



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Minutes

**Sunday, August 24, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
AMO Conference – The Westin – Governor General 1
Ottawa, ON**

Present

COUNTY	WARDEN	CAO
County of Frontenac	Jim Vanden Hoek	Elizabeth Savill
County of Haliburton	Eleanor Harrison	Jim Wilson
County of Hastings	Ron Emond	Jim Pine
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee (Mayor)	Jane Lunn
County of Lanark	Bob Fletcher	Peter Wagland
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Jim Pickard Doug Struthers (Past Chair)	Steven Silver Lisa Severson
County of Lennox and Addington	Gordon Schermerhorn	Larry Keech
County of Northumberland	Christine Herrington	Bill Pyatt Dan Borowec
County of Peterborough	Ronald Gerow (Chair)	Gary King
United Counties of Prescott- Russell	Ken Hill (Vice-Chair)	Stephane Pa
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan (Mayor)	Dick Shannon
County of Renfrew	Janice Visneskie	Norm Lemke
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Estella Rose	Michael Waddell
Other guests:		Warren Sleeth, MMAH Mike Elms, MMAH Doug Reycraft, AMO Dr. Chan, Queens University Craig Desjardins, Queens University

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Gerow welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dr. Chan and from Queens University and Mr. Craig Desjardins from Prince Edward CFDC. Chair Gerow also acknowledged the staff of MMAH and welcomed them to the meeting.

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additional items were added to the agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda – August 24, 2008

Moved by: Mayor McGee
Seconded by: Warden Visneskie

That the EOWC agenda for August 24, 2008 be approved as circulated. Carried.

4. Approval of EOWC Minutes- June 20, 2008

Moved by: Warden Emond
Seconded by: Warden Schermerhorn

THAT the minutes of the June 20, 2008 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Delegation**Dr. Chan and Craig Desjardins, Queens University - Knowledge Impact on Society (KIS) Project and Discovery Workshops Presentation**

Dr. Chan and Mr. Desjardins made a PowerPoint presentation to the Wardens on the Knowledge Impact on Society (KIS) project and the Discovery Workshops. The EOWC provided letters of support to these endeavors in 2007. The KIS project team will work with various groups on economic development initiatives and are seeking from the EOWC a letter of support for the project as well as a representative to sit on the steering committee. Steering committee meetings will take place quarterly. Dr. Chan stated that the input and guidance from the EOWC would provide the KIS project with a clear focus and targets to initiate the program to its fullest potential.

Moved by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Warden Hill

THAT the EOWC provide the Knowledge Impact on Society Project with a letter of support for the program as well provide a representative from the EOWC to sit as a member of the KIS steering committee. Carried.

6. By-Laws

08-01 EOWC INC. Incorporation By-Law

Moved by: Warden Emond
Seconded by: Warden Schermerhorn

THAT the EOWC accept and adopt the EOWC Inc. Incorporation By-Law as presented. Carried.

7. EOWC INC. 2008 Budget

Move by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Mayor Finnegan

THAT the EOWC Inc. accepts the 2008 Budget as presented. Carried.

7.0.1 Approval of Agreement for Broadband Consultation

Moved by: Warden Emond
Seconded by: Mayor Magee

THAT EOWC Inc. authorize the execution of agreements for consulting services to advance Broadband implementation with:
Barry Crampton – retroactive to June 3rd, 2008
Jim Nubel – retroactive to June 3rd, 2008
Actionable Intelligence Inc. - retroactive to June 3rd, 2008
Carried.

7.0.2 Approval of Agreement with CFDC for EODP Funding

Moved by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Warden Emond

THAT EOWC Inc. authorize the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to execute and agreement between EOWC Inc. and EO CDFC Network Inc. retroactive to July 30, 2008, for receipt \$53,400, to be utilized for specific objectives in relation to Broadband implementation. Carried.

8. Chair's Update

8.0.1 Meeting of July 16th in Pembroke with Minister Cansfield – Crown Land

Warden Visneskie updated the EOWC members on the meeting held with Minister Cansfield on July 16, 2008. The EOWC's priority of Crown Land was discussed with the Minister who recognized and supports the issue recommended that this priority be brought to the attention of the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, for further consideration. Warden Visneskie requested that the issue of Crown Lands be brought forward at the all Ministers

Meeting at the AMO Conference. Mr. Lemke suggested that a flat rate of compensation set at \$5.00 per acre be used until as an interim amount until a formula can be developed by the province.

By a show of hands the EOWC agreed to bring the issue of Crown Lands forward at the All Ministers Meeting at the AMO Conference suggesting the interim amount of \$5.00 per acre be used until a formula can be developed by the province. Carried.

Minister Cansfield was supportive of Renfrew County's Footprint document and the meeting was successful.

8.0.2 AMO Update

Warden Vanden Hoek provided an update from the AMO Board meetings. AMO is considering a two year term for all members who sit on their Boards in an effort for continuity and consistency. The anticipated roll out date for this new initiative is 2010.

Mr. Reycraft provided an overview of activities taking place at AMO.

- Waste – there has been progress made on packaging waste and who is responsible for it. The Honourable John Gerretsen has been key in the progress made and should be recognized for his efforts in this area.
- The province has increased its funding for the blue box program.
- Fees for tires will now be charged at the time of purchase similar to what the LCBO has initiated with bottle recovery.

Mayor Finnegan raised the issue of used tires and how they can be incinerated and used in the cement making process. After a lengthy discussion, staff was directed to provide details on the current C of A for tire incineration and the status of the appeal currently taking place and report back to the group in October.

9. MMAH Update

Mr. Sleeth advised the EOWC that during the all Ministers Meeting that there will be a brief introduction period and discussion on the EOWC priorities will then commence. Mr. Sleeth commented that the OEMC Conference would take place September 10th through to 12th in Kingston with this year's theme being Team Work Making it Happen. Guest Speaker will be Michael "Pinball" Clemens.

10. CAO's Planning Meeting Update – July 11, 2008

10.0.1 Ministry of Transportation Presentation

Mr. Wagland provided a brief overview of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) presentation on surplus towers which took place on July 11, 2008. A map was provided to the EOWC showing all MTO towers in Ontario. MTO will be reviewing their disposal policy for surplus towers and consideration will be made

for any that could be utilized for Broadband. They were very helpful and willing to work the EOWC and other ministries to utilize any and all surplus MTO towers.

10.0.2 Conservation Authority Presentation

Mr. King provided an overview of the Conservation Authority presentation at the July 11, 2008 meeting. The Conservation Authorities represented were Quinte, Lower Trent and Otonabee. An update on source protection and their infrastructure needs was provided.

10.0.3 Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Presentation

Representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure met on July 11, 2008 with the CAO Planning Meeting to discuss the possibility of a Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario similar to that of Northern Ontario. The growth plan for Eastern Ontario would focus on economic development versus the GTA plan. It was noted that both rural and urban needs have to be considered in any growth plan which would include Ottawa. Urban inclusion and involvement is necessary if the plan is to be considered by the province. The CAOs will continue to gather information on the topic.

11. Broadband Initiative Update

Mr. Pine reported to the Wardens that a draft project technical design/report was submitted to the federal government on July 28, 2008. The amount for the project has changed from approximately \$30 million to approximately \$98 million. This will build a strong broadband network, the actual infrastructure as well as provide last mile service to the customer. The project has incorporated a ten year growth capability plan so as to ensure it is not outdated before it is complete. It is a solid and well thought out plan which the government is currently reviewing. If the funding is awarded there will be a need for the federal and provincial governments to work together to see it to completion. It was requested that clarification be made as to who would own the infrastructure the federal government or the municipalities. Mr. King will follow-up with federal staff on this item.

Mr. Wagland reported that mapping for the Broadband project was currently being worked on. EODP funding has been received which will be utilized for the consultants work on the Broadband project.

12. Future Directions – 2008

Mr. Wagland stated that the CAOs had received a draft copy of the Future Directions report and that it should be reviewed and any changes sent back to Howard Allen for final adjustment prior to the distribution of the report.

13. AMO Conference

13.0.1 AMO Delegations

Schedules of delegations were distributed.

13.0.2 Bear Pit

At this time it was determined that no formal Bear Pit questions would be developed. The Caucus agreed to wait until after the opening ceremony comments to see if there will be a need for Bear Pit questions.

14. New/Old Business

14.0.1 EOWC Member and Guest Event – K. Hill

Warden Hill brought forward the idea that the Inaugural Dinner be an occasion for past Wardens and incoming Wardens to invite their spouse/guest to meet and socialize. Warden Herrington and Warden Fletcher will work with Warden Hill and Ms. Severson on the planning aspect of this event and report back to the Caucus in October.

Move by: Mayor McGee
Seconded by: Warden Visneskie

THAT Wardens Fletcher, Herrington and Hill investigate an Inaugural Dinner which will include spouses/guests. Carried.

14.0.2 Transition of Wardens – OGRA/ROMA

Moved by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Warden Harrision

THAT the EOWC consider extending the transition period of outgoing Wardens to include the OGRA/Conference to allow for consistency and continuity for delegations, etc. at the conference. Carried.

15. Correspondence

15.0.1 Incoming Correspondence

15.0.1.1 From the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities (18-Aug-08)
Re: Federal Broadband Funding

15.0.1.2 Kerry Costello, Supervisor of Administrative and Planning Services/Clerk to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (06-Aug-08)
Re: Acceleration of BET Reduction Resolution

- 15.0.1.3** From Liette Simard, Team Leader, Ministerial Correspondence Division, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (23-Jul-08)
Re: Acknowledgement of Letter to Chuck Strahl
- 15.0.1.4** From the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (26-Jun-08)
Re: Response to EOWC Letter on ARB Towers
- 15.0.1.5** From Lois Giles, Director of Information Services/City Clerk, City of Guelph to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (25-Jun-08)
Re: Support of EOWC Resolution – EMS Second Radio

15.0.2 Outgoing Correspondence

- 15.0.2.1** From Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC to The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance (18-Jul-08)
Re: Accelerating BET Reductions
- 15.0.2.2** From Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC to the Mayors of Brockville, Cornwall, Gananoque, Kingston, Pembroke, Renfrew and Smiths Falls (18-Jul-08)
Re: Accelerating BET Reductions
- 15.0.2.3** From Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC to the Honourable Michael Bryant, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs (27-Jun-08)
Re: Invitation to EOWC Input – Duty to Consult – Consultation Guidelines

By a show hands the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence was received and filed.

16. Confirming By-Law

08-02 A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. at it Meeting held on August 24, 2008

Motion

Moved by: Warden Pickard
Seconded by: Warden Emond

THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the 24th day of August 2008 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.

17. Adjournment

**Moved by: Mayor Finnegan
Seconded by: Mayor MaGee**

THAT the EOWC meeting adjourns. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.