



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
MINUTES  
Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9:00 a.m.  
Frontenac Room, Administration Offices  
County of Frontenac**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order / Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Chair Jones, Deputy Chair Mel Campbell, Members Jo-Anne Albert, Steven Byvelds, Gary Davison, Murray Fearrey, Henry Hogg, Jean-Yves Lalonde, Sharon Mousseau, Peter Mertens, Bob Sweet and Past Chair Dave Burton.

Regrets: Mark Lovshin and Ric McGee.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made at this time.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Warden Davison  
Seconded by: Warden Hogg

Be it resolved that EOWC adopt the Addendum agenda with the following additions:

That the names of J. Pine and S. Horwood be added to By-law 11-04 regarding Signing Officers,

And That EODF be added as a discussion item.

Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: Warden Mousseau  
Seconded by: Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that the minutes of the EOWC meeting of February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be approved as circulated.

Carried

**5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations**

- a. Standing Item  
Steve Seller, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Re: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Update

Mr. Seller advised that a permanent Assistant Deputy Minister has not yet been hired, so Mr. Vince Fabilli is still fulfilling the role. The Ministry held plenary sessions with CAOs across the province, requesting participation in a survey and feedback. Mr. Seller shared the 4 questions in the survey and the most popular answers.

Moved by: Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by: Warden Albert

Be it resolved that EOWC receive the delegation from Mr. Seller.

Carried

**6. Reports for Review / Discussion**

- a. Economic Advisory Panel March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting

Gary King provided a brief synopsis of the first meeting and background of the Economic Advisory Panel and recommended that the EOWC appoint representation on the Panel. There was general consensus that a representative was important to have on the Panel. It was noted that an Advisory Panel was a key recommendation from the 2009 Economic Development Summit and the EOWC's Prosperity Plan.

Moved by: Warden Hogg  
Seconded by: Warden Albert

Carried

Be it resolved that Mayor Mertens be assigned to attend board meetings and represent the Caucus on the Eastern Ontario Economic Advisory Panel.

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Moved by: Warden Byvelds  
Seconded by: Warden Mousseau

Be it resolved that Deputy Chair Campbell be assigned as back-up for Mayor Mertens when he is unable to attend.

Carried

b. ROMA/OGRA Conference De-brief

Gary King shared the discussion at the past CAO meeting, where it was suggested that the EOWC develop questions and determine election platforms for the parties as it is an election year. The members expressed satisfaction with the presentations and results from the meetings at ROMA/OGRA Conference, and shared that the ministers were impressed. The Caucus supported the idea of developing a brief on election issues, identifying the top three or four EOWC priorities and asking parties where they stand. Jim Pine offered to develop the brief. It was requested that AMO issues also be included and supported in the brief. It was suggested that EOWC seek out the possibility of having an "EOWC Day" at Queen's Park, much like how MPP's host their respective riding's day at Queen's Park.

Moved by: Warden Mousseau  
Seconded by: Warden Hogg

Be it resolved that the CAOs prepare a brief "Where Do You and Your Party Stand?" and pursue an "EOWC Day" at Queen's Park.

Carried

c. Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario – Next Steps?

Gary King reviewed his discussion with Vince Fabilli, Victor Severino and Hannah Evans from the Province on pursuing the request for a Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario. Jim Hutton shared his concerns that this will become another process for the EOWC, requiring more public consultations and meeting more Provincial requirements. There was discussion on how the up-coming election and possible party change might affect the request. It was suggested that EOWC request a meeting at AMO with the Northern group(s) who just completed a Northern Ontario Growth Plan with the Province.

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Moved by: Warden Fearrey  
Seconded by: Deputy Chair Campbell

Be it resolved that EOWC request to meet with the Northern Ontario organizations at the AMO Conference to discuss the process and initial results of developing a Growth Plan with the Province.

Carried

d. Farm Tax – Next Steps?

The Caucus felt discouragement in their attempts to work with ministry staff on this issue and discussed ways to make it a political issue. Mike Waddell assured the Caucus that a map depicting taxed lands by colour can be developed for Western Ontario as well, and noted that the WOWC appeared to be joining the EOWC in lobbying for this issue. Steve Sellers reported that Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff are meeting with lower tiers on this issue and they have inquired into having an EOWC representative attend as well; Gary King should be receiving a call next week. It was suggested that the EOWC attempt to host a meeting with the Ministers from Finance; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and Municipal Affairs and Housing, and include the Chair from WOWC and the President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Moved by: Warden Davison  
Seconded by: Warden Mousseau

Be it resolved that EOWC request a meeting with the Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and the President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to discuss the issue of Farmland and Managed Forest land Tax.

Carried

There was further discussion on gaining MPP support for an EOWC Day at Queen's Park and the difficulty of achieving it due to timing of Parliament Session ending and campaigns beginning. Stéphane Parisiene volunteered to take the responsibility of continuing staff efforts and organization of lobbying for the Farmland and Managed Forest Tax issue, replacing Mike Waddell as Mr. Waddell is retiring at the end of June.

e. EORN Request for Delegated Approval Authority

Moved by: Warden Mousseau  
Seconded by: Mayor Mertens

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Be it resolved that the EOWC Inc. delegate authority to the EORN Board of Directors in accordance with the County of Peterborough Purchasing Policy to approve preferred proponents for the Access RFPs for the purpose of entering into contract negotiations; and

THAT the EORN Board of Directors will provide a recommendation to the EOWC Inc. to enter into contracts with proponents for the Access RFPs; and

THAT, to manage the timeframes related to the build out of the network, the EORN Board of Directors alter the EORN Board Meeting Schedule to accommodate the Access RFP schedule.

Carried

- f. Request to convert July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to full EOWC meeting

Moved by: Warden Sweet  
Seconded by: Warden Albert

Be it resolved that the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be changed from a CAO meeting to a full Caucus meeting.

Carried

### 7. Correspondence

Moved by: Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by: Past Chair Burton

Be it resolved that the Outgoing and Incoming Correspondence be received for information.

Carried

Moved by: Warden Mousseau  
Seconded by: Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that the letter dated April 13, 2011 from the Township of Montague, Lanark County regarding Provincial control of Ambulance Dispatch be deferred to the next CAO Planning meeting for discussion.

Carried

### 8. Closed Session

Moved by: Warden Davison  
Seconded by: Warden Hogg

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Be it resolved that under the authority of the Municipal Act, S.O.2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2) the EOWC move into closed session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;"

Carried

**9. Rise from Closed Without a Report**

Moved by:           Warden Albert  
Seconded by:       Mayor Mertens

Be it resolved that EOWC rise from closed session at 12:01 p.m. without a report.

Carried

**10. Notice of Motions**

Mayor Mertens suggested that he consult with the Eastern Ontario Mayors and seek their interest in meeting with the EOWC to discuss priorities and matters of mutual interest. There was general consensus that Mayor Mertens approach the Mayors for a meeting.

Jim Pine and Larry Keech noted a concern that the Province may be withholding a portion of the funds committed for the Eastern Ontario Development Fund.

Moved by:           Warden Hogg  
Seconded by:       Warden Albert

Be it resolved that a letter be forwarded to Minister Papatello expressing the EOWC's concern about the reduction in funding from 50% to 25% for grants under the economic development stream of the EODF;

And That the EOWC request a return to the practice of providing 50% level of grant funding in order to maximize the economic development goals of the EODF program;

And Further That copies of this letter be forwarded to all MPP's representing Eastern Ontario Queen's Park.

Carried

**11. By-laws**

a. By-law 11-05

Moved by: Warden Mousseau  
Seconded by: Mayor Mertens

Be it resolved that By-law 11-05 be read a first, second and third time and be approved, that J. M. Jones, G. King, J. Pine and S. Horwood be and are hereby authorized to be signing officers for EOWC Inc. and to affix the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

**12. Confirmation By-Law #11-06**

Moved by: Warden Fearrey  
Seconded by: Warden Hogg

Motion:

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011 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.
2. 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

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**13. Adjournment**

Moved by: Warden Davison

Seconded by: Warden Sweet

Be it resolved that the EOWC meeting adjourn at 12:10 pm.

Carried

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J. Murray Jones, Chair

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Gary King, Secretary-Treasurer