



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Wardens' Caucus  
MINUTES  
Sunday, February 24, 2008  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Fairmont Royal York Hotel – Alberta Room**

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Present

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>HEAD OF COUNCIL</b>	<b>Staff</b>
County of Frontenac	Jim Vanden Hoek	Elizabeth Savill
County of Haliburton	Eleanor Harrison	Laura Janke (on behalf of) Jim Wilson
County of Hastings	Ron Emond	Jim Pine Kyle Patton (intern)
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee (Mayor)	Jane Lunn
County of Lanark	Bob Fletcher	Peter Wagland
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Jim Pickard J. Douglas Struthers (Past Chair)	Steven Silver
County of Lennox and Addington	Gordon Schermerhorn	Larry Keech
County of Northumberland	Christine Herrington	Bill Pyatt
County of Peterborough	Ronald Gerow (Chair)	Gary King
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Ken Hill	Stéphane P. Parisien
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan	Dick Shannon
County of Renfrew	Janice Visneskie	Norm Lemke

United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Estella Rose Municipality of North Dundas	
Other guests:		Warren Sleeth, MMAH Vince Fabilli, MMAH

### 1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Gerow welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

### 2. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2008 and January 18, 2008 – to be distributed at next meeting.

The minutes for January 17, 2008 and January 18, 2008 were not available for the meeting and will be provided at the next meeting.

### 3. Additions to the Agenda

It was requested that an addition under 13.01 Incoming Correspondence be added to the agenda.

Correspondence from Past Chair Struthers from MUND Group.

### 4. Approval of Agenda – February 24, 2008

Moved by: Warden Hill

Seconded by: Warden Fletcher

**THAT the agenda is approved as amended. Carried.**

### 5. Chairman's Update

#### 5.0.1 AMO

Chair Gerow provided an update regarding the meetings held in Toronto on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed at AMO Board meeting included:

- Alternative approach to blue box funding model
- AMO Climate Change Task Force
- Waste Electronics
- Municipal Water and Wastewater Effluent
- Federal Gas Tax – Public Transit Fund
- Go Green Fund
- Incident Management System for Ontario

Chair Gerow advised that he has back up information if anyone would like to review.

#### 5.0.2 Provincial Pre-Budget Consultation Session

Chair Gerow advised the EOWC that the Provincial Pre-budget presentation was made in Kingston to the Standing Committee. Presentation was made by Larry Keech, Bill Pyatt, Douglas Struthers.

### 5.0.3 EODF Program

Chair Gerow advised the group that he, Gary King and Cathy Wood presented the EODF Program to the province (representatives from Minister Dombrowsky's office, MPP Rinaldi, Minister Pupatello and a representative from the Minister's office) on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Cathy Wood provided an overview of the report to the group – highlighting the priorities outlined in the report on pages 12 -14.

Mr. King advised that it is expected that the EODF will roll out late March.

**Moved by:** Warden Emond  
**Seconded by:** Warden Schermerhorn

**THAT, the EOWC endorse the EODF Program as presented.**

### 6. MMAH Update

Warren Sleeth, MMAH provided an update to the EOWC Group.

- Tomorrow afternoon (February 25<sup>th</sup>) the EOWC has an opportunity to meet with 5 ministers
- Minister Watson (MMAH) to meet at 4:00pm with EOWC and WOWC.
- Applications for M3 program deadline have come and gone – 111 requests were received for Eastern Ontario.
- City of Toronto excluded from program.

Chair Gerow asked for an update with regards to the BUILD Canada fund.

Mr. Sleeth has no detail from the province – suggested posing the question to Minister Watson at meeting later that day.

### 7. Federal 2008 Pre-Budget Submission- *Copy Attached*

Renfrew County has requested inclusions into the Federal 2008 Pre-Budget Submission document (see Correspondence Item 13.01.1.1).

Discussion took place around the fact that the document missed the Federal Budget timeline – suggestion to take forward as “where do you stand” document and to wait until after Federal budget comes down – then make presentation for 2009 budget.

**Moved by:** Warden Fletcher  
**Seconded by:** Warden Emond

**THAT, the Federal 2008 Pre-Budget Submission be received.**

## 8. Broadband Update

The EOWC agreed to ask provincial representatives to leave the meeting so that a closed discussion could take place. A motion of caucus to enter into a closed discussion was entered at 2:20 p.m.

Closed Session

*Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, s. 239(3.1) for educational or training matters of County Council.*

Caucus rose from closed session at 2:41 p.m. The following resolutions were passed.

**Moved by:                   Warden Pickard**  
**Seconded by:               Warden Vanden Hoek**

**THAT, the EOWC move ahead with recommendation to prepare regional RFP; and**

**THAT, the EOWC proceed with research and investigation into the creation of an EOWC Inc. as a non-profit corporation.**

**Carried.**

## 9. Delegations at OGRA/ROMA Conference – 2008 – *Schedule Attached*

Chair Gerow reviewed the schedule with the group. It was noted that the meeting room for meeting with John Tory on Monday was not yet confirmed and that an email would be sent to all CAO's Sunday advising of confirmed meeting room once available.

## 10. Bear Pit

Mr. King advised that questions were not able to be prepared in advance. Suggested questions:

- Crown lands
- Fiscal capacity review
- Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

No further suggestions were made.

## 11. Family Day – Warden Fletcher

Warden Fletcher provided background information regarding the new Family Day and that there was a great amount of confusion around who would and would not get day off. He found that there were a lot of construction and industry workers who were not off on Family Day.

The group discussed the new Family Day at some length with the following resolution.

**Moved by:                   Warden Fletcher**  
**Seconded by:               Warden Hill**

**THAT, the issues surrounding the logistics of Family Day be brought forward by the EOWC to AMO so that confusion and issues can be solved in an expedient manner that is fair to all.**

## **12. Duty to Consult Presentation - *Copy Attached***

The presentation regarding Duty to Consult was presented to the EOWC. It was recommended that the EOWC not take a position until further detail provided to EOWC by the province.

## **13. Correspondence**

### **13.0.1 Incoming**

**Moved by:           Warden Hill**  
**Seconded by:       Warden Finnegan**

**THAT, all Correspondence be received.**

- 13.0.1.1 Letter from Warden Janice Visneskie, Renfrew County to Chair Ron Gerow (11-Feb-08)**  
**Re: EOWC Pre-Budget Submission to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance**

Received and filed.

- 13.0.1.2 Letter from the WOWC to the Honourable Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (04-Jan-08)**  
**Re: WOWC's Priorities for 2008**

Received and filed.

- 13.0.1.3 ROMA Update circulated by Eleanor Renaud**

Received and filed.

- 13.0.1.4 WOWC Resolution regarding Farm Tax Rebate (22-Feb-08)**

Received and filed.

- 13.0.1.5 Letter from Renfrew County re: Duty to Consult**

**Moved by:           Warden Fletcher**  
**Seconded by:       Warden Hill**

**THAT, the 13.0.1.5 Letter from Renfrew County re: Duty to Consult be deferred until after Ministry presentation.**

### **13.0.2 Outgoing**

**14. New/Old Business**

**15. Adjournment**

**Moved by:           Warden Fletcher**  
**Seconded by:       Mayor Finnegan**

**THAT, the EOWC Caucus meeting adjourn.**  
The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.