



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, August 13, 2017
AMO Conference
Westin Hotel
Provinces Two Room
Ottawa ON**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Ron Vandewal	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Brent Devolin	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rodney Cooney	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark		Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Robin Jones	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Bill Lowry	Brenda Orchard, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Mark Walas	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden Joe Taylor	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Gary J. Barton	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff, Chair	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jim Bancroft	

Regrets		
County of Hastings		Jim Pine, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Bill Dobson	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry		Tim Simpson, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Communications and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Stephen Seller	Municipal Services Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Intern, County of Hastings
Peter Emon	Past-Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order and Chair Quaiff welcomed the members.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – N/A

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Murphy**

**THAT the Agenda of the August 13, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 23, 2017 were presented.

**Moved by Warden Murphy
Seconded by Warden Jones**

**THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 23, 2017 be approved
as circulated.**

CARRIED

5. Delegations (n/a)

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Review of AMO Conference Schedule – Chair Quaiff

Chair Quaiff presented the schedule of EOWC meetings during the AMO Conference. He noted that not every member is expected to attend each delegation. Warden Jones raised a question about members' attendance.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Barton**

That any member of the EOWC Inc. who wishes to attend any delegation at AMO or ROMA attend that delegation, moving forward being the custom.

CARRIED

6.2 Meetings with WOWC and EOMC – Chair Quaiff

Chair Quaiff noted the EOWC would meet with the WOWC at 4 p.m. this afternoon and then with the EOMC on Tuesday morning during the VIA Rail delegation. Mayor Letham inquired about the resolution from the OFA regarding a Provincial Gas Tax Policy. After discussion, it was agreed that he should propose the change during the EOWC/WOWC Joint Meeting.

6.3 Update on new EOWC Video and Website – Justin Bromberg

Justin Bromberg presented the new EOWC video and website.

6.4 EOWC Strategy for Multi-Ministers Delegation – Chair Quaiff

Chair Quaiff presented and reviewed the speaking notes for the Multi-Ministers Delegation on Tuesday morning and confirmed the speakers for each subject. These speaking notes will also be used during the PC and NDP Caucus Delegations, albeit with a restricted time limit.

Stephen Seller confirmed the Ministers that would be present at the Multi-Ministers delegation, being Minister Bill Mauro, Minister Jeff Leal, PA Lou

Rinaldi, PA Yvan Baker, PA John Fraser, and staff from the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth. There has not been any response from Minister Bob Chiarelli, while Minister Steven Del Duca has declined.

6.5 Update on the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council

Gary King noted that the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council's application to the RED funding program has been declined. He expects to meet with Minister Jeff Leal during the AMO Conference to discuss the application and how the EOLC could be more successful in the next intake. The Chair confirmed that he would also raise the matter with Minister Leal.

6.6 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

Lisa Severson provided a brief update on the cell gap project.

7. Closed Session (n/a)

8. Reports from Wardens

8.1 Chair's Update – Robert Quaiff

Chair Quaiff noted that the AMO board members have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for this week's conference. He provided some highlights from the recent board meetings.

8.2 Wardens' Updates

Wardens provided various updates from their Counties, including the OMB changes in Prince Edward County; trademark issues in Haliburton County; the expansion of Highway 17 in Renfrew County; long-term care facility challenges in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville; significant work at the County of Northumberland's landfill site; land ambulance service delivery issues with the City of Ottawa and the ongoing arbitration; and an annexation issue between the County of Peterborough and one of its lower-tier municipalities. There was a lengthy discussion on the public health review by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as well as issues related to social media in various Counties and local municipalities.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outgoing

- 9.1.1 Resolution regarding EOWC support for VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated June 23, 2017
- 9.1.2 Resolution regarding EOWC support for the AMO Local Share Proposal, dated June 23, 2017
- 9.1.3 Resolution regarding EOWC support for a specific definition of “rural communities” for funding under the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Fund, dated June 23, 2017
- 9.1.4 Letter to Minister Bill Mauro regarding the EOWC Multi-Ministers Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated June 28, 2017
- 9.1.5 Letter to Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins regarding the *Ambulance Act* Consultation and Fire-Medic Proposal, dated July 26, 2017

9.2 Incoming

- 9.2.1 Letter from the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association regarding the Uploading of Social Housing and Land Ambulance Costs, dated June 19, 2017
- 9.2.2 Letter from the County of Lanark regarding Bill 145 and WSIB Coverage for Workers in Residential Care Facilities and Group Homes, dated June 22, 2017
- 9.2.3 Letter from the Eastern Ontario Task Force regarding an update on regional sustainability and prosperity, dated June 30, 2017
- 9.2.4 Resolution from the Town of Cobourg regarding the EORN Cellular Gap and Public Safety Network Project, dated July 3, 2017

- 9.2.5 Letter from the County of Hastings regarding Bill 145 and WSIB Coverage for Workers in Residential Care Facilities and Group Homes, dated July 5, 2017
- 9.2.6 Letter from the EOWC Chair and the EORN Chair regarding the EORN/EOWC Mobile Broadband & PSBN Project Proposal, dated July 15, 2017
- 9.2.7 Resolution from the Town of Petawawa regarding the EORN Cellular Gap and Public Safety Network Project, dated July 17, 2017
- 9.2.8 Resolution from the Township of Horton regarding the EORN Cellular Gap and Public Safety Network Project, dated July 18, 2017
- 9.2.9 Resolution from the Town of Smiths Falls regarding support for the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated July 18, 2017
- 9.2.10 Resolution from the Town of Renfrew regarding the EORN Cellular Gap and Public Safety Network Project, dated July 19, 2017
- 9.2.11 Resolution from the City of Kawartha Lakes to support the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated July 19, 2017
- 9.2.12 Resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville to support the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated July 20, 2017
- 9.2.13 Resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal regarding the EORN Cellular Gap and Public Safety Network Project, dated July 24, 2017
- 9.2.14 Resolution from the County of Northumberland regarding support for the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated July 24, 2017
- 9.2.15 Resolution from the County of Northumberland regarding support for the AMO Local Share Proposal, dated July 24, 2017
- 9.2.16 Resolution from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell to support the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated July 28, 2017

9.2.17 Resolution from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell for a definition of “rural communities” for funding, dated July 28, 2017

9.2.18 Resolution from the County of Lennox and Addington to support the VIA Rail High-Frequency Project, dated August 1, 2017

Moved by Mayor Letham

Seconded by Warden Lowry

THAT the outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

Moved by Warden Bancroft

Seconded by Warden Barton

THAT the incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #17-07

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Cooney

THAT the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts as follows:

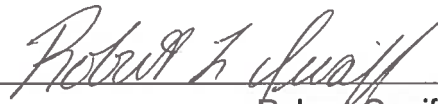
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 13th day of August, 2017 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, 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.

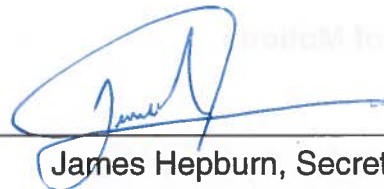
13. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Taylor
Seconded by Warden Murphy**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:17 p.m.



Robert Quaiff, Chair



James Hepburn, Secretary-Treasurer