



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
MINUTES  
Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
1:00 p.m.  
Canadian Canoe Museum  
910 Monaghan Road, Peterborough**

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:56 p.m.

Present: Vice Chair Janet Gutowski, Members Gil Brocanier, Terry Clemens Murray Fearrey, John Gemmell, J. Murray Jones, Bill Lowry, Ian McLeod, Ric McGee, Peter Mertens and François St-Amour, and Bob Sweet.

Regrets: Chair Mel Campbell.

Guests: Steve Sellers, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
David Fell, CEO, EORN

Vice Chair Janet Gutowski chaired the meeting in Mel Campbell's absence. She thanked the County of Peterborough for their hospitality.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

The Financial Sustainability Report – Next Steps was added as item 6 d. Vice Chair Gutowski wished to share information on a project opportunity under item 11.

Moved by: Warden Jones  
Seconded by: Warden McLeod

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by: Warden Lowry  
Seconded by: Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that the Minutes of EOWC Inc. meeting of February 26th, 2012 be approved as circulated.

Carried

**5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations**

**6. Reports for Review / Discussion**

a. EORN Update – David Fell, CEO

Mr. Fell reported that the backbone installation is moving along very well, and staff may be able to save another 1 to 3 million dollars on the contracts and reallocate it to extending the reach of broadband. The savings have been realized through volume purchasing at less than anticipated costs. EORN is developing a small Internet Service Provider (ISP) Education Day in early May to explain what the ISPs will have access to, where the Points of Presence are, etc. Staff will strategize and report on ways to close the gaps after the first round of RFPs are approved on April 20<sup>th</sup>. EORN has exceeded \$55 million in contributions from the private sector; more details will be provided at the next meeting in closed session.

Moved by: Warden Clemens  
Seconded by: Warden Brocanier

Be it resolved that EOWC Inc. receive the EORN Update report from Mr. Fell.

Carried

b. Status Update – EOWC EODP grant application  
Monieson research/benchmarking and outreach

Mr. Fell provided an update on this special project with the Monieson Centre, sharing that the Province had identified \$30,000 in funding for it. With the addition of \$10,000 from EOWC and \$20,000 from EORN, the Monieson Centre can now begin this research on the Economic and Social Impacts of the broadband project. They have identified 5 projects to work on, so the \$60,000 will be allocated to a macro-economic look at the impact of broadband somewhere in Ontario and somewhere internationally, as well as a project on how broadband can have an impact

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on small, entrepreneurial businesses (farmers, small business, etc.). The intention of the second project is to stimulate and encourage others to use the broadband and develop growth. It was reported that Queen's University is offering a Rural Revitalization Summit for free. Vice Chair Gutowski will forward the information to the members.

Moved by:           Warden Gemmell  
Seconded by:       Warden Sweet

Be it resolved that the report on the EOWC EODP grant application be received.

Carried

- c.     Housing Services Corporation to present at April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

Mr. Gary King explained that the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) have requested a delegation to share the roll-out plan for their provision of insurance and natural gas services and receive feedback from the Caucus. To best fit their timeframe, the HSC will be presenting at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- d.     Financial Sustainability Report Update – Next Steps

Ms. Liz Savill provided the Caucus with the reported reactions to the release of the Financial Sustainability Report. Mr. King distributed a collection of newspaper articles reflecting the media response. The Financial Sustainability Steering Committee will be meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the consultant, Kathy Wood, to discuss Next Steps. The Caucus was asked to provide their feedback to the Steering Committee and suggest Next Steps and solutions to the issues that the Report raises. The CAOs had discussed this matter in the morning and recommended that further opportunities be created by meeting with Federal and Provincial staff and other organizations such as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). It was suggested that the EOWC regularly distribute a News Release, focusing on a different topic for each News Release, to keep the report active and to stress the individual issues the report reveals. It was also suggested that the EOWC endeavour to meet with the Opposition Parties and make the same presentation. It was recommended that when the EOWC does a News Release, the members are first provided with information to assist with the questions they receive from the media. The Steering Committee will provide a report to the Caucus on April 20<sup>th</sup> of their recommended strategies.

**7.     Closed Session**

Moved by:           Warden Lowry

Seconded by:     Warden Sweet

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 1:32 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 St-Amour

Be it resolved that EOWC rise from closed session at 2:10 p.m. without a report.

Carried

**9. Correspondence**

Warden Clemens drew the Caucus' attention to Incoming Correspondence Item c: a letter regarding concerns of low growth in Eastern Ontario and the need to address changes within Provincial Policy Statements. He asked that the Caucus read the letter and that it be brought back for discussion.

Moved by:           Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by:       Warden McLeod

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

Carried

**10. By-laws**

a.     By-law #12-16

Moved by:           Warden McLeod  
Seconded by:       Warden Brocanier

Be it resolved that the EOWC authorize the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to execute an Agreement between the EOWC and Storm Internet Services for RFP P-03-2011 Zone 5b – for the provision of access services for Ottawa Valley South.

Carried

b. By-law #12-17

Moved by: Warden Clemens  
Seconded by: Mayor McGee

Be it resolved that the EOWC authorize the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to execute an Agreement between the EOWC and Nexicom for RFP P-02-2011 Zone 4b – for the provision of access services for Kawarthas.

Carried

**11. Notice of Motions**

Vice Chair Gutowski shared with the Caucus a connection she had made with a citizen who is working with staff at Ryerson University and is desirous developing an Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Gutowski will provide any report coming forth to the CAOs for consideration.

**12. Next Meeting**

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Glenhouse Resort, 1000 Islands Parkway

It was reported that Ron Emond, former Chair of the EOWC, has retired from municipal government. The Secretary-Treasurer will arrange for appropriate appreciation be sent on behalf of the EOWC.

**13. Confirmation By-Law #12-18**

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 behalf and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

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

Carried

**14. Adjournment**

Moved by: Warden Lowry  
Seconded by: Warden Fearrey

Be it resolved that the EOWC meeting adjourn at 2:18 p.m.

Carried

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Janet Gutowski, Vice Chair

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Gary King, Secretary-Treasurer