



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Minutes – April 23rd, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m.
59 Court Street, L'Orignal

In attendance:

UPPER TIER	HEAD OF COUNCIL	STAFF
County of Frontenac	Jim Vanden Hoek Frontenac Islands	Elizabeth Fulton, CAO
County of Haliburton	William Davis Dysart et al	
County of Hastings		Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes		
County of Lanark	Gary Doyle Montague	Peter Wagland, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Herb Scott Athens	Stephen Fournier, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Clayton McEwen Loyalist	
County of Northumberland	Rick Austin Port Hope	Bill Pyatt, CAO
County of Peterborough	David Nelson Otonabee-South Monaghan	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Jacques Héту Hawkesbury	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward		
County of Renfrew	Bob Sweet Petawawa	Norm Lemke, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Dennis Fife North Stormont	
Ministry of Municipal Affairs		Ross Fair, Regional Director Warren Sleeth, Manager Local Government

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jacques Héту at 9:25 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jacques Héту welcomed all Wardens, CAOs and guests.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as amended

ADDITIONS under New Business, agenda item number 14.

- Proposal for a Comprehensive Study of the Feasibility of a Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (Jacques Héту)
- Resolution from United Counties of S.D.&G. re: Weed Control Act (Dennis Fife)
- Speaking Notes Leading to elections (Liz Fulton)
- Union Gas Presentation (Jim Pine)

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden Rick Austin

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Acceptance of Minutes from EOWC Meetings in Frontenac and Toronto

4.1 By consensus, the minutes of February 6th, 2004 were accepted as presented.

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden Dennis Fife

CARRIED

4.2 By consensus, the minutes of February 22nd, 2004 were accepted as amended:

Moved by Warden Jim Vanden Hoek

Seconded by Warden Gary Doyle

OMEIFA Resolution

The resolution should have read as follows:

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the County of Lennox & Addington's letter to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Greg Sorbara, to expand the eligibility for OMEIFA Loans to include municipal borrowing for **existing and** new long-term care facilities.

CARRIED

ACTION: EOWC Secretary will make required corrections and will forward copies to appropriate addressees.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Resolution from WOWC March 22, 2004 re: EMS Funding

Moved by Warden David Nelson
Seconded by Warden Clayton McEwen

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receive the WOWCs' resolution and that a letter be sent to the Premier from the Chair to indicate the Province should fund 50% of all costs for land ambulance services, including wages, inter-facility transfers, and cross border conveyances through one single funding formula based upon a response time standard (e.g. 1996 percentile).

CARRIED

ACTION: EOWC Secretary to draft letter for Chair's signature.

5.2 Resolution from Lanark County March 25, 2004 re: Facilities Transforming Sap Into Maple Syrup be Included in Farm Property Class

Moved by Warden Gary Doyle
Seconded by Warden William (Bill) Davis

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Corporation of the County of Lanark's resolution supporting legislation to ensure that property and facilities in the transforming of sap into pure maple syrup continues to be included in the farm property class.

CARRIED

5.3 Letter From Paul Macklin's Office March 26, 2004 re: Federal-Municipal Meeting

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden Rick Austin

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receives the correspondence from Paul Macklin and that a letter of thanks from the Chair be sent to Mr. Macklin's office.

CARRIED

5.4 Resolution from the Township of Melancthon April 1, 2004 re: Downloading and Funding

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden David Nelson

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receives the resolution from the township of Melancthon that a letter of from the Chair be sent to advise EOWC is addressing this issue through other spheres

CARRIED

5.5 Letter from Ernie Parsons April 5, 2004 re: ROMA/OGRA Delegation Meeting

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden Herb Scott

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receives the letter from Ernie Parson's office.

CARRIED

5.6 Letter from South Nation Conservation (SNC) Authority's General Manager April 14, 2004 re: Nutrient Management Act

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden William (Bill) Davis

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receives the correspondence from SNC and that the general Manager be invited to attend the CAOs planning meeting on May 28th, 2004 to discuss this issue further.

CARRIED

6. Cities Seeking Merger with EOWC/Update M.U.N.D. Meeting April 7th, 2004

The Chair provides an update regarding the Municipalities United for a New Deal (MUND) meeting held April 7th and welcomes comments from caucus members. The members agree that sharing of information and documentation is important but that the issues facing Upper Tier and Single Tier Counties differ from Cities. CAOs express there be a working relationship between the Caucus and MUND and that city CAOs model the advocacy role and methods demonstrated by EOWC CAOs.

EOWC felt that the group needed to keep focused on issues relating to Rural Eastern Ontario.

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen

Seconded by Warden Rick Austin

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Chair send a letter to Mayor Harvey Rosen to thank him for the invitation of April 7th, 2004 and propose MUND model EOWC advocacy role and efforts.

CARRIED

7. Update EOWC/CFDC Meeting in Kingston re: Joint Proposal to Federal Government

Gary King provides an update on the joint EOWC/CFDC meeting held in Kingston on April 6th, 2004 and circulates the propositions provided by CFDCs analyzing both EOWC and CFDCs propositions.

The one day negotiations resulted in the formation of an Eastern Ontario Economic council (EOEC) comprised of 19 members, 10 from CFDCS and 9 from EOWC.

EOWC members thanked CAOs for their efforts.

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden Gary Doyle

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receive Gary King's report.

CARRIED

8. Septage and Sludge

Warden Sweet provides data form Renfrew County on this topic and wants to establish the Caucus' willingness to adopt septage and sludge as part of the Caucus' mandate.

Norm Lemke clarifies that Ottawa may soon close the door on the present arrangement whereby Municipalities haul Septage for treatment.

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden William (Bill) Davis

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receive Warden Sweet's report on Septage and Sludge and that EOWC adopt this issue under the Caucus' present mandate and that the CAOs prepare an Issue and recommendations paper.

ACTION: Norm Lemke to prepare draft Issue and recommendation paper for the next EWOC meeting.

CARRIED

9. CRF Reconciliation

Norm Lemke recommends the Caucus petition the Provincial Government to clarify their intentions on the CRF reconciliation process.

Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden Bob Sweet

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus petition the Provincial government to clarify their intentions on the CRF reconciliation and to carry out CRF reconciliation for the years 2003 and 2004.

CARRIED

10. Public Infrastructure Renewal Stakeholder Outreach

Gary King advises there will be consultation sessions with the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal and that a member of EOWC should be in attendance.

**Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden David Nelson**

THAT the Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus or his alternate attend the upcoming Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal consultation session and that a copy of the OMEIFA Resolution be submitted to Ministry officials on that day.

CARRIED

11. Bill 170

This item was referred to the CAOs at their upcoming May 28th, 2004 planning meeting for further discussion and action.

ACTION: Secretary to add Bill 170 as an agenda item for CAOs Planning Meeting on May 28th, 2004.

12. Future Directions - Next Steps

- a) **Forum with Eastern Ontario MPPs**
- b) **Update of Data and Issues**
- c) **Communications Strategy**

These agenda items were referred to the CAOs Planning Meeting to be held May 28th, 2004. The Future Directions 2004 Update will proceed accordingly.

13. 2004 Budgets

- a) **Status/Pressures**
- b) **Projected Increases and Rate Increases/Decreases**

This item was referred to the CAOs at an upcoming CAOs Planning Meeting for further discussion.

ACTION: EOWC Secretary to add as agenda item for CAOs Planning Meeting in the fall 2004.

14. New Business

14.1 Proposal for a Comprehensive Study of the Feasibility of a Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (Jacques Héту)

The proposal is circulated by the Chair for information purposes only.

14.2 Resolution from United Counties of S.D.& G. re: Weed Control Act (Dennis Fife)

**Moved by Warden Dennis Fife
Seconded by Warden Bob Sweet**

THAT the resolution from the United Counties of S.D. & G. be received by EOWC.

CARRIED

14.3 Speaking Notes Leading to Elections (Liz Fulton)

The agenda item is referred to the CAOs for discussion and action.

14.4 Union Gas Presentation (Jim Pine)

Jim Pine advises the Caucus that Union Gas would like to make a presentation to EOWC in the near future.

15. Next Meeting

CAOs Planning Meeting - Friday, April 23rd, 2004 (Prescott & Russell)

EOWC – Friday, June 25th, 2004 (Leeds and Grenville)

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

**Moved by Warden Rick Austin
Seconded by Warden (Bill) Davis**

CARRIED

Chair - Warden Jacques Héту
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Secretary/Treasurer
Stéphane P. Parisien