



# Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, February 24, 2013  
1:00 p.m.**

**Alberta Room  
The Fairmont Royal York  
Toronto, Ontario**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

<b>Present</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Head of Council</b>	<b>Staff</b>
County of Frontenac	Janet Gutowski	Kieran Williams, Intern
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	Kurt Greaves, CAO
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

<b>Regrets</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Head of Council</b>	<b>Staff</b>
County of Frontenac		Elizabeth Savill, CAO

<b>Others Present</b>	
<b>Delegation/Guests</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications & Stakeholder Relations Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Vince Fabilli	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Warren Sleeth	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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**1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome**

Warden Phillips welcomed everyone and noted Warden Gutowski would be arriving later in the meeting.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Warden Berthiaume  
 Seconded by Mayor McGee  
 THAT the Agenda of February 24, 2013 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Warden McGimpsey  
 Seconded by Warden Macmillan  
 That the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
 be approved as circulated.**

**5. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations - Nil**

**6. Reports for Review/Discussion**

**6.1. Meeting with Ministers' Panel - Andy Brown and Jim Pine**

Andy Brown and Jim Pine reviewed the process for the Ministers' Panel and presented the first airing of the EOWC video which will be presented to the ministers. The EOWC reviewed the questions to be asked of the Ministers, and assigned questions on the social housing deficit, sustainable infrastructure funding, emergency detour routes, economic development strategy, OW discretionary benefits, and the consolidation of Local Distribution Companies to various Wardens/Mayors.

**6.2. Joint EOWC/WOWC Meeting - Andy Brown and Jim Pine**

Andy Brown reviewed the agenda for the joint meeting with the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus (WOWC). He noted the WOWC would provide the EOWC information on the Local Food Act and the CAOs would put this item on their next agenda and bring forward additional information to the EOWC at that time.

**6.3. Update on Financial Sustainability Report - Larry Keech, Elizabeth Savill and Kurt Greaves**

Larry Keech reported the Steering Committee had met twice with Kathy Wood since January, and two draft reports were being prepared. He noted Ms. Wood continues to collect data and seek some additional sources other than the Financial Information Returns (FIR). The Committee is investigating producing "white papers" on various issues to make the message easier to communicate, and will look at specific "asks" as well as solutions. The financial sustainability data will back up the "asks".

The EOWC discussed the Steering Committee approach and suggested the use of other data such as household/personal financial information and debt. The Steering Committee will report back at the next EOWC meeting.

**6.4. Economic Development Strategy Update - Jim Hutton and Tim Simpson**

Jim Hutton reviewed the report and noted the RFP closes on March 1<sup>st</sup> and there was quite a bit of interest. The next step after the RFP closes, is for the review team to evaluate the submissions. He said applications have been submitted for funding under the Communities in Transition (CIT) Program through the Ministry of Economic Development, and the Eastern Ontario Development Program – Collaborative Project Program through the Community Futures Development Corporation.

**6.5. EORN CEO Report - David Fell**

David Fell reviewed the report and noted the final financial statements will be presented at the April EOWC meeting.

In response to a question concerning the number of separated municipalities which have contributed to the EORN project, and how long they will be pursued to contribute, Jim Pine responded efforts for a contribution will continue to the end of 2014. Monies contributed by a separated municipality go back to the county as part of their allocated amount.

**Moved by Mayor McGee**

**Seconded by Warden Macmillan**

**That the EOWC accepts the CEO report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**6.6. Monieson Broadband Research Annual Report 2012 - David Fell**

David Fell reviewed the report which provides a status update on the research project the Monieson Centre is leading, to evaluate the economic and social impact of the rural broadband investment in Eastern Ontario. He noted the research is on track and on budget.

**Moved by Mayor Mertens**

**Seconded by Warden Bearance**

**That the EOWC accepts the Monieson Broadband Research Annual Report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**6.7. Monieson Phase 2 Report - David Fell**

David Fell reviewed the report which seeks authorization to enter into negotiations with OMAFRA for the terms and conditions for the Monieson Phase 2 Research Project. He hoped there may be funds at year end to fund two more studies.

In response to a question regarding cell towers, Mr. Fell responded he had been approached by some MPs and MPPs after the January meeting on this issue, and EORN will continue to look at this issue.

Janet Gutowski jointed the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

The Caucus discussed the expertise gained by the broadband project, the sharing of EORN's experiences and knowledge, and the value and obligations associated with it.

**Moved by Warden Jones**

**Seconded by Warden Macmillan**

**That the EOWC authorizes EORN staff to enter into negotiations with OMAFRA to develop a contract representing the terms and conditions of this report in support of the Monieson Phase 2 research projects.**

**CARRIED**

**6.8. EORN Communications Report - Lisa Severson and Jim Pine**

Lisa Severson provided an update which included work they have been doing on a summit, to invite economic development staff of upper and lower tier municipalities to talk about business parks. A list has been provided to CAOs on future launch dates, and they continue to work with First Nation communities.

**Moved by Warden Macmillan**

**Seconded by Warden Bearance**

**That the EOWC accepts the EORN Communications Report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Closed Session - Nil**

**8. Rise from Closed Session With/Without a Report - Nil**

**9. Correspondence**

**9.1. Outgoing**

Warden Phillips asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the outgoing correspondence.

- 9.1.1. Minister Bob Chiarelli, Municipal Affairs and Housing re: EOWC Request for a Meeting with a Ministers' Panel at ROMA/OGRA Conference
- 9.1.2. Minister Dwight Duncan, Finance and Minister Chiarelli, Municipal Affairs and Housing re: OMPF Reconciliation for the Years 2011 and 2012
- 9.1.3. Minister Duguid, Economic Development and Innovation re: Corporations established under Section 4 of the Attracting Investment and Creating Jobs Act 2012
- 9.1.4. Premier Wynne re: Congratulations on Becoming Ontario's 25th Premier

Warden Macmillan noted the letter to the Minister regarding the OMPF reconciliations and noted he wished to pursue this issue at the next meeting.

**9.2. Incoming**

Warden Phillips asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the incoming correspondence.

- 9.2.1. Copy of Letter to Minister Leal, Rural Affairs from the County of Peterborough re: Congratulations of Appointment as Minister
- 9.2.2. Copy of Letter to Minister Murray, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation and Minister Jeffrey, Municipal Affairs and Housing from County of Prince Edward re: Discontinuation of the Connecting Link Program

**Moved by Mayor McGee**

**Seconded by Warden Bearance**

**That the outgoing and incoming correspondence be received.**

**CARRIED**

Andy Brown reminded the Caucus that a meeting with Tim Hudak had been scheduled for Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**10. By-laws - Nil**

**11. Notice of Motions - Nil**

**12. Next Meeting**

Warden Phillips announced that the next meeting of the EOWC would be on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the County of Northumberland.

**13. Confirmation By-law #13-04**

**Moved by Mayor Mertens  
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Warden Emon**

**Seconded by Warden Gutowski**

**Be it resolved that the EOWC Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Rick Phillips, Chair

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Andy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer