



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
Minutes  
Friday, January 18, 2008  
8:30 a.m.  
Radisson Hotel – Kingston Ontario**

**Present**

COUNTY	HEAD OF COUNCIL 2007	HEAD OF COUNCIL 2008	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)	Ric McGee (Mayor)	Jane Lunn
County of Lanark	Al Lunney	Bob Fletcher	Peter Wagland
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	J. Douglas Struthers (Past Chair)	Jim Pickard	Steven Silver
County of Lennox and Addington		Gordon Schmerhorn	Larry Keech
County of Northumberland	Hector Macmillan	Christine Herrington	Bill Pyatt
County of Peterborough	Ronald Gerow	Ronald Gerow (Chair)	Gary King
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Jean-Yves Lalonde	Ken Hill (Vice-Chair)	Stéphane P. Parisien
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan (Mayor)	Leo Finnegan (Mayor)	Dick Shannon
County of Renfrew	Janice Visneskie	Janice Visneskie	Norm Lemke
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Dennis Fife	Estella Rose	Michael Waddell
Other guests:			Warren Sleeth, MMAH Matt MacDonald, MMAH

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County of Frontenac	Ron Maguire		
County of Haliburton	Murray Fearrey		
County of Hastings	Terry Clemens		
County of Lennox and Addington	Clayton McEwen ( <b>Vice-Chair</b> )		
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville			Steven Silver

### 1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Struthers welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### 2. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

At this point in the meeting Chair Struthers turned the meeting over to acting Secretary/Treasurer Norm Lemke for the purpose of conducting the elections.

#### Motion

**Moved by: Mayor Finnegan**  
**Seconded by: Mayor McGee**

**THAT the nominations for Chair of the EOWC for 2008 commence. Carried.**

Mr. Lemke called for nominations for the position of Chair for the EOWC for 2008.

#### Motion

**Moved by: Mayor McGee**  
**Seconded by: Mayor Finnegan**

**THAT Warden Ron Gerow of the County of Peterborough be nominated for Chair of the EOWC for 2008. Carried.**

Mr. Lemke requested first call, second call and third and last call for further nominations for Chair.

**Motion**

**Moved by:           Warden Pickard**  
**Seconded by:       Warden Emond**

**THAT Warden Ken Hill of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell be nominated for Chair of the EOWC for 2008. Carried.**

Mr. Lemke requested first call, second call and third and last call for further nominations for Chair. None being noted, Mr. Lemke asked for a mover and seconder to close the nominations for Chair.

**Motion**

**Moved by:           Warden Shermerhorn**  
**Seconded By:       Mayor McGee**

**THAT nominations for 2008 Chair be closed. Carried.**

Each nominee was given the opportunity to make a brief speech related to their desire to become EOWC Chair for 2008.

A vote by secret ballot was completed by the membership. Mr. Lemke and Ms. Severson acted as scrutineers and counted the ballots.

By a majority vote the 2008 Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is Warden Ron Gerow from the County of Peterborough.

**Motion**

**Moved by:           Warden Emond**  
**Seconded by:       Warden Herrington**

**THAT the ballots be destroyed. Carried.**

**Motion**

**Moved by:           Mayor McGee**  
**Seconded by:       Warden Schermerhorn**

**THAT the nominations for Vice-Chair of the EOWC for 2008 commence. Carried.**

Mr. Lemke called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the EOWC for 2008.

**Motion**

**Moved by:           Warden Visneskie**  
**Seconded by:       Mayor McGee**

**THAT Warden Ken Hill of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell be nominated for Vice-Chair of the EOWC for 2008. Carried.**

Mr. Lemke requested first call, second call and third and last call for further nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Lemke asked for a mover and seconder to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

**Motion**

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

**THAT nominations for 2008 Vice-Chair of the EOWC be closed. Carried.**

By acclamation the 2008 Vice Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is Warden Ken Hill from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.

Chair Gerow thanked his fellow colleagues for their support and ensured the agenda of the EOWC would continue to move forward.

M.P.P. Rinaldi and Bob Sweet, 2007 Past Chair of the EOWC joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

**3. Provincial Municipal Fiscal and Services Delivery Review Update**

Mr. Reycraft, President of AMO congratulated Warden Gerow on his appointment as Chair of the EOWC and thanked Past-Chair Struthers for his hard work and dedication in 2007. He provided the Caucus with an update on AMO activities. It has been very busy with new Cabinet Ministers in place and AMO has met with them to acquaint themselves with the Ministers. It is clear from these meetings that Minister Watson is as dedicated to the MOU as Minister Gerretsen was in the position of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Negotiations between the federal and provincial governments related to the Building Canada Plan are still underway. A Community Fund of \$298 million similar to COMRIF has been put into place. Mr. Reycraft remarked that the Fiscal Capacity Service Delivery Review is well underway and due to the election will be completed by late spring. In the next few months proposals for OMERS will be received and reviewed which could result in changes for both employers and employees in the program. Mr. Reycraft stated that all invoices for AMO fees have been issued and requested that the municipalities complete and submit as soon as possible.

**4. AMO County Caucus**

Mrs. Jamieson thanked the Caucus for the invitation to attend the meeting and looks forward to working with them in 2008.

**5. MMAH Regional Director Update**

Mr. Sleeth thanked the Caucus for the opportunity to attend the meeting and reviewed the relationship between the MMAH and the Caucus which has been in place for over seven years. The Kingston office services 114 municipalities in Eastern Ontario including Ottawa. The MMAH flows input to the Ministers on policies and programs from

across Eastern Ontario. The MMAH will continue to work closely with the Caucus in 2008.

## **6. Arrival of MPPs and Honoured Guests**

MPP Rinaldi, Minister Dombrowski and Minister Gerretsen arrived at 10:30 a.m. Each member was given the opportunity to address the Caucus.

## **7. Introductions and Salutations from the MPPs**

M.P.P Rinaldi congratulated Warden Gerow on his appointment as Chair of the Caucus for 2008. He applauded the Caucus on their work and remarked the EOWC's efforts have assisted the government in understanding the challenges that residents of Eastern Ontario face. M.P.P Rinaldi remarked that there is an economic crunch in North America which will have an impact on Eastern Ontario. M.P.P Rinaldi looks forward to continuing working with EOWC in 2008. M.P.P Rinaldi left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to attend a previously scheduled event.

Minister Dombrowsky congratulated Warden Gerow on his appointment as Chair of the EOWC for 2008. She stated the EOWC is a strong voice in advocacy for Eastern Ontario. Minister Dombrowsky stated that she was appointed to her position as Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on October 22, 2007. She remarked her pleasure in having M.P.P Rinaldi as her Parliamentary Assistant.

Minister Dombrowsky reviewed some of the success that has been recognized by the province including the uploading of ODSP and ODB. Infrastructure is a major concern for all municipalities and in December the government announced funding.

During the election the provincial government committed \$80 million over a four year period for Eastern Ontario. Minister Dombrowsky requested that the EOWC provide input for the formulation for a program for this funding and requested that it be presented to the Ministry at the ROMA/OGRA Conference in February. The question was raised as to who would administer the fund. Would it be a new strategy or similar to that of a program already in place. Minister Dombrowsky remarked that it is a clean slate for this program hence the request to the EOWC for input. Mayor McGee remarked that the Prosperity Plan is a good roadmap to begin the process and requested that administrative costs for the new program be kept to a minimum. Minister Dombrowsky thanked the EOWC for the opportunity to meet with them today and looks forward to working closely with the Caucus in 2008.

Minister Gerretsen arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Minister Gerretsen remarked that he is enjoying his new role as the Minister of Environment. He remarked that it is very important to him to hear from the Caucus and understands the special economic issues in Eastern Ontario. Minister Gerretsen will be focusing on the rules and regulations for the environment and how they will impact the residents of the province. A key project for 2008 will be the use of pesticides for cosmetic use. Mayor McGee inquired as to the alternatives to waste water treatment as it relates to Conservation Wetlands. Minister Gerretsen did not have an answer to that



**THAT the CAOs have the liberty to spend up to \$10,000 for consulting fees. Carried.**

Mr. Pine announced to the EOWC that Past Warden Clemens' mother passed away late yesterday afternoon and that flowers would be sent on behalf of the EOWC.

**Motion**

**Moved by: Warden Emond**  
**Seconded by: Warden Herrington**

**THAT the EOWC's website continue to be managed by the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. Carried.**

By a show of hands the Press Release circulated at the EOWC Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2008 related to the meeting with the government officials was approved for release.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by: Warden Visneskie**  
**Seconded by: Warden Pickard**

**THAT the EOWC Caucus Meeting adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.