



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Minutes – October 29th, 2004 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Prince Edward County, Waring House Inn, Picton

In attendance:

UPPER TIER	HEAD OF COUNCIL	STAFF
County of Frontenac	Jim Vanden Hoek Frontenac Islands	Elizabeth Fulton, CAO
County of Haliburton	William Davis Dysart et al	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Peter Kooistra Stirling-Rawdon	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Barb Kelly (Mayor)	Jane Lunn, CAO
County of Lanark	Gary Doyle Montague	Peter Wagland, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville		
County of Lennox and Addington	Clayton McEwen Loyalist	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Rick Austin Port Hope	Bill Pyatt, CAO
County of Peterborough	David Nelson Otonabee-South Monaghan	
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Jacques Héту Hawkesbury	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Leo Finnegan (Mayor)	Dick Shannon, CAO
County of Renfrew	Bob Sweet Petawawa	Norm Lemke, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Dennis Fife North Stormont	Mike S. Waddell, CAO
Ministry of Municipal Affairs		Warren Sleeth, Manager Local Government

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jacques Héту at 9:00 a.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jacques Héту welcomed all Wardens, Mayors, CAOs and guests.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as amended

ADDITIONS under New Business, agenda item number 19.

19.1 Cross Border Billing (Liz Fulton)

19.2 Alternate Energies (Jim Vanden Hoek)

Moved by Warden William (Bill) Davis

Seconded by Warden Rick Austin

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Acceptance of Minutes from August 22nd, 2004 EOWC Meeting in Ottawa (AMO Conference)

By consensus, the minutes of August 22nd, 2004 were accepted as presented.

Moved by Warden Gary Doyle

Seconded by Warden Dennis Fife

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

5.1 Letter of September 14th, 2004 from Water Strategy Expert Panel

Jim Pine advises that the Water Strategy Expert Panel wants to hear from the Caucus and that a forum to provide comments is possible on November 26th, 2004 in Toronto. The members agree to hold the next EOWC meeting in Toronto on November 26th and to meet with the Water Strategy Expert Panel at 8:30 on that day. Bill Pyatt will draft a comment paper and Power Point presentation on behalf of EOWC for the Panel.

ACTION: CAOS to upload comments to Bill Pyatt in preparation of the November 26th meeting

5.2 Letter of September 28th, 2004 to Honourable Mauril Bélanger, Chair of the Federal Eastern Ontario Caucus

There is discussion amongst members whether dollars will flow beyond phase one. There is consensus that a plan of action will need to be in place in 2005 and that the next Caucus will dictate such.

**Moved by Mayor Leo Finnegan
Seconded by Gary Doyle**

THAT the correspondence be received in file.

CARRIED

5.3 Letter of October 5th, 2004 from County of Lennox and Addington to Minister Gerretsen

Members strongly support Lennox an Addington's position on the CRF issue.

**Moved by Warden William (Bill) Davis
Seconded by Warden Clayton McEwen**

THAT a letter be forwarded to Minister Gerretsen to support the County of Lennox and Addington's position on the CRF.

CARRIED

5.4 Letter of October 18th, 2004 from Minister Gerretsen

No discussion.

**Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden David Nelson**

THAT the correspondence be received in file.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

Presentation from Vermicycle Corporation.

7. Update on the Progress of the Eastern Ontario Opportunity Study

Bill Pyatt provides an update (Power point Presentation) on the Eastern Ontario Opportunity Study.

8. Update on the \$10 Million Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund

Announcement made by the Federal Government Monday October 25th, 2004 to officially launch the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund. This item was also discussed under correspondence 5.2.

9. Recent Announcement Long Term Care Funding from MOHLTC

Update from Bill Pyatt on the recent announcement of funding for Homes for the Aged and the new legislative requirements.

10. Feedback on Panel's Review of Water and Sewer

This issue was discussed under correspondence 5.1. The Caucus will meet with the Water Strategy Expert Panel November 26th, 2004 in Toronto.

11. CRF 2004 Reconciliation

No new business under this agenda item.

11.1 Forum with MPPs and Ministers

Larry Keech would like to push this issue forward and feels it's an important strategy. The Caucus is in agreement with the proposed forum and possibly, the January 21st, 2005 meeting with past and new wardens is an excellent opportunity to meet with Ministers.

**Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Warden Bob Sweet**

THAT a letter from the Chair be forwarded to Minister Gerretsen to invite Provincial Ministers to meet with the Caucus at its January 21st, 2005 meeting.

CARRIED

11.2 Communications Strategy

The Caucus defers this item to the CAOs Planning meeting November 25th, 2004 in Toronto.

12. Future Directions Update 2004

Larry Keech provides the Caucus with charts demonstrating the increase in County Levy (L&A) since 2002 and the impact of LSR on L&A County budgets over the same period.

13. 2005 Meeting Schedule and Locations

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

14. Draft Report Card

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

15. Rideau Regional Centre

Warden Gary Doyle shares his concerns with the Caucus over the recent announcement of the Provincial Government to close the Rideau Regional Centre (RRC) in 2009 and the ramifications to his community if this infrastructure is not used thereafter and requests the Caucus' support to promote RRC collectively. This issue will likely be brought back to the Caucus' attention in the near future.

16. Mining vs. Tourism

Warden Gary Doyle seeks the Caucus' support to Tay Valley Township's position on Mining claims and its apparent threat to their recreation activities. This issue is fairly complex and requires members to be fully aware of the details before endorsing it. The item is therefore deferred to the next meeting.

17. Algonquin Land Claim New Business

Warden Bob Sweet and Norm Lemke would like the Caucus to send comments under the Chair's signature to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General and Secretary for Native Affairs related to the "Discussion Document to Seek Input on a New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs"

Moved by Warden Bob Sweet
Seconded by Warden William (Bill) Davis

THAT a letter from the Chair be forwarded to Assistant Deputy Attorney General and Secretary for Native Affairs.

CARRIED

18. Septage and Sludge Survey

CAOs have expressed the difficulties of having to gather the information with respect to Septage and Sludge and seek direction from the Caucus as to the members' willingness to continue with this issue. Although the data is hard to collect and cooperation is not all that apparent, Warden Bob Sweet received correspondence from Minister Dombrowsky stating otherwise, which is somewhat confusing. Warden Bob Sweet will send a copy of the letter to the Chair for the next EOWC meeting.

19. New Business

19.1 Cross Border Billing

This issue is presently being discussed among Eastern Ontario Treasurers to come up with a standard calculation formula. The results will be brought back to the Caucus early 2005.

19.2 Alternate Energies

The present taxation mechanism does not promote or is not favorable to alternative energy sources/production. This item is deferred to a future meeting.

20. Next Meetings

- ✓ CAOs Planning Meeting - Thursday, November 25th, 2004 (Toronto – Royal York)
- ✓ EOWC – Friday November 26th, 2004 (Toronto – Royal York)
- ✓ EOWC Transition Meeting – Friday, January 21st, 2005 (Kingston)

21. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**Moved by Warden Clayton McEwen
Seconded by Mayor Leo Finnegan**

CARRIED

Chair - Warden Jacques Héту
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Secretary/Treasurer
Stéphane P. Parisien