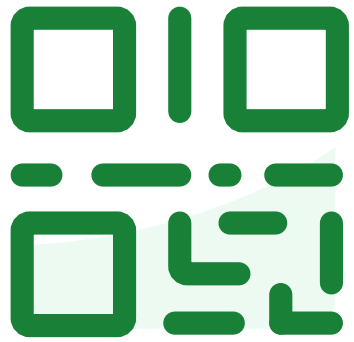


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Municipal Finance and Economic Development

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# AMO Municipal Finance and Economic Development Priorities

**AMO has been advocating for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review that examines provincial and municipal revenues, costs and financial risks, and infrastructure needs.**

- The provincial-municipal fiscal relationship is broken. Municipalities are struggling to deliver essential services and infrastructure that Ontarians rely on.
- As part of this review, municipalities firm provincial commitments in the following areas:
  - Long-term, predictable and substantial infrastructure funding
  - Reducing municipal property tax subsidies to health and social services that are funded by provincial governments everywhere else in Canada
  - Fixing broken provincial systems to address homelessness

**Recognizing the need to explore different ways of funding and financing infrastructure in the face of historic growth, without putting everything on the property tax base.**

- To minimize the risk of more DC cuts, AMO partnered with the Ontario Home Builders Association to jointly recommend development charge (DC) framework modernization. These changes would make DCs more consistent and transparent.

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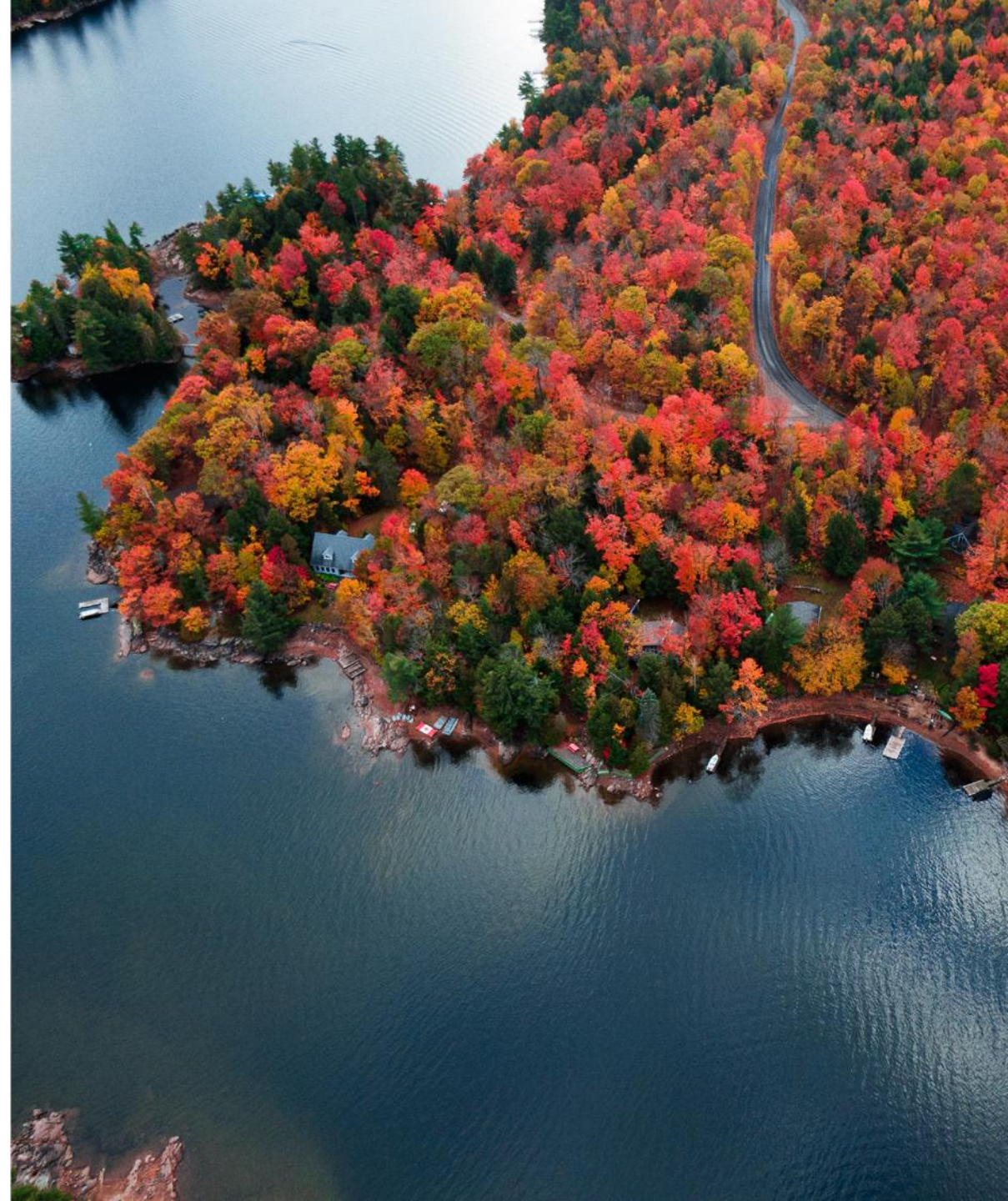
- It has been nearly a decade since the last Ontario property tax assessment. A well-functioning, predictable and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes Ontario an attractive place to invest.

**Ontario municipalities have important tools to support provincial and federal responses to ongoing trade and tariff uncertainty:**

- Municipal purchasing power can be leveraged to support Canadian firms
- Investing in local communities is a safe bet to mitigate short-term economic risks and support long-term productivity.
- We need to keep in-flight infrastructure projects on track despite a projected \$1B in cost escalation over the next two years, accelerate planned infrastructure projects, and invest in social housing construction.

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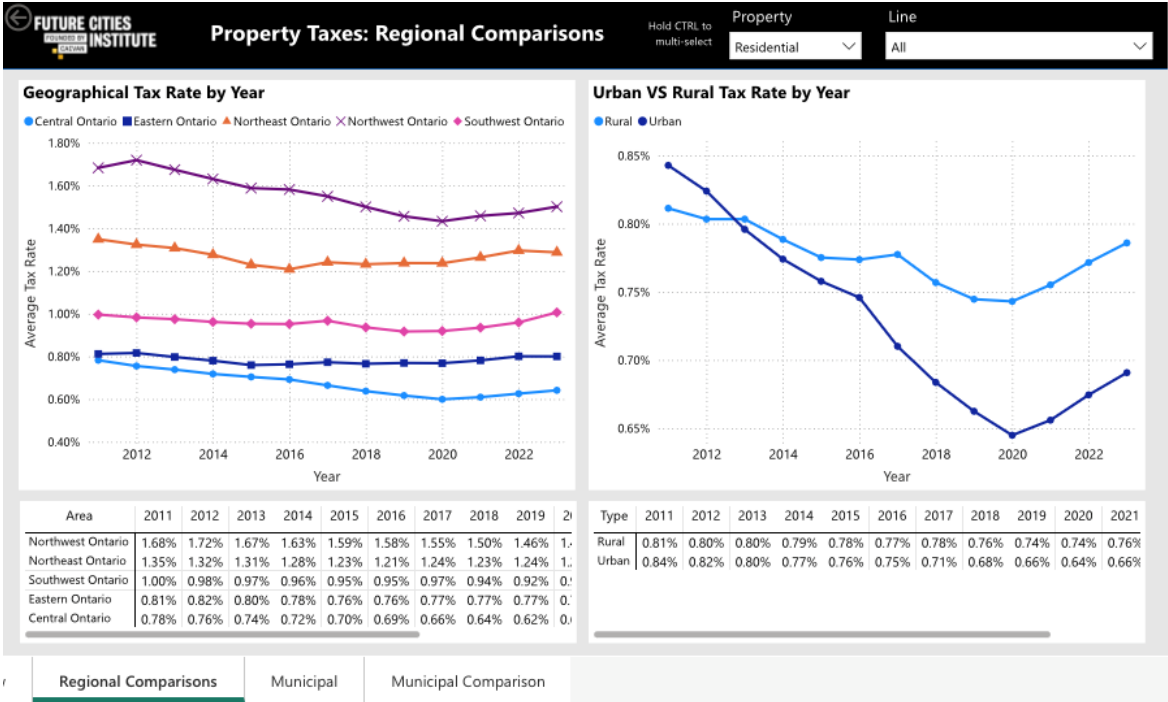


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