



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
MINUTES  
Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
2:00 p.m.  
Alberta Room, Royal York Hotel**

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Present: Chair Mel Campbell, Vice Chair Janet Gutowski, Members Murray Fearrey, John Gemmell, J. Murray Jones, Bill Lowry, Ian McLeod, Ric McGee, Peter Mertens and François St-Amour.

Regrets: Gil Brocanier, Terry Clemens and Bob Sweet.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by: Warden Gemmell

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: Warden Clemens  
Seconded by: Warden Jones

Be it resolved that the Minutes of EOWC Inc. meetings of January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Carried

**5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations**

**6. Reports for Review / Discussion**

a. ROMA/OGRA Ministerial Delegations – schedule of meetings

Ms. Amanda Dibbits distributed a revised ROMA/OGRA schedule of meetings and explained the changes that had taken place. Mr. Gary King explained why the EOWC received a delegation with the Ministers Panel on Tuesday morning rather than the traditional Sunday afternoon, as the Minister of Transportation was available on Tuesday.

b. EOWC Revised Meeting Schedule

Mr. King explained the location switches that had taken place due to conflicts with other meetings. Chair Campbell noted that the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting is the same day as his AMO Board meeting; he requested that staff try and reschedule the EOWC meeting so that he may attend. Due to the number of full Caucus meetings, Warden Fearrey asked staff to consider condensing the meeting schedule in the latter part of the year when EORN contracts are completed.

c. Distributing of Briefing Notes

The Briefing Notes were distributed and members volunteered to speak to a specific topic at the delegations with the ministers. Mr. Gary King explained the need to address the Marmora Pumped Storage issue at 8:40 a.m. during the Ministers Panel meeting as that is the specific time in which Minister Bentley can attend the meeting.

d. Presentation of Communication Highlights for the Eastern Ontario Financial Sustainability Report

Mr. Larry Keech reported on staff discussions and recommendations from Redbrick Communications regarding the roll out of the Financial Sustainability Report. Mr. Keech recommended that EOWC provide hard copies to only Ministers during the conference and just reference the material during the presentations. He also recommended that the major launch and News Release of the report be on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, to avoid conflict and diminished attention during the conference due to the focus on the Drummond Report. The March 5<sup>th</sup> date also avoids the week-end, and launches the report before the Provincial budget is finalized. Mr. Keech reviewed the planned dissemination of the report to all Eastern Ontario MPs and MPPs, Provincial Ministries, the local and national media and other interested organizations. Mr. King reported that the power point presentation provided at the EOWC AGM to guests was attached to the Provincial and Federal Pre-budget Submissions, so the Finance Ministers have had that information for a couple of weeks.

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The members discussed the timing of the recommended launch of the report, concerned about losing the impact of its message as the Drummond Report and Provincial budget issues are receiving such significant attention. It was suggested that the report be launched later in the year, giving the Caucus more time to craft the message. Staff agreed that it was an uncomfortable short time frame but they felt it best to try and influence the Drummond Report and the Provincial budget, and consider that this document will be used by AMO and other organizations to develop their response to the Drummond Report.

Kathy Wood hopes to provide detailed information broken down by municipalities to the EOWC members, and the members are to distribute to their lower tier municipalities.

Moved by:           Warden Clemens  
Seconded by:       Vice Chair Gutowski

Be it resolved that the EOWC approve the recommended Roll Out Plan for the Financial Sustainability Report and that staff implement the plan starting March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Carried

e.    Topics of Discussion with Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Mr. King reported that President Gary McNamara and Executive Director Pat Vanini will be attending the Joint meeting to present the AMO Update.

Moved by:           Warden Jones  
Seconded by:       Mayor Mertens

Be it resolved that the EOWC accept the Joint EOWC and WOWC Meeting Agenda as distributed.

Carried

f.    De-brief on meeting with Minister Duguid, Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation re: Eastern Ontario Development Fund

Chair Campbell reported that it was a very productive meeting with meaningful and influential discussion. Minister Duguid had made it clear that, due to the minority government situation, the Caucus can assist with pressuring their respective MPPs to support the Bill to make the EODF legislation. Minister Duguid also explained that the 80 million was divided into 20 million per year for the 4 years, and whatever money is not spent is not carried forward into the next year. Mr. King reported on the recommendations given to the Minister. Mr. Merlin Dewing reported that in

his recent meeting with Minister Wynne, she had confirmed that Minister Duguid will be reviewing the formula for the program.

g. **EORN Status Update**

Mr. David Fell reviewed his report. He reported that he will be presenting the final 4 agreements for approval at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The highlights of the report are that the project is still under budget and ahead of schedule. Also, they are now approved to spend the surplus from the construction budget on expanding access.

h. **Letter to Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care re: Long-Term Care Reporting Requirements**

The letter was reviewed and approved for use as a briefing note for the meetings with the ministers.

**7. Closed Session**

Moved by:           Warden Jones  
Seconded by:       Warden Lowry

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 3:30 p.m. to discuss "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose"

Carried

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

Moved by:           Warden Lowry  
Seconded by:       Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that EOWC rise from closed session at 3:15 p.m. without a report.

Carried

**9. Correspondence**

The Correspondence was received.

**10. By-laws**

- a. By-laws #12-10 to 12-14

Moved by: Warden Clemens  
Seconded by: Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that the EOWC authorize the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to execute an Agreement between the EOWC and Bell Aliant for the provision of access services for:

Ottawa Valley North – RFP P-03-2011 Zone 5a  
Ottawa Valley South – RFP P-03-2011 Zone 5b  
Lanark – RFP P-04-2011 Zone 6a  
Stormont-Dundas & Glengarry (SDG) – RFP P-04-2011 Zone 6b  
Dorset – RFP P-04-2011 Zone 6d

Carried

**11. Notice of Motions**

**12. Next Meeting**

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough

Chair Campbell introduced Lesley Todd, Clerk for the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville. Ms. Todd will be taking the minutes of future 2012EOWC meetings.

**13. Confirmation By-Law #12-15**

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012 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

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

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

Carried

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by: Warden Jones

Be it resolved that the EOWC meeting adjourn at 3:56 p.m.

Carried

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Mel Campbell, Chair

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Gary King, Secretary-Treasurer