

DOLLARS & SENSE:



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Managing Municipal Affordability



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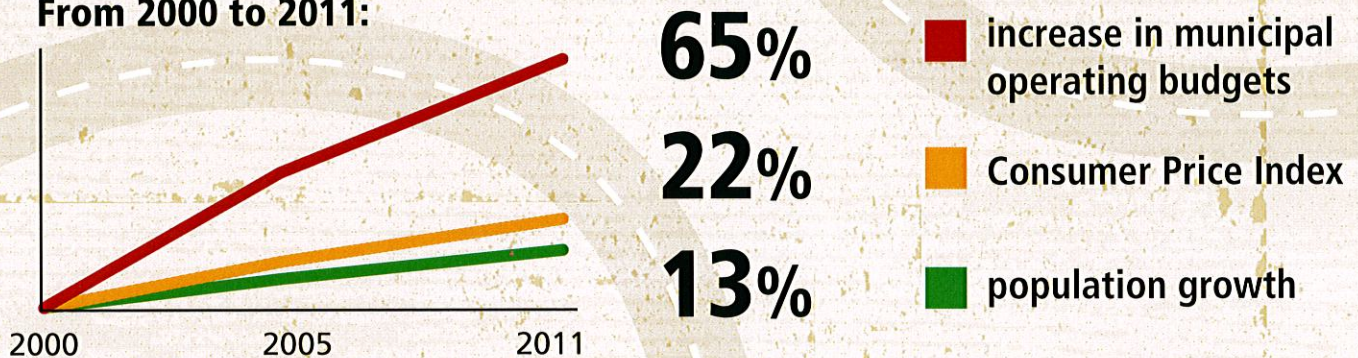
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Long-term partnerships and strategies

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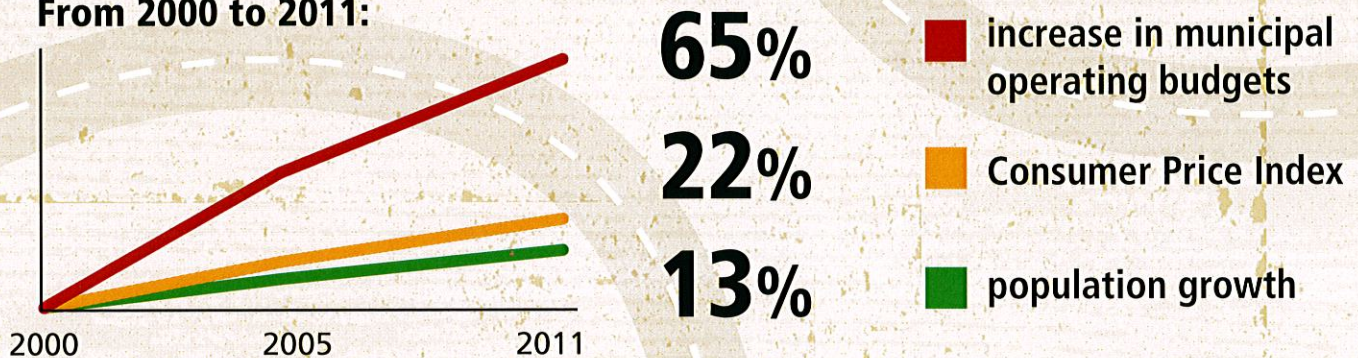
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THE ROAD TO RENEWAL:

Infrastructure Investment is Key to Rural Eastern Ontario's Prosperity



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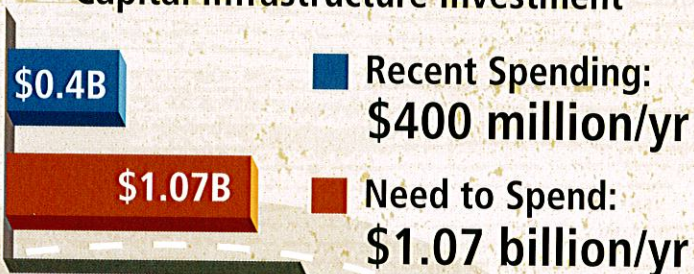
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- Capital Assets Managed: **\$8.7 billion**
- \$4 billion invested in last decade – still not enough
- Costs can't be met by communities alone

EOWC municipalities are spending less than half of what they need on infrastructure

Capital Infrastructure Investment



93%



Spending on roads and bridges increased 93% from 2000 to 2011 – still not enough

EOWC municipalities have few means to bridge the gap



Limited property tax base



Reserves would be spent in 1 year



Approaching debt ceiling



Total Debt Capacity

\$1.14 billion

– would not cover one year of needed spending

■ \$556 million existing debt

■ ~\$575 million remaining

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- The EOWC is developing a regional economic development strategy
- The EOWC is forming a task force to find ways to contain infrastructure costs
- Permanent, targeted funding is needed to maintain infrastructure