



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Monday, August 12, 2013
10:00 a.m.

County of Frontenac
Frontenac Room
2069 Battersea Road
Glenburnie, ON

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Janet Gutowski	Liz Savill, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Carol Moffatt	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips, Chair	Jim Pine, CAO, Secretary-Treasurer
City of Kawartha Lakes		
County of Lanark	Warden Bill Dobson	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman, Vice Chair	Andy Brown, CAO,
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Doug Bearance	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Hector Macmillan	Dan Borrowec, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Rene Berthiaume	Stephane Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Peter Mertens	Merlin Dewing, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Bill McGimpsey	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	Mark Fisher, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Lisa Severson	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Stephen Seller	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Kathy Wood	Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant to the CAO, UCPR
Justin Watkins	Manager of Strategic Services, UCSDG

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Warden Phillips called the meeting to order and thanked Warden Gutowski and the County of Frontenac for hosting the meeting.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

A request was made that the issue of 401 detour/emergency routes be added as an issue to be discussed at the Multi-Ministers meeting at the AMO conference. Jim Pine explained that the CAO's have worked with the Province in advance of this meeting to set the agenda and determining issues to be discussed at the conference. It was felt that Jim Pine should prepare a report detailing the EOWC position on the issue for consideration at the next EOWC meeting.

Moved by Warden Berthiaume

Seconded by Warden Moffatt

Be it resolved the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Warden Dobson

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 14, 2013 and Closed Session Minutes of the same date be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations - None

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 White Paper on Municipal Infrastructure - Facilitated by Kathy Woods

Ms. Kathy Wood shared the key elements of the white paper on Municipal Infrastructure. There was lengthy discussion surrounding a definition of small and rural with the EOWC supporting a definition that qualifies municipalities based on population. This definition will be a recommendation in the white paper and also the EOWC will recommend that this definition be used to determine the disbursement of the \$100 million dollars of Infrastructure funding for rural and northern municipalities recently announced. The EOWC also agreed that the infrastructure funding should be allocated based on a municipality's ability to pay and the scale of its infrastructure responsibilities, recommending that the allocation be based on each municipality's share of the total infrastructure assets held by eligible municipalities measured by Net Book Value.

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Gutowski

THAT the EOWC recommends to the province that the definition of rural be defined as based on population of the upper tier and single tier of 50 persons per sq. kilometer or less.

CARRIED

Moved by Warden Bearance

Seconded by Warden Mertens

THAT the EOWC approves the white paper on Municipal Infrastructure and recommendations contained therein as presented but with the addition of a 10th point being that the Infrastructure funding is a separate and distinct fund.

CARRIED

6.2 White Paper on Municipal Affordability - Facilitated by Kathy Woods

Ms. Kathy Woods reviewed the white paper on Municipal Affordability and the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by Warden Macmillan

Seconded by Warden Gutowski

THAT the EOWC approved the white paper on Municipal Affordability and the recommendations contained therein.

CARRIED

6.3 AMO Meeting Schedule and coordination (Draft schedule to be circulated on desk)

Jim Pine reviewed the draft meeting schedule for the EOWC at the upcoming AMO Conference. He indicated that during the meeting with Mr. Hudak, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party it was felt that EOWC should ask him to clarify his position on the continuation of the Social Services upload which has been committed to by the Liberal Government. It was agreed that this question will be posed as part of the discussion on the affordability white paper.

7. Correspondence - Nil

8. By-laws – Nil

9. Notice of Motions/Other Business

Warden Berthiaume advised the EOWC that Calypso Park is currently operating safely and that the Medical Officer of Health for Eastern Ontario is supportive of the park remaining open but indicated that the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) has concerns about the operation of the park. Warden Berthiaume stressed that the park is safe and remains open to the public.

Warden McGimpsey requested that the CAOs review the Drive Clean Program and suggested that the EOWC should support the discontinuation of the program.

Warden Moffatt advised the EOWC that Parks Canada has hired AECOM to undertake a review of the water management decisions made by the Trent Severn Waterway staff in the spring of 2013 that resulted in the Minden flood.

EORN Update – Lisa Serverson indicated that EORN is hopeful that a recommendation for the Business Parks RFP will be brought before the EOWC for consideration at the October meeting.

10. Next Meeting

Sunday August 18, 2013 – EOWC Meeting at AMO Conference

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Provinces 2, 4th Floor Westin Hotel

Sunday August 18th Joint EOWC/WOWC Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Provinces 2, 4th Floor Westin Hotel

11. Confirmation By-law #13-08

**Moved by Warden McGimpsey
Seconded by Warden Jones**

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 the 12th day of August, 2013 in respect of 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.

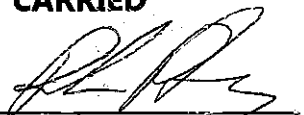
2. THAT the Chair and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. are hereby authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain any approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary, and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

12. Adjournment

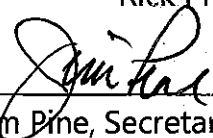
**Moved by Mayor Mertrens
Seconded by Warden Moffatt**

THAT the EOWC meeting of August 12, 2013 be adjourned.

CARRIED



Rick Phillips, Chair;



Jim Pine, Secretary-Treasurer