



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Minutes

Sunday, October 26, 2008 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
CRST Conference – Four Point Sheraton – Wellington Room
London, ON

Present

COUNTY	WARDEN	CAO
County of Haliburton	Eleanor Harrison	Jim Wilson
County of Hastings	Ron Emond	Jim Pine
City of Kawartha Lakes		Jane Lunn
County of Lanark	Bob Fletcher	Peter Wagland
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Jim Pickard Doug Struthers (Past Chair)	Steven Silver Lisa Severson
County of Northumberland	Christine Herrington	
County of Peterborough	Ronald Gerow (Chair)	Gary King
United Counties of Prescott-Russell	Ken Hill (Vice-Chair)	
County of Renfrew	Janice Visneskie	Norm Lemke
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry		Michael Waddell
Other guests:		

Absent

COUNTY	WARDEN	CAO
County of Frontenac	Jim Vanden Hoek	Elizabeth Savill
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee (Mayor)	
County of Lennox and Addington	Gordon Schermerhorn	Larry Keech
County of Northumberland		Bill Pyatt
United Counties of Prescott-Russell		Stephane Parisien
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan (Mayor)	Dick Shannon
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Estella Rose	

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Gerow welcomed everyone and remarked that this meeting would be the last EOWC meeting for 2008. Chair Gerow thanked the CAOs and staff for their hard work and dedication and stated it was a great honour to work with the Wardens and to chair the EOWC. The EOWC is highly recognized and respected throughout the province and will continue to advocate on behalf of the residents of Eastern Ontario.

2. Additions to the Agenda

Four additional agenda items were added.

Under Item 10.0 New/Old Business

10.0.3 Funding to Municipalities – Seasonal vs. permanent residency

Under Item 11.01 Incoming Correspondence

11.0.10 AMO Alert (23-Oct-08)

Re: Province Delivers Fall Economic Statement

11.0.11 From Andrew Barrett, Research Officer, The Monieson Centre – Queen's School of Business to the EOWC CAOs (23-Oct-08)

Re: CURA Proposal – Community-University Partnerships to Create Knowledge to Revitalize Rural Economics

3. Approval of Agenda – October 26, 2008

Moved by: Warden Emond
Seconded by: Warden Hill

That the EOWC agenda for October 26, 2008 be approved with the above noted amendments. Carried.

4. Approval of EOWC Minutes- August 24, 2008

Moved by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Warden Harrison

THAT the minutes of the August 26, 2008 meeting be approved as circulated. Carried.

5. Chair's Update**5.0.1 AMO Update**

It was stated that the Fiscal Capacity Review would not be released at the CRST Conference.

6. MMAH Update

MMAH representatives did not attend the CRST Conference or the EOWC meeting.

7. Broadband Initiative Update

Mr. Pine met with MP Kramp on October 24, 2008 and MP Kramp assured Mr. Pine that he will continue to champion the federal funding for Broadband for Eastern Ontario. Due to a Cabinet shuffle after the election it has not yet been announced who the Minister of Infrastructure will be. MP Kramp will notify staff at Infrastructure Canada and request feedback on the EOWC submission be forwarded to the EOWC as soon as possible. Mr. Pine stressed it is important to now engage the province in the process so when federal dollars flow to the EOWC for Broadband the project will be ready to begin. Mr. King is to clarify with Infrastructure Canada who will own the infrastructure

Mr. Wagland reported that the amended application for funding for consulting services related to both the federal and provincial Broadband initiatives has been reviewed by the province and may require the EOWC to pay 50% of the costs if in-kind work is not considered as payment. If in-kind is not considered the Caucus will need to review their stance on the use of the consultants. The second round for Broadband Rural Connections will take place in February. Mapping information from some municipalities is still required and if any of the membership has received confirmation of round one Broadband Rural Connections funding please forwarded proposed updating to Mr. Wagland.

Moved by: Warden Herrington

Seconded by: Warden Visneskie

THAT staff be directed to contact the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Infrastructure and Energy to coordinate a meeting with him and his staff on Broadband and a potential Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario. Carried.

8. Future Directions Presentation - 2008

Mr. Pine made a PowerPoint Presentation to the Caucus on the 2008 Future Directions report (report available upon request). Each County/Single Tier will receive a copy of the presentation in a CD format. The presentation was an overview of report prepared by Howard Allen.

Moved by: Warden Pickard
Seconded by: Warden Visneskie

THAT the Wardens use the Future Directions PowerPoint presentation to provide this information to their local councils and residents as they see fit. Carried

The ramifications of the new local Ambulance Response Time Standards were briefly discussed. The CAOs and EMS Chiefs will plan a meeting in early December 2008 to discuss the regulations. Mr. King added that the EMS Director from Hamilton will be making a presentation at OGRA/ROMA on this topic. This item will be added to the Inaugural meeting agenda for further discussion.

The issue of policing was raised. Some Counties have seen an increase for their policing of 14% by the OPP. Discussion with the OPP has indicated that the OPP is now incorporating a total cost recovery into their billing system.

9. Meeting with MEDT

Mr. King provided a brief update on meeting held with staff from MEDT in Kingston and EOWC staff representation on October 21, 2008. Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

- 100 eligibility applications have been submitted; 54 business stream; 12 sector stream
- MEDT realizes they are out of sync with municipal budgetary process
- Specific amounts have not been allotted to each stream – each application will be reviewed and considered.
- The “10 job” creations level stands with no consideration at this time to amend it.
- Limitation to stacking
- Deloitte Touche has been retained to review complex applications only and their costs have been incorporated into the Administration fee of the program which is less than 4% of the program funding.
- No regional steering committee has been formed and MEDT does not believe one will be formed.
- EOWC endorsement of a proposed project would carry weight.
- Would like to see an application by the EOWC for a regional project

- Evaluation of the program will be completed annually – they would like to have the EOWC's input on how the program should be evaluated
- Applicants who are denied will be contacted by MEDT with a detailed explanation of why the application is being denied and encouraged to reapply.

10. New/Old Business

10.0.1 EOWC Member and Guest Event Update

Moved by: Warden Fletcher
Seconded by: Warden Hill

THAT the current payment schedule utilized by the EOWC for the Inaugural Dinner remain status quo with the option of inviting spouses to the Inaugural Dinner this year with the expenses being charged to the respective Warden or the County as they deem fit. Carried.

10.0.2 EOWC Inc. Terms of Reference

Moved by: Warden Visneskie
Seconded by: Warden Hill

That the Terms of Reference for the EOWC Inc. be accepted as circulated. Carried.

10.0.3 Funding to Municipalities – Seasonal vs. Permanent Residency

The need for greater infrastructure funding for areas with high seasonal populations is required. The seasonal influx can account for up to 50% or more of the total population of the area and causes the need for greater infrastructure requirements. It was requested that staff formulate concrete details to bring to the Inaugural meeting for further discussion with the option to bring the item forward at OGRA/ROMA.

Moved by: Warden Emond
Seconded by: Warden Hill

THAT the EOWC send a letter to the Province requesting they review the way in which funding for such area is allotted and to consider the seasonal influx in population. Carried.

11. Correspondence

11.0.1 Incoming Correspondence

11.0.1.1 From Rick McLuckie, MTO to Chris Bradley, County of Peterborough (17-Oct-08)
Re: Concerns with TODS

Chair Gerow remarked that the County of Peterborough has had issues with TODS and the maintenance of signage in their County. Many others agreed with this concern. The province is

now currently in the process of an RFP for signage in the province.

- 11.0.1.2 From Ron Gerow, Warden County of Peterborough to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (16-Oct-08)**
Re: Resolution Regarding Clean Water Act
- Moved by: Warden Visneskie**
Seconded by: Warden Herrington
- THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus support County of Peterborough's resolution regarding the Clean Water Act. Carried.**
- 11.0.1.3 From Ron Emond, Warden, Hasting County to Mr. Daryl Kramp (15-Oct-08)**
Re: Congratulations on Re-election
- 11.0.1.4 From the Peter Wagland, CAO, Lanark County to the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (25-Sep-08)**
Re: Resolution Regarding the Mining Act Review
- Moved by: Warden Hill**
Seconded by: Warden Pickard
- THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the municipality of Tay Valley's resolution regarding the Mining Act review. Carried.**
- 11.0.1.5 From the Honourable Jim Watson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (24-Sep-08)**
Re: All Ministers Meeting – AMO Conference
- 11.0.1.6 From the Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (24-Sep-08)**
Re: All Ministers Meeting – AMO Conference
- 11.0.1.7 From Debra McKinstry, Clerk/Planning Administrator, The Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal to Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC (28-Aug-08)**
Re: Accelerating BET Reductions
- 11.0.1.8 From Chuck Strahl, Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians**
- 11.0.1.9 From Brian Cardy, Director Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs to Peter Wagland, CAO, Lanark County (20-Aug-08)**
Re: Rural Connections Broadband
Moved by: Warden Emond

Seconded by: Warden Hill

THAT Incoming Correspondence 11.0.1.5 through to 11.0.1.9 be received. Carried.

11.0.2 Outgoing Correspondence

11.0.2.1 From Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC to Yolande E. Chan Professor and Director, the Monieson Centre E. Marie Shantz Fellow of Management Information Systems Queen's School of Business (09-Oct-08)

**Re: Community – University Research Alliance (CURA)
Proposal Community – University Partnerships to
Create Knowledge to Revitalize Rural Economies**

11.0.2.2 Draft From Warden Ron Gerow, Chair, EOWC to the Honourable Michael Bryant, Minister of Economic Development and Trade (26-Oct-08)

Re: Eastern Ontario Development Fund

Moved by: Warden Visneskie

Seconded by: Warden Fletcher

THAT the draft letter be amended to indicate how difficult and complex the forms are to fill out and sent to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. Carried.

12. Confirming By-Law

08-03 A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. at it Meeting held on October 26, 2008

Moved by: Warden Fletcher

Seconded by: Warden Harrison

THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the 26th day of October 2008 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.

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.

13. Adjournment

Moved by: Warden Fletcher
Seconded by: Warden Emond

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be adjourned. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.