



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

**Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
MINUTES
Friday, January 14, 2011
9:00 a.m.
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel – Limestone City Ballroom
Kingston, ON**

In attendance:

County	EOWC CURRENT AND INCOMING MEMBERS	STAFF
County of Haliburton	Chair Dave Burton – Past Warden Murray Fearrey - Warden	Secretary-Treasurer Jim Wilson - CAO Tamara Wilbee – County Clerk
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Vice Chair - Bill Thake, Past Warden Mel Campbell - Warden	Steve Silver - CAO
County of Frontenac	Gary Davison- Warden	Elizabeth Savill - CAO
County of Hastings	Jo-Anne Albert – Warden	Jim Pine-CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Ric McGee – Mayor	Jane Reynolds - CAO
County of Lanark	John Fenik – Past Warden Sharon Mousseau - Warden	Peter Wagland - CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Henry Hogg - Warden	Larry Keech-CAO
County of Northumberland	Mark Lovshin - Warden	Bill Pyatt - CAO
County of Peterborough	J. Murray Jones – Warden	Gary King – CAO
County of Renfrew	Donald Rathwell – Past Warden Bob Sweet – Warden	Jim Hutton - CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Jean-Yves Lalonde – Warden	Stéphane P. Parisien – CAO
County of Prince Edward	Peter Mertens – Mayor	Dick Shannon - CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Bryan McGillis – Past Warden Steven Byvelds - Warden	Michael Waddell-CAO
Other guests:		EORN: Lisa Severson, Sheridan Graham, David Fell, Laura Bradley MMAH Steve Sellar

		Frontenac AMCTO Intern Isabel Leung
Regrets:	Peter Delanty – Past Warden – Northumberland Conrad Lamadeleine- Warden – Prescott and Russell Leo Finnegan – Past Mayor – Prince Edward	

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Burton called the meeting to order and provided remarks regarding the activities of the EOWC during 2010. He welcomed past and present members of the Caucus and provided a photograph of the 2010 Wardens' Caucus and CAOs to the outgoing Wardens.

2. Election of EOWC Chair and EOWC Vice-Chair for the 2011 Term

At the January 13, 2011 meeting, Past-Secretary Jim Pine reviewed the ground rules for the election procedure of Chair and Vice-Chair. At that time, nominations were called for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011. Warden J. Murray Jones of Peterborough County stood for the position of Chair and Warden Mel Campbell of Leeds and Grenville expressed interest in the position of Vice-Chair. Given that there is no requirement for an election, the following resolutions were passed to approve the acclamations:

Moved by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert
Seconded by: Warden Henry Hogg

THAT Warden J. Murray Jones of Peterborough County be acclaimed as President/Chair of EOWC Inc. for 2011.

Carried

Warden Jones was declared President/Chair of the EOWC Inc. for the year 2011 by acclamation.

Moved by: Warden Gary Davison
Seconded by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert

THAT Warden Mel Campbell of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville be acclaimed as Vice-President/Chair for the EOWC Inc. for 2011.

Carried.

Warden Campbell was declared Vice-President/Chair of the EOWC Inc. for the year 2011 by acclamation.

It was also noted that according to the by-laws the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the CAO of the County that the Chair is Warden/Mayor of.

Moved by: Mayor Ric McGee

Seconded by: Warden Gary Davison

THAT the EOWC appoint Gary King as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2011 year.

Carried.

Chair J. Murray Jones took the chair and thanked everyone for their support. He thanked the outgoing Caucus members and support staff for the accomplishments of the last year and outlined his desire to maintain this momentum in 2011 leading the Caucus through the 2011 priorities.

Vice-Chair Mel Campbell noted that his role was to support the Chair where necessary.

3. Peter Hume, President of AMO

Peter Hume addressed the Inaugural meeting of the EOWC providing an overview of current municipal priorities being considered at the AMO Board.

He reported that they are going back to the Province to strengthen their resolve to create a waste management system that recognizes that people that are producing the products should be paying for the safe disposal, not the property tax papers.

He stated that municipalities have incredibly diverse interests but he is always interested in working with all partners and appreciates the opportunity to be here.

4. 2011 EOWC Priorities:

At the January 13, 2011 meeting a number of priorities were reviewed and a preliminary list was forwarded to this meeting for discussion. Jim Pine facilitated a discussion regarding the recommendation.

The preliminary list of financial priorities includes: Farm and Managed Forests, Continuation of the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, Access to Provincial Gas Tax for Municipal Roads, Sustained Investment in Infrastructure and Crown Land.

Mayor McGee stated that Crown Land was not on the radar in the City of Kawartha Lakes. Warden Campbell suggested Crown Lands remain on the list as most counties other than the City of Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Prince Edward. Warden Sweet noted that it has been on for some time and it is important to eastern Ontario, but is not significant in south western Ontario. Warden Fearrey felt that given that it was already ranked number 5 that it should be left as the issue needs to be continually put in front of the government as we have zero compensation for Crown Lands. Past Warden Bryan McGillis noted that a lot of land is tied up for development due to crown land. Warden Mousseau agreed and Jim Pine noted consensus to leave crown land as a fiscal priority for the EOWC.

The preliminary list of economic development priorities include: a Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario, Support for Nuclear Industry in Eastern Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and Promotion of Border Crossings in Eastern Ontario.

Moved by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert
Seconded by: Warden Mel Campbell

Be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus endorse the following 2011 Priorities:

FISCAL PRIORITIES

Farm and Managed Forests
Continuation of Eastern Ontario Development Fund
Access to Provincial Gas Tax for Municipal Roads
Sustained Investment in Infrastructure
Crown Land

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario
Support for Nuclear Industry in EO Ontario
Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Promotion of Border Crossings in Eastern Ontario

Carried.

5. Delegations at OGRA/ROMA Conference – 2011

At the January 13, 2011 meeting Jim Wilson provided a report with regard to potential delegations at the OGRA/ROMA 2011 Conference in February. It was recommended that this be deferred following establishment of the 2011 priorities at this meeting.

Moved by: Warden Henry Hogg
Seconded by: Warden Peter Mertens

Be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus proceed with making Delegation Requests at the 2011 OGRA/ROMA Conference as follows:

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs
Ministry of Infrastructure
Ministry of Energy
Ministry of Finance

Carried.

6. Meeting with WOWC at OGRA/ROMA Conference – 2011

At the January 13th meeting, Jim Wilson provided a report regarding a meeting with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus at OGRA/ROMA. This item was deferred to this meeting.

Moved by: Mayor Ric McGee
Seconded by: Warden Sharon Mousseau

Be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus schedule a Joint Meeting with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus at the OGRA/ROMA Conference.

Carried.

7. Meeting with Eastern Ontario Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament

Chair Jones welcomed special guest Lou Rinaldi, MPP Northumberland Quinte West and Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Bartolucci - Ministry of Municipal Affairs. Mr. Rinaldi indicated his pleasure in meeting with the EOWC and brought greetings from the Minister. He also thanked outgoing Chair Burton and Vice Chair Thake for their work over the past year and incoming Chair Jones and Vice Chair Campbell for taking on this role for the coming year.

MPP Jean Marc Lalonde, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell addressed the EOWC. He expressed interest in supporting the Farm Tax issue and suggested that it not be done through the media. He also spoke to the gas tax and rural transportation. He also suggested the promotion of the border crossing at Thousand Islands as most don't know that it exists.

Minster John Gerretsen MPP, Kingston and the Islands – Minister of Consumer Services attended the meetings. Minister Gerretsen spoke to the importance of all levels of government working together on their respective responsibilities as a collective body.

Gord Brown, MP, Leeds and Grenville provided greetings on behalf of the Conservative members in Ottawa. He served on Gananoque Town Council in the nineties.

Scott Reid, MP, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington briefly spoke in support of the work of the EOWC.

Randy Hillier, MPP, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington provided greetings to the Caucus.

Dean Del Mastro joined the meeting by teleconference noting that key deliverables have been met. He thanked the EOWC for the motion passed in support of the railway issue suggesting that current letters of support would be welcomed. With the entire rail right of way being donated, there is the opportunity for originating freight along those lines.

Rick Johnson – MPP Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure – reported that the past four months, he has been meeting with ministries and getting reports on infrastructure plans. He suggested that we start thinking about a ten-year infrastructure plan. He commended the group on the broadband initiative and stressed the importance of persevering with these types of projects...

Jim Pine provided the attending MPs and MPPs an overview of the 2011 priorities of the EOWC as approved earlier in the meeting.

8. Confirmatory By-Law #11-02

**Moved by: Warden Henry Hogg
Seconded by: Warden Bob Sweet**

THAT 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 14th day of January 2011 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. Carried

Carried.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. and attendees were invited to remain for a luncheon.

**Moved by: Warden Murray Fearrey
Seconded by: Warden Jo-Anne Albert**

Be it resolved that the January 14, 2011 meeting of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus be adjourned.

Carried.

Chair J. Murray Jones

Secretary-Treasurer Gary King