



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

Friday, April 25, 2014
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Bud Clayton	Marian VanBruinessen, Acting CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Dave Burton	
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	
County of Lanark	Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	
County of Northumberland	Warden Linda Thompson, Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Peter Mertens	
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Haliburton		Jim Wilson, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes		Mark Fisher, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington		Larry Keech, CAO
County of Prince Edward		Merlin Dewing, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Stephen Seller	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Kathy Wood	Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
Jean St-Pierre	Director of Information Technology, UCPR
Justin Watkins	Manager of Strategic Services and Corporate Projects, SD&G
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications and Stakeholder Relations Officer, EORN
Nancy MacDonald	Executive Assistant to the CAO, Northumberland
Craig Kelley	President, Ontario East Economic Development Commission
Judy Selvig	Director, Economic Development and Tourism, Port Hope
Jay Amer	Acting Executive Director, OEEDC
Bradley Robertson	Northumberland Manufacturers Association

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order and Chair St. Pierre welcomed everyone.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Three items were added: Stephen Seller from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will provide two updates at item 5.2; Jim Pine will provide an update on the EOWC's provincial election messaging at item 6.10; and a resolution from the City of Ottawa will be added under Incoming Correspondence at item 7.2.20.

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Warden Burton**

THAT the Agenda of the April 25, 2014 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of February 23, 2014 and the Closed Session of February 23, 2014 were presented.

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of February 23, 2014 and the Closed Session of February 23, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Energy Issues – Craig Kelley, Ontario East Economic Development Commission President and Brad Robertson, Northumberland Manufacturers Association and the Manufacturers Tri-Association

Craig Kelley provided an update on the activities of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission, including comparisons in the manufacturing and utilities sector between Ontario and the United States as well as future challenges for the province as a whole. Mr. Kelley invited members to attend the OEMC Conference in Kingston from September 9 to 11, 2014 as well as the OEEDC's next Board meeting in Peterborough on May 9, 2014, where Minister Jeff Leal will be a guest speaker.

Brad Robertson provided a detailed presentation on electricity costs in Ontario compared to other locations, as well as the impact of global adjustment on the manufacturing industry. Mr. Robertson explained the need for Ontario to remain competitive, namely through its electricity rates, in order to continue to incite new business development in the province.

He suggested a future stakeholders' meeting with the EOWC, the Premier, and several Ministries. A new electricity rate for industrial clients would be one option in helping the province remain competitive, he concluded. The EOWC Guiding Coalition for the Economic Development Strategy will consider the comments for the final draft.

5.2 Updates from MMAH – Stephen Seller

Stephen Seller provided two updates on behalf of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the first being that Regional Director Vincent Fabilli retired earlier this month and will be replaced by Allan Scott as of Monday, April 28. Allan Scott has a 25-year career in the public sector, including as a Service Ontario Director with the Ministry of Government Services, as well as with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Secondly, Mr. Seller noted that MMAH has undertaken a review of Ontario Regulation 284/09, and the decision has been made to leave it as is for the time being. He noted that a consultation session was held in Kingston and a letter was mailed out to inform concerned parties.

Mayor Mertens asked a question regarding Ice Storm funding, to which Mr. Seller replied that all affected municipalities in Eastern Ontario should have received letters informing them of a provincial Ice Storm program, with further details to be sent out in May explaining how the fund will be administered. Municipalities subject to a freezing rain warning, and incurring costs as a result, should have received letters.

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Economic Development Strategy Review – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson provided an update and explained the steps taken by the Economic Development Strategy Guiding Coalition in recent months. The next steps are to prioritize the recommendations in the plan, develop an implementation plan, and consider a recommendation within the study for governance. He stressed the need to avoid duplication or create another level of organization, and instead, find ways of integrating the document into existing groups in the region. Following that, the EOWC must decide how to drive the Strategy forward, once implemented. Jim Hutton added

that a key component of the final Strategy will be better collaboration on a regional basis, e.g. connecting with Ontario East and advocacy groups. Economic development has long been a priority for the EOWC and the Caucus will need to join its efforts to other organizations promoting this in Eastern Ontario, to ensure we can grow our economy in Eastern Ontario.

The study is expected to be released within the next month or two.

6.2 Financial Sustainability Report Update – Overview of the Draft Social Housing White Paper – Kathryn Wood

Kathryn Wood presented a detailed overview of the Draft Social Housing White Paper, comparing Eastern Ontario to rest of the province. She shared 10 recommendations from the White Paper on which the Steering Committee would like reactions and comments from the Wardens. One of the major concerns is in regards to funding, particularly after 2039, when many municipalities could be expected to finance their own operations. Ms. Wood noted that more of Eastern Ontario's housing units are going to reach the end of their agreements with the province, compared to other parts of Ontario. There is a capital issue and an operating issue. Wardens provided some comments and reactions.

Jim Pine noted that both AMO and FCM have suggested that social housing concerns are akin to policing costs, particularly regarding the end of operating agreements. Furthermore, there is little incentive for operators to offer any subsidized housing, despite municipalities' requirements. It was also noted that many of these units are located in urban areas.

6.3 EORN Update

6.3.1 EORN CEO Update – David Fell

David Fell and Jim Pine provided an update on MPAC's recent assessment of broadband towers. Jim Pine noted that MPAC's Chief Assessor has decided to place a moratorium on all further such assessment, and will be going back to the province looking for policy direction.

Lisa Severson explained that XCI is increasing the cost of their legacy packages by \$3. The price change takes effect June 1.

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Burton**

**THAT the report from the EORN CEO be received.
CARRIED**

**6.3.2 EORN Municipal Shared Services Phase 2 Update – David Fell,
Elizabeth Savill, Jim Wilson**

Elizabeth Savill informed Wardens that two meetings of regional IT managers were held in recent weeks (March 20 and April 24) and reported that there was a great deal of enthusiasm among the staff in attendance. As a result, it is expected that several interesting projects will come forward within the next few months.

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

**THAT the report on EORN Municipal Shared Services Phase 2
Update be received.**

CARRIED

**6.4 Resolution regarding the Closure of University of Guelph's
Kemptville and Alfred Campuses – Stéphane P. Parisien**

Stéphane P. Parisien presented a resolution to Wardens, on behalf of the EOWC, requesting from the province a two-year moratorium on the closure of the University of Guelph's Kemptville and Alfred Colleges. He noted that the resolution comes as a result of many other municipal resolutions from across Eastern Ontario, and following discussion on the matter at the last CAOs Planning Meeting in Peterborough.

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

**WHEREAS on October 7, 2013, the Premier, in her capacity as
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, challenged the agriculture and
agri-food sector to double its growth rate and create 120,000 new
jobs in Ontario by 2020;**

WHEREAS the University of Guelph's Kemptville and Alfred Campuses are two of Ontario's outstanding post-secondary agricultural schools;

WHEREAS regional campuses like those in Kemptville and Alfred ensure the agri-food industry has access to the knowledge, research and innovation that are critical for Ontario to remain competitive in this rapidly changing sector;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) Inc. strongly support a two-year moratorium on the closure of the Kemptville and Alfred campuses and accept students for the fall 2014 semester;

AND FURTHERMORE that Premier Wynne, in her dual capacity as Minister of Agriculture and Food, act immediately to reverse the University of Guelph's short-sighted and unacceptable decision to close its Kemptville and Alfred Campuses;

AND FURTHERMORE that the Province of Ontario work immediately with local stakeholders to develop a new model to operate these campuses that will ensure their sustainability and viability in Eastern Ontario;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Rural Affairs Jeff Leal, Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities Brad Duguid, MPP Grant Crack, MPP Jim McDonell, and MPP Steve Clark.

CARRIED

6.5 Presumptive Legislation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) for First Responders – Marian VanBruinessen

Marian VanBruinessen and Gary King discussed the potential legislative change to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act that would provide for a presumptive diagnosis of PTSD for first responders. Bill 67, *An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*, has reached second reading at Queen's Park, while groups such as the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) have expressed concerns.

Following brief discussion, it was decided that the EOWC should support the OAPC in its call for an evidence-based review of current WSIB policy, with appropriate stakeholder consultation and participation.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Kidd**

WHEREAS Bill 67, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, has reached second reading in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario with all-party support;

WHEREAS if passed, this significant Private Member's Bill would create a statutory presumption in favour of granting emergency response workers who claim workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);

WHEREAS managing mental illness flowing from workers' compensation claims may, as a result, become more difficult for emergency management services employers in Ontario;

WHEREAS Ontario workers can presently receive workers' compensation benefits for work-related PTSD or other mental illnesses under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Traumatic Mental Stress or Psychotraumatic Disability policies;

WHEREAS the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) does not support legislative change to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act that would provide for a presumptive diagnosis of PTSD for first responders but, rather, supports an evidence based review of current policy, with appropriate stakeholder consultation and participation, to ensure paramedics receive timely access to benefits and treatment for confirmed cases of work-related PTSD;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Inc. support the recommendations of the OAPC in asking the Province not to support or implement legislation that provides for the presumptive diagnosis of PTSD for first responders, for the reasons listed in the OAPC's Briefing Note to the provincial government;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC Inc. forward a copy of this resolution to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition; Andrea Horwarth, Leader of the NDP; and Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

CARRIED

6.6 Joint Purchasing Initiative – Kurt Greaves

Kurt Greaves provided an update on the recent Joint Purchasing Initiative, including a meeting held in Peterborough on March 21 during which several opportunities for collaboration between EOWC members were shared. He noted the potential for cost savings through joint purchases.

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

THAT the EOWC Inc. receive the report as presented and mandate the CAOs to continue their work on the Joint Purchasing Initiative.

CARRIED

6.7 Support for study by Dr. Christian Leuprecht, "The Blue Line or the Bottom Line of Police Services in Canada" – Kurt Greaves

Kurt Greaves presented a brief summary of Dr. Leuprecht's report on police services costs and the information it contains. He recommended that the EOWC endorse the report's recommendations and forward them, along with the report, to the OPP Commissioner and the leaders of the three provincial parties, among others.

**Moved by Warden Thompson
Seconded by Warden Kidd**

WHEREAS crime rates have continued to drop for more than twenty years in Canada;

And WHEREAS escalating police costs are creating a financial hardship for property taxpayers in Eastern Ontario;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT controlling policing cost is a priority of Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus Inc.;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EOWC Inc. support the recommendations contained in the report, "The Blue Line or Bottom Line of Police Services in Canada" by Dr. Christian Leuprecht;

And BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution and a copy of Dr. Leuprecht's report be forwarded to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario; Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition; Andrea Horwarth, Leader of the NDP; Vince Hawkes, Commissioner of the OPP; and Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

CARRIED

6.8 AMO's OPP Billing Steering Committee – Final Report dated April 10, 2014 – Warden Linda Thompson

Warden Thompson provided a summary of the final report drafted by AMO's OPP Billing Steering Committee and its key recommendations to the provincial government. A discussion ensued between Wardens on the recommendations as well as the need for accountability and control over increasing policing costs. While it was noted that the report brought together the voices of several municipal representation, the question was raised by some members as to whether the report would have any effect on future costs. Some members stated their optimism that change would be forthcoming while others noted that transition funding would assist those municipalities expecting a cost increase, although temporary.

Warden St. Pierre thanked Warden Thompson and Mayor Mertens on behalf of the EOWC for their work as members of AMO's OPP Billing Steering Committee. Members reiterated the need to remain aware of the issue as well as push the province for a more effective solution.

It was decided to receive the document for information purposes and leave the EOWC's endorsement behind Dr. Leuprecht's report on policing costs, as per the resolution at item 6.7.

Warden St. Pierre concluded that the province's decision is expected by the end of May or June and that the EOWC could take more action, if required, at that time.

**Moved by Warden Duncan
Seconded by Warden Kidd**

THAT the report by AMO's OPP Billing Steering Committee be received as presented.

CARRIED

6.9 Ministry of Rural Affairs – Rural Roadmap: The Path Forward for Ontario – Warden Rick Phillips and Jim Pine

Warden Phillips provided an overview of the highlights and messages in the Rural Roadmap report and suggested that Wardens and CAOs take time to read and digest its contents.

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Duncan**

THAT the report on the Rural Roadmap be received as presented.

CARRIED

6.10 Provincial Election Messaging Strategy – Jim Pine

Jim Pine suggested the need to prepare messaging on behalf of the EOWC for the upcoming provincial election. He noted that CAOs had previously discussed the type of messaging campaign strategy required and determined that a "refresher" approach following the ROMA/OGRA Conference was suitable, emphasizing funding for infrastructure. Energy costs, as per the morning's delegation, could also factor into the strategy.

Mr. Pine noted that a group of CAOs would further discuss the matter and bring it back to the attention of the Wardens for approval and distribution.

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

THAT the report on the Provincial Election Messaging Strategy be received as presented and that EOWC Inc. documentation with key messages be developed for distribution ahead of the election.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

Moved by Warden Schermerhorn

Seconded by Mayor Mertens

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

7.1 Outgoing

7.1.1 Letter to The Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding EOWC Multi-Ministerial Delegation at ROMA/OGRA Conference, dated February 28, 2014

7.1.2 Letter to The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment, regarding EOWC Delegation at ROMA/OGRA Conference, dated February 28, 2014

7.1.3 Letter to MPP Tim Hudak, Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding EOWC Delegation at ROMA/OGRA Conference, dated February 28, 2014

7.1.4 Letter to The Honourable Glen R. Murray, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, regarding Bill 34, dated February 28, 2014

7.1.5 Letter to MPP Steven Del Duca, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, regarding Bill 69, dated February 28, 2014

7.1.6 Letter to The Honourable John Gerretsen, Attorney General of Ontario, regarding Joint and Several Liability, dated March 5, 2014

7.1.7 Letter to MPP Randy Pettapiece regarding Private Member's resolution on Joint and Several Liability reform, dated March 5, 2014

7.2 Incoming

- 7.2.1 Letter from The Honourable John Milloy, Minister of Government Services, regarding EORN Broadband Project, dated March 4, 2014
- 7.2.2 Letter from the Town of Laurentian Hills regarding Hydro rates, dated March 20, 2014
- 7.2.3 Letter from the Township of North Frontenac regarding Bill 34, dated March 18, 2014
- 7.2.4 Letter from County of Hastings and Municipality of Marmora and Lake regarding Marmora Pumped Storage Hydro Project, dated March 18, 2014
- 7.2.5 Letter from the Town of Bancroft re: Bill 69, dated March 18, 2014
- 7.2.6 Letter from the Honourable Linda Jeffrey regarding EOWC Multi-Ministers Meeting, dated March 25, 2014
- 7.2.6 Letter from the Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal regarding Kemptville Campus, dated March 27, 2014
- 7.2.7 Letter from the Honourable Jeff Leal regarding EOWC Multi-Ministers Meeting, dated March 27, 2014
- 7.2.8 Letter from the Town of Greater Napanee regarding the Kemptville Campus closure, dated April 1, 2014
- 7.2.9 Letter from EOWC Vice-Chair Linda Thompson to MPP Del Duca regarding Bill 69, dated March 31, 2014
- 7.2.10 Letter from the Township of North Glengarry regarding University of Guelph's Alfred and Kemptville campuses, dated April 2, 2014
- 7.2.11 Letter from the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria regarding the Provincial Policy Statement and development in rural Ontario, dated April 1, 2014

- 7.2.12 Letter from the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria regarding the closing of rural Ontario schools, dated April 1, 2014
- 7.2.13 Letter from the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria regarding the Provincial Gas Tax and Small, Rural and Northern Municipalities funding, dated April 1, 2014
- 7.2.14 Letter from the Township of South Stormont regarding the Kemptville Campus closure, dated March 28, 2014
- 7.2.15 Letter from the County of Hastings re: Resolution on the Permanent Infrastructure Fund for Small and Rural Municipalities, dated April 3, 2014
- 7.2.16 Letter from the County of Hastings re: Resolution on the Building Canada Fund, dated April 3, 2014
- 7.2.17 Letter from the County of Hastings re: Resolution on Accountability Measures and the Ontario Ombudsman, dated April 3, 2014
- 7.2.18 Letter from the County of Hastings re: Resolution on Restoring the Connecting Link Program, dated April 3, 2014
- 7.2.19 Letter from the County of Hastings re: Resolution from United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry on Closure of Kemptville and Alfred Campuses, dated March 31, 2014
- 7.2.20 Letter from the City of Ottawa re: Resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville regarding a two-year moratorium on the Closure of the Kemptville and Alfred Campuses, dated April 11, 2014

8. By-laws

9. Notice of Motions

10. Confirmation By-law #14-05

**Moved by Warden Duncan
Seconded by Warden Thompson**

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

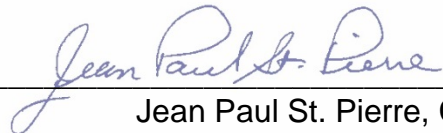
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 25th day of April, 2014 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, 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.

11. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair;



Stéphane P. Parisien, Secretary-Treasurer