



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
MINUTES
Friday, January 13th, 2012
9:00 a.m.
Limestone City Ballroom, Four Points Sheraton Hotel
Kingston, Ontario**

1. Call Meeting to Order / Welcome

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

Present: Members Jo-Anne Albert, Gil Brocanier, Steven Byvelds, Mel Campbell, Terry Clemens, Gary Davison, Murray Fearrey, John Gemmell, Janet Gutowski, Henry Hogg, J. Murray Jones, Jean-Yves Lalonde, Mark Lovshin, Bill Lowry, Ian McLeod, Ric McGee, Peter Mertens, Sharon Mousseau, François St-Amour, Bob Sweet and Past Chair Dave Burton.

Guests: MPPs Steve Clark, John Gerretsen, Jeff Leal, Jim McDonnell, and Laurie Scott
MP Dean Del Mastro
Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus: Chair John Williams, Ed Jacyno, Bob Kilger, Dennis Staples, Mark Gerretsen
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Assistant Deputy Minister Liz Harding, Director Vince Fabilli, Manager Warren Sleeth, Advisor Steve Seller
Doug Reycraft, Chair, AMO County Caucus

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Vice Chair Campbell
Seconded by: Warden Hogg

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

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4. 2011 Summary Comments by 2011 Chair, J. Murray Jones

Chair Jones reviewed 2011, highlighting the work and final report of the Financial Sustainability Report, EORN, and Farm Tax.

5. Presentation of Gifts to Outgoing Chair and Amanda Dibbits

Gifts and appreciation were given to Chair Jones and Assistant, Amanda Dibbits for their work and efforts to the EOWC in 2011.

6. Election for Chair and Vice Chair of EOWC for 2012

Jim Wilson reviewed the rules for the election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Moved by: Warden Fearrey
Seconded by: Warden Sweet

Be it resolved that Mel Campbell be nominated for the position of Chair of EOWC Inc. for the Year 2012.

Mel Campbell accepted the nomination. Carried

Jim Wilson called for further nominations a first, second and third time and, after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close nominations.

Moved by: Warden Gutowski
Seconded by: Mayor Mertens

Be it resolved that nominations close for the position of Chair for the EOWC Inc. for the Year 2012.

Carried

Moved by: Warden Clemens
Seconded by: Warden St-Amour

Be it resolved that Janet Gutowski be nominated for the position of Vice Chair of EOWC Inc. for the Year 2012.

Janet Gutowski accepted the nomination. Carried

Jim Wilson called for further nominations a first, second and third time and, after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close nominations.

Moved by: Warden Sweet
Seconded by: Warden Brocanier

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Be it resolved that nominations close for the position of Vice Chair for the EOWC Inc. for the Year 2012.

Carried

Chair Mel Campbell chaired the remainder of the meeting.

7. Opening Remarks by 2012 Chair

Chair Mel Campbell thanked the nominator and seconder for their support, and addressed the Caucus with his vision and intent for the EOWC in 2012.

Doug Reycraft was invited to update the Caucus before the other guests arrived, as they were not expected to arrive for another 30 minutes. Mr. Reycraft updated the EOWC on AMO on behalf of AMO President, Gary McNamara. Mr. Reycraft reported that AMO will remain focused on the 12 asks that were developed last August for the AMO Conference. Chair Campbell presented Mr. Reycraft with a gift from the Caucus for coming and representing AMO.

8. Welcome Guests

Guests joined the meeting and were introduced.

9. Delegations and Presentation

- a. Jim Pine, EORN
EORN Project Overview and Update

Jim Pine reviewed the power point presentation, summarizing the broadband project and the current status. He distributed a riding-specific portfolio to each of the MPs and MPPs in attendance and will mail the remaining to those who were unable to attend. EORN will also send municipal-specific portfolios to each of the Mayors of the EOMC. The portfolios contain summaries and news releases, maps, etc. regarding the project. Mr. Pine also reported on the new interactive website.

Moved by: Vice Chair Gutowski
Seconded by: Warden Brocanier

Be it resolved that the presentation from Jim Pine be received.

Carried

- b. Kathy Wood, Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Re: EOWC Financial Sustainability Report project

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Moved by: Warden Jones
Seconded by: Warden Clemens

Be it resolved that the presentation from Kathy Wood be received.
Carried

As Minister Gerretsen had to leave by 11:00, he addressed the audience at this time. Minister Gerretsen appreciated the professionalism and hard work of the EOWC, noting the EODF as a major accomplishment as well as the success of EORN. He reported that the Province is challenged with a 16 billion dollar infrastructure deficit, and they are working to develop new delivery models, particularly in health care. The Liberals aim to continue the uploads they had committed to.

c. EOWC 2012 Priorities

Gary King provided the audience with an overview of the approved EOWC 2012 priorities.

Moved by: Warden Fearrey
Seconded by: Warden Brocanier

Be it resolved that the presentation from Gary King be received.
Carried

10. Discussion with guests

MP Dean Del Mastro, Secretary to the Prime Minister, provided an update on Federal priorities and challenges for Eastern Ontario. He noted that Build Canada Phase 1 will be completed in 2014, and they are already planning Phase 2, for which he invited input from the Caucus'. The Federal government is planning to invest in Canadian Forces Bases, the Trent Severn Waterway, to support a rail line from Toronto to Havelock, nuclear capacity build, hydro-electric opportunities and agriculture.

MPP Steve Clark, on behalf of the PC Caucus, congratulated EOWC on their hard work and reported that they support the EODF. He provided the EOWC Chair with a folder containing letters sent of the PC support for the EODF and the response from Minister Duguid, Economic Development and Innovation (see Appendix A).

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11. By-laws

a. By-law #12-08

Moved by: Warden Fearrey
Seconded by: Warden Jones

Be it resolved that the EOWC Inc. recognize and authorize 2012 Chair Mel Campbell, 2012 Secretary-Treasurer Gary King, Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for EOWC Inc.

Carried

12. Notice of Motion

Moved by: Warden Clemens
Seconded by: Vice Chair Gutowski

WHEREAS the EOWC has formally supported the construction of the proposed Marmora Pumped Storage Project;

AND WHEREAS efforts to promote the Project to the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Power Authority are continuing;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the EOWC Inc. supports the Wardens of Hastings, Peterborough, Northumberland, Lennox & Addington and Prince Edward Counties to seek meetings with the Province and the Ontario Power Authority to further advance approval of this important project.

Carried

John Williams, Chair of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, was invited to speak at the EOWC meeting in February.

13. Confirmation By-Law #12-09

Moved by: Warden McLeod
Seconded by: Warden Brocanier

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 13th day of January 2012 in respect to each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said

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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, and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Warden Sweet
Seconded by: Warden St-Amour

Be it resolved that the EOWC meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Carried

Mel Campbell, Chair

Gary King, Secretary-Treasurer