



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2009
Hastings County, 10:00 am**

In Attendance:

County	EOWC CURRENT MEMBERS AND INCOMING MEMBERS	STAFF
County of Frontenac	Janet Gutowski-Past Warden Gary Davison-Incoming Warden	Marian Van Bruinessen- Treasurer
County of Haliburton	Dave Burton-Warden	Jim Wilson-CAO
County of Hastings	Ron Emond-Chair Jo-Anne Albert - Warden	Jim Pine-CAO Cathy Monzon-Bradley (Support)
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee- Mayor	
County of Lanark	Paul Dulmage-Past Warden John Fenik- Warden	Peter Wagland-CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Mel Campbell-Past Warden Bill Thake-Warden	Steven Silver-CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Henry Hogg - Warden	Larry Keech-CAO
County of Northumberland	Linda Thompson-Past Warden	Bill Pyatt-CAO
County of Renfrew		Norm Lemke
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	M. Robert Kirby-Past Warden Conrad Lamadeleine- Warden	Stéphane P. Parisien
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan- Mayor	Dick Shannon-CAO
County of Renfrew	Donald Rathwell	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Chris McDonnell-Past Warden Bryan McGillis-Warden	Michael Waddell-CAO

Other guests:		EOWC Broadband Team Members: Sheraton Graham –County of Peterborough Lisa Severson, EORN, Laura Bradley, Consultant, David Fell-RFP Review Team Member Harold Van Winssen – Solicitor
Regrets:		
County of Renfrew	Donald Rathwell – Warden	
County of Lennox and Addington	Gord Schermerhorn – Past Warden	
County of Peterborough	J. Murray Jones-Warden	
County of Northumberland	Peter Delanty – Warden	
County of Frontenac	Liz Savill-CAO	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Jane Reynolds-CAO	

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Emond welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions of all in attendance were made.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda..

3. Approval of Agenda – December 17, 2009

Moved by: Mel Campbell
Seconded by: Janet Gutowski

THAT the agenda for the December 17, 2009 meeting be approved. Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Ron Gerow
Seconded by: Warden Burton

THAT the minutes from the October 18, 2009 meeting be approved as presented. Carried.

5. Regional Broadband Project

Moved by: Mayor Finnegan
Seconded by: Linda Thompson

THAT the EOWC move into Closed Session. Carried

The Caucus moved into Closed Session to discuss the RFP responses and evaluation results for the Satellite and Fibre Ring portions of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Project.

Moved by: Paul Dulmage
Seconded by: Chris McDonell

THAT the EOWC move out of Closed Session. Carried

Moved by: Mayor McGee
Seconded by: Mel Campbell

THAT staff move forward with direction provided during the Closed Session. Carried.

Jim Pine advised that next steps for the Broadband team would be to finalize and submit the Final report by January 8, 2010, which is required prior to the Contribution Agreement being signed. Once the Contribution agreement has been signed then contracts with the proponents can be signed and work will begin on the build. Mr. Pine also advised that the mapping work to identify gaps is underway and that during the 3rd quarter of 2010 the RFP for the Access portion of the project will be released with an expected final completion date for the project to be 2013. The members were advised that if the municipality is approached by MTO regarding abandoned towers that effort to obtain ownership of them would be appreciated by the EORN group as they do not require an Environmental Assessment. Jim also advised that contact with separated cities continues with upcoming meeting with the City of Brockville and the City of Kingston being scheduled. Jim briefed the group on the ongoing work of the EORN team around the Duty of Consult with First Nations. Jim explained the significant amount of work required advising that it is both a Federal and Provincial Government requirement.

6. Inaugural Meeting 2010

Paul Dulmage advised that Randy Hillier, MPP has asked to address the EOWC membership at the Inaugural meeting being held on January 15, 2010. It was agreed that Friday's session will be a sharing of priorities by Mr. Norlock, MP and Mr. Rinaldi, MPP as previously arranged and planned, as well as, the EOWC sharing the 2010 priorities with those in attendance. Chair Emond will respond to the request.

Moved by: Paul Dulmage
Seconded by: Linda Thompson

THAT the Inaugural meeting on Friday January 15th be a sharing of priorities and that individual addresses to the EOWC not be received. Carried.

7. New Business

Mel Campbell and Chris McDonnell advised the group of an issue around the collection and disposal of dead livestock. Collection of deadstock by a collector is recognized as the most effective disposal method but deadstock collectors are struggling to remain viable due to BSE in cattle and other requirements which increase the cost of disposal. Dead animal burial is a legal practice but is not risk free and can affect the groundwater and surface water if they are improperly sited and poorly managed.

Moved by: Mel Campbell
Seconded by: Janet Gutowski

THAT the EOWC write a letter to the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs asking for support of a continued deadstock collection system in Eastern Ontario. Carried.

8. Correspondence

9.1 Incoming Correspondence

Moved by: Mayor McGee
Seconded by: Warden Burton

THAT the information correspondence be received and filed. Carried.

- 9.1.1 From the Township of Pickle Lake (November 16, 2009)
Re: Support of the Corporation of the County of Perth's resolution regarding Residential-Farmland Property Tax
- 9.1.2 From Rogers to Mayor McGee City of Kawartha Lakes (November 16, 2009) Re: High-speed broadband Internet service
- 9.1.3 From the Municipality of South Bruce (November 17, 2009)
Re: Support of the Corporation of the County of Perth's resolution regarding Residential-Farmland Property Tax
- 9.1.4 From Lanark County to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper (November 18, 2009) Re: Role of federal Governments in Local Municipal Decisions
- 9.1.5 From Lanark County to Mr. Tim Hudak, MPP (November 18, 2009) Re: Role of Provincial Government on Local Municipal Decisions

- 9.1.6 From Lanark County to the Honourable Dwight Duncan (November 20, 2009) Re: Ontario Municipal partnership Fund (OMPF) – Loss of Stable Funding Guarantee
- 9.1.7 From Lanark County to Mr. Randy Hillier, MPP (November 20, 2009) Re: Ontario Municipal partnership Fund (OMPF) – Los of Stable Funding Guarantee
- 9.1.8 From the Municipality of West Perth (November 25, 2009) Re: Support of the Corporation of the County of Perth's resolution regarding Residential-Farmland Property Tax
- 9.1.9 From the County of Peterborough (November 25, 2009) Re: Support of the Corporation of the County of Perth's resolution regarding Residential-Farmland Property Tax

9. Next Meeting

Inaugural Meeting
January 14 & 15, 2010
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
Kingston, ON

10. Confirmatory By-Law # 09-10

Motion

Moved by: Paul Dulmage
Seconded by: Ron Gerow

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

- 1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the 17th day of December 2009 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.**
- 2. 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.**

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Paul Dulmage
Seconded by: Ron Gerow

THAT the meeting of December 17, 2009 be adjourned. Carried.