



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

Friday, June 14, 2013
10:00 a.m.

County of Renfrew
County Building
9 International Drive
Pembroke, Ontario

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	
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	Bill Pyatt, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell		
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 Justin Watkins, Intern

Regrets		
County of Frontenac		Liz Savill, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	Mark Fisher, CAO
United Counties of Prescott Russell	Warden Rene Berthiaume	Stéphane P. Parisien CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Stephen Seller	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sheridan Graham	Procurement Director – EORN/County of Peterborough
Jim Kutschke	Director of Finance – County of Renfrew
Kathy Wood	Natural Capital Resources Inc.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Warden Phillips called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Warden Moffat

Seconded by Warden Emon

Be it resolved the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Mertens

Seconded by Warden Gutowski

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of April 19, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations

5.1 Algonquin Land Claim – Norm Lemke, Chair Municipal Advisory Committee, Brian Crane, Ontario Chief Negotiator, Chief Kirby Whiteduck Representative from Algonquins

Mr. Brian Crane provided the EOWC with an update on the progress to date on the Draft Agreement in Principle of the Algonquin Land Claim. He explained that a ratification vote will be held in December 2013 by the Algonquins of Ontario and once approved the final draft will be submitted to the Governments of Ontario and Canada for approval. Mr. Crane advised that the final treaty will take a number of years to complete but the Agreement in Principle will be the basis of negotiations going forward. He confirmed there will be consultation with various Councils around planning designations for various lands as well as arrangements to service lands. It was agreed that as part of the consultation work on the EOWC Economic Development Strategy that the Algonquins should be included as soon as possible. Both groups stated they look forward to continuing the collaborative relationship that currently exists.

Jim Pine advised the EOWC that a draft legal opinion had been requested by the CAOs on the Draft Agreement in Principle regarding issues of land planning and property taxation. He reviewed the response and it was agreed that a letter should be drafted to Mr. Crane advising of the EOWC's comments around the two issues.

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Mertens

THAT a letter be sent to Mr. Brian Crane thanking them for the information shared regarding the agreement in principle and

detailing the EOWC's questions around land use planning and property taxation issues.

CARRIED

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Financial Sustainability Report Update

Larry Keech reviewed the report and the proposed roll out plan for the "Municipal Affordability", "Ratepayer Affordability" and "Infrastructure" white papers from the Financial Sustainability Update project the week prior to the AMO Conference in August. Kathy Wood reviewed the projects and recommendations on the above three topics and Mr. Keech reviewed the costs and scope of work associated with engaging Kathy Wood to develop recommendations in response to the permanent infrastructure fund in conjunction with the white paper preparation and release.

**Moved by Mayor Mertrens
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the EOWC plan for the rollout of the "Municipal Affordability", "Ratepayer Affordability" and "Infrastructure" White Papers from the Financial Sustainability Update project in the week prior to the annual AMO Conference in August.

**THAT the EOWC engage Kathryn Wood of Natural Capital Resources Inc. to develop recommendations from the EOWC in response to the Province's consultation process for the development of a permanent infrastructure funding program as per Kathryn's proposal dated June 4, 2013;
and further,**

THAT the total cost of \$5,103.60 be funded from the EOWC's accumulated surplus.

THAT a special meeting of the EOWC be planned for Monday, August 12, 2013 in order to confirm recommendations related to the White Papers and the Province's Permanent Infrastructure Fund and

provide a briefing regarding the rollout and communications strategy.

CARRIED

6.2 Economic Development Strategy Update

The members of the EOWC met with Mr. Paul Blais of Millier, Dickinson and Blais and Ms. Kathy Wood, Natural Capital Resources prior to the official meeting start to conduct a consultation session regarding the Economic Development Strategy.

**Moved by Warden McGimpsey
Seconded by Warden Dobson**

THAT the status report on the Eastern Ontario Development Strategy be received and;

THAT the Chair and Secretary be authorized to sign any and all documents related to the approved Provincial and Federal funding of the Regional Economic Development Strategy for Eastern Ontario, such project previously being approved by the EOWC.

CARRIED

6.3 Local Food Act Bill 36

Kurt Greaves provided an update on the Local Food Act Bill 36 confirming that it passed second reading May 15 and is now at Standing Committee.

He added that the CAOs met with the Eastern Ontario Local Food and Farming Collaborative where the group expressed their willingness to work with the EOWC and they will provide information on how the Local Food Act can be improved to help Eastern Ontario farmers and food businesses.

Mr. Greaves explained that the Eastern Ontario Local Food and Farming Collaborative is very concerned with the Local Food Act's definition of 'local'. Local is defined in the proposed Act as Ontario. Given the size of the province this reduces a lot of the beneficial aspects of the proposed Act. The group would like to see a more regional based definition e.g. Eastern Ontario. The group pointed out they have worked with agriculture

groups on verification of local produce and the systems established work well and are easy to implement.

In addition, when the Act passes they are willing to help the EOWC on the consultative aspect of the Act.

Mr. Greaves advised that the Ontario Municipal Knowledge Network (part of AMO) is working on a paper on best practices (e.g., Chicago, Vancouver etc) for Local Food Initiatives. The paper is going to be presented at the AMO conference in August.

On the issue of foreign ownership of prime agriculture land Mr. Greaves advised that he had consulted with AMO to see if they had looked into this issue. The policy people at AMO advised that this is an issue that has come up in the past but that they are currently not pursuing this issue. They pointed out that some of the foreign ownership is European farmers that bring progressive farming practices to Ontario and also that the major banks have divisions that work to bring in foreign farmers. The issue was discussed with the CAO group and it was felt this issue is beyond the scope of the EOWC but will continue to monitor it through any activities at AMO.

**Moved by Warden McGimpsey
Seconded by Warden Macmillan**

THAT the report on the Local Food Act Bill 36 be received.

CARRIED

6.4 AMO Conference Delegations Requests and Meetings

Jim Pine reviewed the list of proposed issues to be addressed with Ministers at the upcoming AMO Conference.

**Moved by Mayor Mertens
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the following list of Ministers and issues be submitted to the Province for our traditional multi ministers meeting at the AMO annual conference

Minister of Health –	Long term care stable funding EMS dispatch Home health monitoring
Minster of Transportation -	Infrastructure funding
Minister of Agriculture & - Minister of Rural Affairs	Local Food Act Farm tax & managed forests
Minister of Finance & Minister of Economic Development	Economic Development Strategy

6.5 Farm Tax

Jim Hutton reviewed the resolution supported by the County of Renfrew regarding the Farmland Tax Program and Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program noting it was an issue that the EOWC has been involved in and has advocated strongly for change.

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Macmillan**

THAT the resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding the Farm and Tax Program and Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program be supported.

CARRIED

6.6 Call Sharing of EMS Vehicles

Jim Pine advised of a Ministry of Health policy of call sharing for calls that are received within a 5kms radius of a joint dispatch area which results in both centres dispatching an ambulance until they can determine which vehicle is closest. It has been determined that this is a result of an IT infrastructure barrier that results in dispatch centres not being able to see vehicles outside their area.

**Moved by Warden Gutowski
Seconded by Mayor Mertrens**

That the EOWC recommend to the Ministry of Health that the CACCs across Ontario be given the technology to see ambulances in neighbouring CACC areas in order to determine which ambulance is closest to the emergency call.

CARRIED

6.7 Long-term Care Funding Issue

Jim Pine advised that the current funding model for long-term care homes has become very complex, restrictive and has resulted in unstable funding from year to year. The issues of multiple funding "pots", each having its own reporting and reconciliation requirements resulting in administrative requirements and increased workload was discussed along with the volatility of the Case Mix Index resulting in large swings of funding to the Nursing and Personal care envelope.

**Moved by Warden Holman
Seconded by Warden Gutowski**

THAT the EOWC advocate for a simplified, stable and sustainable funding model for the Long-term care sector and that the matter be referred to CAO's and Treasurers to identify the parameters of such a model.

CARRIED

6.8 Ontario Regulation 284/09 Budget Matters

Jim Pine advised that the EOWC Treasurers group had met and discussed this issue and are recommending that Ontario regulation 284/08 maintain the status quo and continue to allow municipalities the ability to exclude amortization expense, post-employment benefit expense and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expense from the budget. Currently, Councils have the ability to determine the level of reserve and

capital investment they levy for their municipalities which allows them to determine if it is feasible and affordable for the taxpayer.

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Mayor Mertrens**

THAT the EOWC recommend that Ontario Regulation 284/09 maintain the status quo and allow municipalities to exclude amortization expense, post-employment benefit expenses and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses from the budget,

AND FURTHER that the review of the regulation does not result in additional reporting requirements.

CARRIED

6.9 Eastern Ontario Regional Network CEO Report

David Fell provided an update on the EORN project. He advised that the Deloitte/OMAFRA compliance audit has been completed and a final report will be forthcoming. He advised that he does not anticipate any unexpected issues coming out of the audit. Mr. Fell also confirmed that the Federal Government has provided its ruling on the HST status of both EOWC and EORN. He advised that neither meets the qualification for the determination as a municipality. Mr. Pine advised that they will seek clarification around the possibility of an appeal to the decision.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Gutowski**

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Board of Directors accepts the CEO's report as presented.

CARRIED

6.10 Eastern Ontario Regional Network – Curve Lake First Nations Agreement

Jim Pine explained that EORN has been working closely with Curve Lake First Nation to provide EORN fibre into the First Nation Community. He confirmed that Curve Lake First Nation issued a Request for Proposal for the project which has closed and evaluations are presently underway.

Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Moffat

THAT the EORN Board of Directors recommends to the EOWC to enter into an agreement with Curve Lake First Nation for the EORN funding of a Point of Presence and Points of Connection for Curve Lake First Nation and that the necessary by-law be passed to authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the agreement on behalf of the EOWC.

CARRIED

6.11 Eastern Ontario Regional Network Monieson Phase 2 Report

David Fell reviewed the Monieson Phase 2 report advising that the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) will contribute an additional \$30,000 to the EOWC to implement phase 2 of the Monieson Broadband project. The project will study electronic health options as well as governance aspects of the EORN project in Eastern Ontario.

Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Holman

THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Board of Directors receives the Monieson Phase 2 report.

CARRIED

6.12 Eastern Ontario Regional Network Communication Report and Deferral Account Update

Lisa Severson provided a communications update to the EOWC advising that planning is currently underway for two zone launches for the South

Nation and Highland zones. She will provide more details around the date, time and location as the information is confirmed. Ms. Severson also confirmed that Bell Mobility has begun work in a number of deferral account locations and that their work will increase coverage in those areas but should not be confused with work on the EORN project.

**Moved by Warden Bearance
Seconded by Warden Moffat**

**THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus receives the
Communication Update Report presented June 14, 2013.**

CARRIED

6.13 Future Health Project

Jim Pine presented a PowerPoint presentation to the members of the EOWC outlining work that has been done to date regarding the Future Health Project – Home health monitoring. He advised that EORN/EOWC was approached by Future Health Services regarding partnership in the rollout of home health monitoring. EORN was identified because of the strategic fit with the technology required for the project and the network. The feedback received by the CAOs at the March meeting was for members of EORN to investigate the Strategic Fit, Competitive Analysis; Public Policy Environment and Appropriate Procurement Process. Mr. Pine reviewed the actions since the CAOs meeting and proposed a go forward strategy of:

Phase One: EOWC advocacy program to determine prospects for provincial funding and timing/conditions for securing positive decision(s)

Phase Two: Support FHS effort to implement potential Fed Dev supported demonstration project in a LHIN region in Eastern Ontario

Phase Three: determine any future role up to and including formation of a product distribution company to manage marketing and technology-related elements of the program across Eastern Ontario

**Moved by Warden Dobson
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

THAT the EOWC Board of Directors approves the three step strategy as proposed and that the CAOs report back to the EOWC Board on a regular basis.

CARRIED

6.14 Closed Session

**6.14.1 Eastern Ontario Regional Network, RFP Award-
Sheridan Graham**

**Moved by Warden Macmillan
Seconded by Warden Berthiaume**

THAT the EOWC move into closed session to discuss an Eastern Ontario Regional Network RFP Award.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden McGimpsey
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

THAT the EOWC move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Moffatt
Seconded by Warden Holman**

THAT staff be directed to follow instructions given during the closed session.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Outgoing pgs. 60-70

7.1.1 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne re Bill 34: An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act

7.1.2 Letter to Ms. Andrea Horwath Leader, New Democrat Party of Ontario, re Bill 34: An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act

7.1.3 Letter to Mr. Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition re Bill 34: An Act to Amend the Highway Traffic Act

7.1.4 Letter to Ms. Andrew Horwath, Leader, new Democrat Party of Ontario re Invitation to meet with EOWC members

7.1.5 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne re Bill 36, Local Food Act, 2013

7.1.6 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne re: Interest Arbitration

7.1.7 Letter to Ms. Andrea Horwath Leader, New Democrat Party of Ontario, re: Interest Arbitration

7.1.8 Letter to Mr. Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition re: Interest Arbitration

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded Warden Gutowski**

THAT outgoing correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Incoming pgs. 71-93

7.2.1 Letter from Minister McMeekin, Ministry of Community and Social Services re: meeting at ROMA/OGRA

- 7.2.2 Letter from Minister Bradley, Ministry of the Environment re: meeting at ROMA/OGRA**
- 7.2.3 Letter from Minister Jeffrey, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: meeting at OGRA/ROMA**
- 7.2.4 Letter to Minister Chiarelli (and supporting documentation) from the Municipality of Marmora and Lake re: Marmora pumped storage project**
- 7.2.5 Letter to Premier Wynne from the Town of Petawawa re: Endangered Species Act**
- 7.2.6 Letter from Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Mr. Martin Bohl, Director re: extension of the End of Financial Assistance Date for the EORN Project**
- 7.2.7 Letters from Canada Revenue Agency re: ruling on HST qualification for EOWC and EORN**
- 7.2.8 Letter from County of Renfrew to premier Wynne re: municipal liability insurance**

**Moved by Warden Moffatt
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT incoming correspondence items be received.

CARRIED

8. By-laws

By-Law #13-06

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Moffatt**

Be it resolved that the EOWC authorize the Chair and Secretary-Treasurer to execute an agreement with Curve Lake First Nation for the EORN funding of a Point of Presence and Points of Connection for Curve Lake First Nation.

CARRIED

9. Notice of Motion

10. Next Meeting

**Monday August 12, 2013 – County of Frontenac
Sunday August 18, 2013 – AMO Conference Ottawa, ON**

11. Other Business

Infrastructure Fund

Warden Holman raised the issue of the consultation process for the \$100 million dollar Infrastructure Fund advising that he felt it would be advisable for the EOWC to advocate for distribution of the fund by allocation as opposed to application.

**Moved by Warden Holman
Seconded by Warden Jones**

THAT the EOWC advocate for the distribution of the recently announced \$100 Million Infrastructure funding for Rural and Northern Communities to be distributed on the basis of allocation as opposed to application.

CARRIED

12. Confirmation By-law #13-07

**Moved by Warden Gutowski
Seconded by Warden Emon**

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 14th day of June, 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.

CARRIED

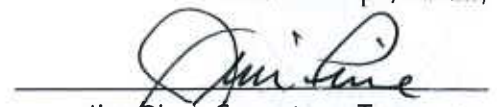
13. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Macmillan
Seconded by Warden Gutowski**

THAT the EOWC meeting of June 14, 2013 be adjourned.

CARRIED


Rick Phillips, Chair;


Jim Pine, Secretary-Treasurer