



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Friday, January 11, 2013
8:30 a.m.**

**Limestone City Ball Room
Four Points by Sheraton Kingston
285 King Street, East, Kingston, Ontario**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Janet Gutowski	Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Haliburton	Carol Moffatt	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee	Mark Fisher
County of Lanark	Bill Dobson	
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Ron Holman	Andy Brown, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer Lesley Todd, Clerk
County of Lennox and Addington	Doug Bearance	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Hector Macmillan	Bill Pyatt, CAO
County of Peterborough	J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Rene Berthiaume	Stephane P. Parisien, CAO Justin Bromberg
County of Prince Edward	Peter Mertens	Merlin Dewing, CAO
County of Renfrew	Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Bill McGimpsey	Tim Simpson, CAO Justin Watkins, Intern

Regrets		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Lanark		Kurt Greaves, CAO

Past Wardens In Attendance	
County	Name
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Mel Campbell
County of Lennox and Addington	Bill Lowry
County of Northumberland	Gil Brocanier
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Francois St-Armour
County of Renfrew	Bob Sweet
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Ian McLeod

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Kathy Wood	Consultant, Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Vince Fabilli	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Warren Sleeth	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Steve Seller	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Mel Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff; and Doug Reycraft, Chair of the County Caucus, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors and Pat Vanini, Executive Director.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted there are additions to the agenda, the 2013 Priorities and the OGRA/ROMA Delegation which were deferred from yesterday's meeting.

Moved by Warden Gutowski
Seconded by Warden Jones

Be it resolved the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair called on Mr. Brown to lead the discussed on the 2013 Priorities. Mr. Brown noted the CAOs met after the meeting yesterday to discuss the 2013 priorities based on the discussion at the meeting.

Mr. Pine reviewed the priorities and stated a different approach was taken with the development of two main priorities and the creation of a "parking lot" concept. He explained the main focus of the Caucus would be firstly, the economic development strategy which would include issues such as business retention, skill development, the Eastern Ontario Rural Network (EORN) and the Algonquin Land Claim. The second priority would be financial sustainability through research and advocacy and includes issues such as the expansion of data on social housing and waste management, and continued efforts on asset management and a roads and bridges fund.

Mr. Pine reviewed the "parking lot" concept explaining it is for issues that have been raised in the past and may not require a lot of time or activity, but if they arise, the EOWC needs to be ready to support or discuss them in some manner.

Mr. Pine also explained the CAOs discussed the possibility of the EOWC participating in a facilitated strategic exercise at some time during this term.

The Wardens commented on the presentation and made some suggestions. The CAOs will review how policing may be able to be included in the financial sustainability data, developing a checklist of what has been achieved, a look at the intern leadership program, and consideration of airports under the transportation umbrella.

Moved by Mayor McGee

Seconded by Warden Mcmillian

THAT the presentation on the 2013 priorities be received and that the 2013 priorities be approved.

CARRIED

Mr. Brown reviewed the list of requested participant ministers for the ministerial panel at the OGRA/ROMA Conference.

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Phillips

THAT the EOWC requests a meeting with a panel of Ministers during the OGRA/ROMA Conference to discuss the following issues and topics:

- **Infrastructure Programs - Update Ministers on any new data and analysis, and need for new infrastructure programs**
- **Roads and Bridges - Need for permanent funding program**
- **Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy - Update the Ministers**
- **Farmlands and Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program**
- **OMPF - What is the future of the fund**
- **Emergency Detour Routes - Damages/costs to local and county roads during detours off provincial highways**
- **Ontario Works - Reduction in discretionary benefits and elimination of Community Start –up Benefits**
- **Environmental – financial sustainability of environmental services (water, wastewater and waste management)**
- **Energy - report proposing consolidation of local distribution companies**

CARRIED

4. 2012 Summary Comments by 2012 Chair Mel Campbell

Chair Campbell relayed his comments and thanked the Caucus for their support in 2012.

5. Presentation of Gifts

On behalf of the Caucus, Andy Brown presented gifts to Chair Mel Campbell and Lesley Todd, thanking them for their work in 2012.

6. Election for Chair and Vice Chair of EOWC for 2013

Gary King presided over the election process for Chair and Vice Chair. He noted candidates were given the opportunity at yesterday's meeting to address the Caucus. Mr. King called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for 2013.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden McGimpsey
THAT Rick Phillips be nominated for the position of Chair of EOWC Inc. for
the Year 2013.**

CARRIED

Warden Phillips accepted the nomination.

Mr. King called for further nominations a second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations.

**Moved by Mayor Mertens
Seconded by Warden Berthiaume
THAT nominations be closed.**

CARRIED

Mr. King declared Warden Phillips as the Chair for the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for 2013 by acclamation.

Mr. King called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for 2013.

**Moved by Warden Dobson
Seconded by Mayor McGee
THAT Ron Holman be nominated for the position of Vic Chair of EOWC Inc.
for the Year 2013.**

CARRIED

Warden Holman accepted the nomination.

Mr. King called for further nominations a second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations.

**Moved by Mayor Mertens
Seconded by Warden Berthiaume
THAT nominations be closed.**

CARRIED

Mr. King declared Warden Holman as the Vic Chair for the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for 2013 by acclamation.

The meeting recessed at 9:14 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:39 a.m.

Doug Reycraft, Chair of the County Caucus, was invited to bring greetings on behalf of Russ Power, President of AMO. He thanked the Caucus and acknowledged the work of Mel Campbell and his contribution to both the EOWC and AMO. He shared AMO's priorities with the Caucus.

Mr. Reycraft mentioned AMO's efforts regarding the reconciliation of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and noted AMO's disappointment the fund would not be reconciled for 2011 and 2012. The Caucus discussed this issue and felt the EOWC should send a letter to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on this issue.

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Mcmillian

THAT a letter be sent under the signature of the Chair of the EOWC to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request the continuation of the reconciliation of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of the letter be sent to all Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus member municipalities.

CARRIED

7. Opening Remarks by 2013 Chair

Chair Rick Phillips thanked the Caucus for the opportunity to serve as Chair and thanked the CAOs for their continued efforts.

8. Welcoming of Guests

The Chair noted The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Transportation, and Infrastructure had sent his regrets and was unable to attend.

The Chair asked the MPs, MPPs and members of the Mayors' Caucus to introduce themselves.

Those present included, MPs Dean Del Mastro, Ted Hsu, Daryl Kramp, and Rick Norlock, MPPs Jeff Leal, Jim McDonnell, Rob Milligan and Todd Smith; Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC) Dave Henderson, Ed Jacyno, Bob Kilger, Dennis Staples and Brett Todd; and EOMC CAOs Bob Casselman, Stephen Fournier, Randy Helmer, Gerard Hunt, Rick Kester and Terry Lapierre.

9. Delegations and Presentations

9.1. Kathy Wood, Consultant, Natural Capital Resources Inc.

Ms. Wood presented a PowerPoint on the Financial Sustainability Project – Phase 2. She highlighted the changes in 2011 and presented statistical information on population and households, assessment, operating and capital expenditures, employment and unemployment rates, maintaining municipal assets and discussed recently analyzed data on social housing and environmental services. Ms. Wood concluded by noting the overall financial situation has not changed markedly in the past year for the region as a whole, and that extra emphasis needs to be on accelerated economic development, finding new ways to deliver services, suggesting policy changes to reduce costs, taking a careful look at new ways to increase and generate revenue and to continue targeted discussions on infrastructure funding.

9.2. Jim Pine, EORN Co-Lead and Lisa Severson, EORN Communications & Stakeholder Officer

Mr. Pine previewed a video on the EORN project which is also available on their website. He took the opportunity to acknowledge some "champions" present, Daryl Kramp, Rick Norlock, Dean Del Mastro and Jeff Leal. He also acknowledged the EORN Board members.

Mr. Pine presented a Powerpoint highlighting EORN's work which explained what EORN is, the funding formula, investment leveraging, EORN's operation, the three phases of construction, how EORN is doing on its commitments, next stages and timelines.

9.3. EOWC 2013 Priorities - Andy Brown

Mr. Brown presented the 2013 Priorities explaining the Caucus has determined two key priorities for 2013. The creation of an economic development strategy will be funded jointly by the EOWC and the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, in addition to seeking funding from the provincial government and Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC). The second priority is the continuation of financial sustainability efforts through research and advocacy. The Caucus has also established a "parking lot" of issues that will continue to be monitored other issues of concern for the Caucus are discretionary benefits, intern program, and OMPF reconciliation.

10. Discussion with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPs, MPPs, and Mayors

The Chair invited MPs, MPPs, and members of the Mayors' Caucus to comment on the EOWC's priorities.

11. By-laws

11.1. By-Law #13-02

Moved by Warden Holman

Seconded by Mayor McGee

THAT the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus enacts a By-law to recognize and authorize the 2013 Chair Rick Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer Andy Brown, Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for EOWC Inc.

CARRIED

12. Notice of Motions - NIL

13. Confirmation By-law #13-03

Moved by Warden McGimpsey

Seconded by Warden Dobson

The Board of Directors 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 11th day of January, 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

14. Adjournment

Moved by Mayor Mertens

Seconded by Warden Emons

Be it resolved that the EOWC Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

CARRIED

Rick Phillips, Chair

Andy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer