

MINUTES

Meeting of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

A meeting of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus was held in the Fairmount Home Auditorium, County of Frontenac, Glenburnie, Ontario at 10:00am with Warden Hagen in the Chair.

Present: Phil Leonard, Frontenac
Elizabeth Fulton, Frontenac
Ross Rigney, Haliburton
Gary King, Haliburton
Margaret Walsh, Hastings
Jim Pine, Hastings
Richard Kidd, Lanark
Peter Wagland, Lanark
Henry Hogg, Lennox & Addington
Larry Keech, Lennox & Addington
Michael Rutter, Peterborough
Martial Levac, Prescott & Russell
James Taylor, Prince Edward
Bill Schweig, Renfrew
Norm Lemke, Renfrew
William Hagen, S.D. & G.
Michael Waddell, S.D. & G.
Warren Sleeth, MMAH
Ross Fair, MMAH

Guests: Howard Allan and Carole Fuller

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair William Hagen at 10:00am

2. Welcome and Introductory Comments

Chair Hagen welcomed the members

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Adoption of Minutes-May 2, 2003

Moved by Warden Levac

Seconded by Warden Walsh

THAT the minutes of May 2, 2003 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. CAO's Meeting of May 23, 2003 Minutes and Discussion arising from Minutes

CAO Waddell gave an update on paper stock, momentum of the Future Directions Report, invitations to MPPs to attend June 20th meeting, and budget provisions for Future Directions update.

A discussion on the increased responsibilities legislated by the province with regard to **Emergency Planning** took place with Warden Rigney indicating he believed plans should be an upper tier responsibility instead of lower tier. He also suggested the Solicitor General be invited to the next meeting (August 17, 2003) in Toronto for discussion on the government's plans and vision for Emergency Measures Ontario. Gary King to make contact with the Solicitor General.

ACTION: Gary King to contact Solicitor General to invite meeting of EOWC in August.

Discussion occurred on **Trail Agreements**. Most upper tier municipalities have some sort of trail system and it was agreed that they could not afford to fence both sides if requested to do so. It was suggested that we need to quantify the looming problem, as some costs are as much as \$7000.00 per kilometer for materials only. Recently court decisions have indicated that municipalities are 100% responsible for all costs and it is felt that the Province needs to change legislation.

ACTION: The CAO's will gather additional information and report back to the Caucus. MMAH will also provide additional information.

MFTIP was discussed last week at a MPAC Board meeting, and Minister Ecker is expected to comment very shortly. Jim Pine, our representative on the MPAC Board has indicated that MPAC would like to attend a Caucus meeting to discuss this and other issues. Jim Pine will make the necessary arrangements. It was also suggested that MPAC staff should meet with CAO's at next meeting. If appropriate MPAC may wish to do a presentation at the joint EOWC and WOWC meeting in August.

ACTION: Jim Pine will invite MPAC to attend next CAO's and EOWC meetings and also discuss the possibility of making a presentation at the joint EOWC and WOWC meeting in August.

Liz Fulton distributed a letter from Minister Clement indicating that LASIC has been dissolved. As there remains many questions, it was the consensus that a letter be drafted by the CAO's reiterating issues still outstanding to the Minister.

ACTION: A letter be drafted by the CAO's, for signature by the Chair, to Minister Clement concerning outstanding ambulance issues.

6. “Future Directions” Report Update

Jim Pine provided an update on meetings to date with various Provincial staff and elected officials. There is a definite need to continue with these meetings as well as keeping the report current on a continuous basis. In preparation of the July 8th meeting with the Deputy Minister of Transportation, the CAO’s, Treasurers and Engineers will meet June 27, 2003 in Napanee to formulate the necessary report. Through MMAH the Caucus will request meetings at AMO with the Ministers of Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Finance.

ACTION: Meeting on June 27, 2003 in Napanee with CAO’s, Treasurers and Engineers to prepare report form meeting on July 8th with the Deputy Minister of Transportation. MMAH will request meetings at AMO with Ministers of MTO, MMAH and Finance.

7. EOWC Eligible Expenses

Moved by Mayor Taylor

Seconded by Warden Walsh

THAT the policy with regard to eligible expenses be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

8. Draft Letter-Premier Ernie Eves concerning “The Road Ahead”

Letter as drafted was presented concerning Premier Ernie Eves’ Plan for Ontario’s Future “The Road Ahead” and it was the consensus that the letter be signed by the Chair and forwarded immediately.

ACTION: Letter by forwarded to Premier Eves concerning report “The Road Ahead”.

9. MMAH-Warren Sleeth

Warren Sleeth presented dates on upcoming public meeting for discussion of the report done by the Smart Growth Panel. He also provided phone numbers for the **Shared Services Branch (416) 326-9300** to be used by anyone for inquiries with regard to Provincial payments.

Discussion took place on potential funding sources

ACTION: MMAH offered to arrange for presentation on COBRA within the next two months.

10. Howard Allan-Revised numbers for Future Directions Report

Howard Allan presented an updated version of the Future Directions report. Each municipality will arrange for distribution of the report within their own area.

ACTION: Distribution of the updated version of the Future Directions report to be arranged by individual municipalities.

11. New Business-nil

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Everyone was reminded to submit agenda items for the next meeting wirher directly through CAO's to S.D. & G.

13. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Sunday August 17, 2003 at 4:00pm at the Royal York hotel, Toronto.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Chair