



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
MINUTES  
Friday, April 16, 2010  
9:00 a.m.  
County of Lennox and Addington Court House  
Napanee, Ontario**

In attendance:

County	EOWC CURRENT MEMBERS	STAFF
County of Haliburton	Chair Dave Burton - Warden	Secretary-Treasurer Jim Wilson - CAO Tamara Wilbee – County Clerk
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Vice Chair Bill Thake – Warden	Steve Silver - CAO
County of Frontenac	Gary Davison- Warden	Elizabeth Savill - CAO
County of Hastings	Jo-Anne Albert - Warden	Jim Pine-CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee- Mayor	Jane Reynolds - CAO
County of Lanark	John Fenik- Warden	Peter Wagland - CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Bill Thake-Warden	Steven Silver-CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Henry Hogg - Warden	Larry Keech-CAO
County of Northumberland	Peter Delanty - Warden	Bill Pyatt-CAO
County of Peterborough	J. Murray Jones – Warden	Gary King – CAO
County of Renfrew	Donald Rathwell – Warden	Norm Lemke – CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Conrad Lamadeleine- Warden	Stéphane P. Parisien – CAO
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan- Mayor	Dick Shannon-CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Bryan McGillis-Warden	Michael Waddell-CAO
Other guests:		EORN: Lisa Severson, David Fell Jim Vanden Hoek, AMO County Caucus Chair Scott Vokey, AMO/LAS

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome**

Chair Burton noted his appreciation to the County of Lennox and Addington - particularly Larry Keech and Wendy Hill, for making all the arrangements. He advised members that Mahmood Nanji, Assistant Deputy Minister from Ministry of Economic Development and Trade would be rescheduled to attend the June meeting in Renfrew along with Deputy Minister Wendy Tilford.

Chair Burton also welcomed Jim Vanden Hoek, Chair of the AMO County Caucus and Scott Vokey Energy Services Coordinator from the Local Authority Services, a subsidiary of AMO.

Chair Burton reviewed the process for bringing issues forward to the Caucus for discussion and resolution. He asked that the protocol adopted last year that would see any new issues vetted through the CAOs planning group prior to any decisions being made at the political level be followed. He also encouraged members to speak up if they need more information or time to make a good decision. He cautioned that there will be occasions where time is of the essence and exceptions will have to be entertained.

**2. Additions to and Approval of the Agenda**

Chair Burton asked if there were any additions to the agenda. It was noted that Bill Pyatt distributed documentation regarding the 2010 Economic Summit. It was also noted that Jim Vanden Hoek would be added to the agenda to provide an AMO update.

**Moved by: Warden Gary Davison**  
**Seconded by: Warden Peter Delanty**

**Be it resolved that the agenda for the April 16, 2010 Session of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be adopted as amended.**

**Carried.**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by: Warden Bill Thake**  
**Seconded by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert**

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the February 21, 2010 Open and Closed Sessions of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be adopted as presented.**

**Carried.**

**4. Delegation:**

LAS/AMO: Scott Vokey, Energy Services Coordinator

Scott Vokey provided a presentation regarding Fees in Tariff, electricity rates and overall industrial competitiveness. It was noted that the Caucus members would be interested in learning more with respect to green energy initiatives at a future meeting.

**5. Delegation:**

Algonquin Land Claim: Norm Lemke, Co-Chair – Land Claim Negotiation Update

Norm Lemke provided a brief overview of the twenty year process to reach the current state of negotiations. It was noted that taxation and services are the key issues from a municipal perspective. It is hoped that an agreement in principle will be reached by next March. Mr. Lemke offered to attend EOWC as requested to keep the members apprised of the status of negotiations.

**6. MMAH Update**

Stephen Seller provided an update from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It was noted that the Ontario East Municipal Conference is scheduled to take place from the September 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and the agenda is now available online at [www.oemc.ca](http://www.oemc.ca).

Other items of general interest included a reminder regarding availability of MMAH staff to support local municipalities undertaking initiatives during Local Government Week which takes place in October annually; it was noted that MPP Caplan's Private Members Bill died and is back under Bill 13 and has received first reading; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has created a standing committee on increasing women's participation in local government and that POA fines can now be added to the tax roll under mutual agreement between the POA Court and the municipality.

A Best Practices Guide for Infrastructure project management was sent out last week to project applicants and is hosted on the Infrastructure Ontario Website.

Warren Sleeth spoke regarding the new community development initiative wherein there are 23 ministries coordinating at a policy level with the lead coming from MMAH, OMAFRA, MEDT and MNDF. There are five regional technical economic development teams established throughout the Province with eastern Ontario representing one of the teams. They will be developing a tool box to reach out to municipalities, communities, business, etc. which will include a single document with funding program contacts, geographic coverage, best practices, etc.

**8. EOWC Website Update**

Steve Silver provided a summary of his circulated report regarding the EOWC website.

**Moved by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert**

**Seconded by: Warden J. Murray Jones**

**Be it resolved that EOWC Inc. Approves the updating of the EOWC website using the ESolutions Group by converting the site to 'icreate software' which will include a search module and secure administrative section for an approximate cost of \$5,500, such costs to be expended from the EOWC Reserve Fund.**

**Carried.**

**10. Economic Summit Update**

Bill Pyatt distributed a report regarding the Economic Summit. He noted that the primary objective of the summit is to quantify the potential of eastern Ontario. It is hoped that the EOWC can target and engage approximately 150 business and industry representatives

in all sectors of the economy and about 50 from the political and bureaucratic level as well as senior leaders from various ministries. The Summit is scheduled to take place commencing with dinner on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kingston Ambassador Hotel.

It was felt that the Caucus should lead the organization of the event and the 15 CFDCs will partner with cash support with an estimated net cost of approximately \$45,000. Sessions will be facilitated by sector and a pre-event survey is being conducted to better focus the objectives of the summit.

It was recommended that an advisory committee be created post summit to immediately begin to implement any initiatives.

**Moved by: Warden Henry Hogg**  
**Seconded by: Warden Gary Davison**

**Be it resolved that EOWC Inc. approves the proposal to proceed with the planning of the Economic Summit in June 2010, as outlined in the CAO's report dated April 16, 2010.**

**Carried.**

**11. Meeting with FedDev Ontario**

Bill Pyatt reported that there was no new information at this time due to the focus on the development of the Economic Summit.

**12. EORN Update**

Chair Burton asked Jim Pine and the rest of the Broadband Project Team to speak to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network project.

**Moved by: Warden Peter Delanty**  
**Seconded by: Warden J. Murray Jones**

**Be it resolved that the EOWC Inc. Enter into Closed Session to discuss EORN issues subject to client solicitor privilege.**

**Carried.**

The Closed Session adjourned and resumed open session to pass the following resolution with regard to potential participation of the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus on the EORN Board.

**Moved by: Mayor Leo Finnegan**  
**Seconded by: Warden J. Murray Jones**

**Be it resolved that EOWC Inc. supports the addition of a representative of the Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus to the EORN Board conditional on the participation of all separated municipalities within eastern Ontario.**

**Carried.**

**13. Potential Abandonment of CP Rail Line through eastern Ontario**

Norm Lemke provided a summary of the report he circulated regarding the CP Rail Line abandonment. It was announced in late 2009, that the Rail Line between Smith Falls to North Bay would be abandoned by CP Rail.

**Moved by: Warden John Fenik**  
**Seconded by: Warden Henry Hogg**

**Be it resolved that EOWC Inc. Supports the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew in asking the federal and provincial governments to commit to funding a program that will permit the economic viability of short line railways, thereby maintaining valuable railway transportation infrastructure corridors.**

**Carried.**

**14. Conversion of Land Mobile Radio Systems**

Steve Silver reported that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville are spearheading an effort to raise awareness of this issue with the provincial government.

**Moved by: Warden Bill Thake**  
**Seconded by: Warden Gary Davison**

**That the EOWC Inc. Supports the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville in calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide funding assistance to municipalities to assist them to improve their Fire Communications Systems for the benefit and safety of their citizens.**

**Carried.**

**15. Promotion of the Federal Gas Tax Fund**

Jim Wilson circulated a report regarding the Federal Gas Tax Fund promotion and provided a summary of initiatives that can be undertaken to promote successful municipal projects that have resulted due to the Gas Tax.

**16. Application for Funding of Regional Data Set Update**

Jim Wilson reported that the potential for funding would be investigated further and a report would be forthcoming to the June meeting with regard to the update.

**17. Growth Plan Update**

Gary King reported that they met last year with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. He noted that there is a need to update the power point presentation to illustrate new transfer amounts, etc which requires information from the updated regional data set.

**18. AMO Conference/Joint Meeting Update**

It was agreed that there was an interest in coordinating a joint meeting with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus at the AMO Conference.

**19. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was provided to the EOWC:

From: **County of Frontenac to Minister of Health and Long Term Care**  
Re: Bill 140

To: **Ministry of Health and Long Term Care**  
Re: EOWC Delegation at OGRA/ROMA Conference

To: **Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**  
Re: Attendance at EOWC Presentation

To: **Ministry of Finance**  
Re: Attendance at EOWC Presentation

To: **Minister of Natural Resources**  
Re: Attendance at EOWC Presentation

To: **Leader of the Official Opposition**  
Re: Delegation Meeting at OGRA/ROMA Conference

To: **Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs**  
Re: Attendance at EOWC Presentation

To: **Minister of the Environment and Minister of Energy and Infrastructure**  
Re: Private Member's Public Bill 237 – Sustainable Water and Waste Water Systems Improvement and Maintenance Act, 2009

To: **Ministry of Health Promotion**  
Re: Attendance at EOWC Presentation

To: **Minister of the Environment**  
Re: City of Kawartha Lakes Oil Spill at 93 Hazel Street, Thurstonia

From: **Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs**  
Re: Deadstock

From: **Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to Provincial Minister of Energy and Infrastructure**  
Re: Approval of EORN broadband project Build Canada funding

From: **Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs**  
Re: EOWC Delegation at ROMA/OGRA

Moved by: **Warden Henry Hogg**  
Seconded by: **Warden Bill Thake**

**Be it resolved that the correspondence presented to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be received and filed.**

**Carried.**

**20. Confirmatory By-Law # 10-04**

**Moved by: Mayor Ric McGee**  
**Seconded by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert**

**The Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts as follows:**

**THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010 in respect to each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.**

**THAT the Chair and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary in that behalf and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.**

**Carried.**

**21. Adjournment**

**Moved by: Warden Conrad Lamadeleine**  
**Seconded by: Warden J. Murray Jones**

**Be it resolved that the April 16, 2010 Session of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be adjourned.**

**Carried.**

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**Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton,  
Chair**

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**Haliburton County CAO Jim Wilson,  
Secretary-Treasurer**