



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Minutes – July 22, 2005

County of Prescott and Russell

In attendance:

UPPER TIER	STAFF
County of Frontenac	Elizabeth Fulton, CAO
County of Haliburton	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Peterborough	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Renfrew	Norm Lemke, CAO Lorna Knight

Regrets:

UPPER TIER	STAFF
County of Hastings	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Jane Lunn, CAO
County of Lanark	Peter Wagland, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Stephen Fournier, CAO
County of Northumberland	Bill Pyatt, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Dick Shannon, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Mike S. Waddell, CAO

1. Correction of June 24, 2005 Minutes

Corrections have been made and the final copy of the minutes will be available for the next meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Elizabeth Fulton

Seconded by: Larry Keech

THAT the agenda for July 22, 2005 be approved.

3. Land Ambulance Cross Boarder Billing Issues

The CAO' s are directing the treasurers to look to other areas of Ontario to complete a comparison of the options that are being implemented. It is important to ensure that the treasurers look for a solution that can be accepted by the greater community-even if there are some areas that may have a loss. It is also imperative that this process involves EMS individuals as they have access to database information that will prove to be essential in this process.

THAT " the members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus request their Treasurers, working with the assistance of the EMS staff, to:

Review and assess the cross-border billing solutions being considered/adopted by other counties and regions across Ontario and, in particular, give attention to the time and the hourly rate elements incorporated in the formulae; and

Develop options, specifically outlining the pros and cons of each, to resolve the cross-border billing issues confronting the EOWC members.

The Treasurers and EMS staff should not be constrained to the solutions being found elsewhere in Ontario. The EOWC members acknowledge that there will be perceived "winners" and "losers" and, for this task, a regional perspective should be taken."

4. EOWC Financials-See Attachment #2

General Discussion revolved around outstanding bills that have not been submitted to the EOWC for payment. The financial statement has been received as information.

5. Opportunities Action Plan

Currently, the Eastern Ontario Opportunities Action Plan (EOOAP) has been presented but not formally adopted by the Caucus. The immediate priority is to develop a Terms of Reference for the steering committee- who will be given responsibility to see the recommendations contained within the report are implemented (Page 126-128). It is suggested that the list of recommended implementations be distributed to the Ministers along with an executive summary from the EOOAP Report. Specifically the recommendations should be separated into immediate and long-term goals in order to identify a timeline that the EOWC is hoping to follow.

The CAO' s will be requesting Kathy Woods to be retained as a consultant to create the Terms of Reference for both the Rural Plan and the Eastern Ontario Opportunity Action Plan. The Terms of Reference for the Rural Plan need to be completed by August 31, 2005, as that is the deadline for Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) requests for funding that the EOWC would be applying for. The Terms of Reference will be presented to the EOWC at the AMO conference and consultation with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) regarding the Terms of Reference and to seek support for participation, will also occur at AMO during the joint meeting. In addition, the province should be addressed to request support to provide funds to broaden the study in order to formulate a province-wide study.

Gary King has been asked by Industry Canada to sit on the steering committee to assess the Eastern Ontario Development Fund. Gary King will distribute the information with meeting dates and the process of this assessment and he also welcomes comments and feedback he can take with him to be addressed at these meetings.

6. AMO Delegation

Delegation requests for the AMO conference have been submitted. The CAO' s proposed that a single meeting with all the ministers requested for delegations (except the Minister of Labour) would be an excellent way to make one presentation that could encompass all of the issues, therefore maximizing the time available.

7. Correspondence (Previously sent by e-mail):

Moved by: Gary King
Seconded by: Jim Wilson

THAT the EOWC receive the correspondence as information.

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8. New and/or Old Business

9. Next Meeting: August 14th, 2005, AMO Conference

10. Adjournment

Moved By: Stéphane Parisien
Seconded by: Gary King

THAT the meeting of July 22, 2005 be adjourned.

CARRIED