario."

Prior to appointment as Chair, Warden Ginn served on the Caucus in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 representing Huron County. As WOWC Chair Warden Ginn also sits on the AMO Board, County Caucus; and he continues to serve as Mayor of Central Huron, as he has done since 2010.

Also appointed at the AGM as WOWC officers were: Darren White, Warden of Dufferin County to the office of Vice Chair; Sonya Pritchard, CAO of Dufferin County as Treasurer; and Meighan Wark, CAO of Huron County as Secretary.

In addition, Mayor George Bridge, Minto Township, was re-appointed as Chair, WOWC Economic Development Sub-Committee; with committee membership to include the following Wardens/Mayors: Mitch Twolan, Bruce; Darrin White, Dufferin; George Cornell, Simcoe; Walter McKenzie, Perth; Jim Ginn, Huron; and Kristal Chopp, Norfolk, with WOWC member CAOs and Economic Development specialist staff.

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario with more than three million residents. Its purpose is to enhance the prosperity and overall wellbeing of rural and small urban communities across the region. For more information, visit wowc.ca.

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