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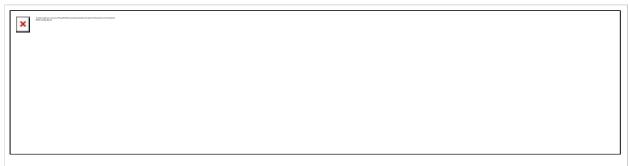
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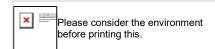
Highlights from ROMA's December Board meeting

The last ROMA Board meeting of the year is also the last session before the 2022 annual conference. Here's a wrap up of what's happening:

- ROMA is developing an economic strategy for rural Ontario, called *Rural Opportunities in a Post-COVID World*. The ROMA Board had extensive discussion on to leverage opportunities and overcome challenges to ensure rural Ontario thrives and contributes to the province's overall prosperity.
- The paper will launch at the virtual <u>2022 ROMA Conference</u>, January 24-25, 2022 and it will shape ROMA's priorities heading into the provincial election. With the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and provincial party leaders on the agenda, this event is not to be missed.
- The Board will also be holding Zone meetings to inform members on the key elements of the *Rural Opportunities* paper, and how it can inform your work.
- The main "stage" will also feature climate change and Indigenous relations.
 Concurrents run the gamut from health and housing to connectivity and community wellbeing. Two Ministers' Forums and the Michael Smithers
 Question Box Panel will also be held.
- The deadline for <u>submitting questions for the Ministers' Forums</u> is Friday, January 14 at noon.
- Register for the Conference today!

Learn more from ROMA Chair: https://youtu.be/W1SoII0w7hk

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