

## Dr. Lorraine Godden and Dr. Sandy Youmans Supporting the Work of the Eastern Ontario Partnership for Adult Education



In 2014, following an extensive province-wide consultation process, the Ontario Ministry of Education released a document titled: *Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario*. As part of the response to the consultation and to the renewed goals, the Ontario Ministry of Education established an Adult Education Strategy that provided designated funding so that regions would establish a collaborative adult education network, conduct an environmental scan and develop a multi-year strategic plan. In eastern region, the Eastern Ontario Staff Development Network (EOSDN) manages and coordinates this work on behalf of the nine English language District School Boards.

The Eastern Regional Partnership for Adult Education (ERPAE), formed in June 2016, hired Frank Hummell as Coordinator for the project in October 2016, and through EOSDN, contracted with Dr. Lorraine Godden and Dr. Sandy Youmans to work with the Coordinator to conduct an environmental scan of current adult and continuing education programs offered by each Board in the region and to help create a multi-year Strategic Plan for adult education in the region.

Pictured above are: Eleanor Newman, Executive Director of EOSDN and Frank Hummell, Coordinator, ERPAE, with Dr. Lorraine Godden and Dr. Sandy Youmans. Dr. Godden is holding a copy of the 88-page report: An Environmental Scan of Adult and Continuing Education in the Eastern Ontario Region and Dr. Youmans is holding a poster that describes the 2017-2019 Eastern Region Adult Education Strategic Plan. The report and the full Strategic Plan can be found at:

[www.eosdn.on.ca/initatives/adult-education-strategy](http://www.eosdn.on.ca/initatives/adult-education-strategy)

In 2017-19, the ERPAE will be implementing the strategic plan which includes opportunities for continued learning by adult education staff and implementation of effective approaches related to student support and flexible programming.