



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, August 14, 2016
Caesars Windsor
Windsor, Ontario
2:00 p.m.**

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 Frances Smith	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Carol Moffatt	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Gail Code	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Henry Hogg	
County of Northumberland	Warden Gil Brocanier	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Guy Desjardins	
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon, Chair	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald Past-Chair Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Lennox & Addington		Larry Keech, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell		Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Renfrew		Jim Hutton, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Communications and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Maddison Ellis	Administration Intern, County of Hastings

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

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

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – N/A

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Warden MacDonald
Seconded by Warden Code**

**THAT the Agenda of the August 14, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 28, 2016 were presented.

**Moved by Warden Smith
Seconded by Warden Brocanier**

**THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 28, 2016 be approved
as circulated.**

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Ron Holman, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association

Ron Holman, Chair of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), introduced himself and board member Liz Huff. He noted that the decision to separate the ROMA Conference from that of the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) was thoroughly discussed for many months. The board considered several alternatives but the decision was unanimous. The quantity of new legislation being passed by the Provincial Legislature shows no sign of relenting, according to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and this will continue to have a major impact on rural Ontario. Among the combined conference attendees, 70% were from the municipal sector and 30% were public works staff. The ROMA board decided that a conference focused on rural challenges would be a benefit in advancing financial and staff issues for rural Ontario. The Ministers' Forum will also be held at the ROMA Conference. By having separate conferences, it allows OGRA to focus on its own conference and membership. The decision made by the ROMA board and the AMO Rural Caucus was based solely on having an agenda focused on rural content as well as the needs and challenges facing rural Ontario. If it had been solely for financial reasons, he noted that OGRA would've come up with an offer. He asked that the EOWC's resolution and decision reflect the needs of rural Ontario.

6. Reports from Wardens

6.1 Chair's Update – Peter Emon

Chair Emon noted that this conference is Mayor Bob Sweet's last AMO meeting as County Caucus Chair. His replacement will be elected on Wednesday. He discussed AMO's new handout on policy highlights, which among other things highlights the cost of emergency services, interest arbitration, police modernization, and fire and paramedic services. On the latter point, AMO acknowledges that municipalities have not asked for the Provincial review, and is continuing its own review and advocacy. AMO is also concerned that the Province doesn't seem to be considering natural gas as a viable source of energy.

7. Reports for Review/Discussion

7.1 Review of AMO Conference Schedule – Chair Emon

Chair Emon presented the EOWC schedule during the AMO Conference, including a Multi-Ministers delegation, meetings with Minister Jeff Leal and Minister Yasir Naqvi, and meetings with the PC and NDP Caucuses.

7.2 Joint Meetings with EOMC and WOWC – Chair Emon

Chair Emon presented the agendas for the EOWC's joint meetings with the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) and the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee (EOMC). Members agreed on the wording of the joint EOWC/WOWC resolution on energy, to be discussed later this afternoon.

7.3 Joint Questions for Ministers' Forum – Chair Emon

Members discussed whether the proposed joint questions with the WOWC should be asked during the Ministers' Forum. For purposes of simplicity, it was suggested and decided that an EOWC representative should ask one question and that a WOWC representative should ask the other question. Speakers will be assigned at the joint meeting later this afternoon.

7.4 Strategy for Multi-Ministers Delegation – Chair Emon

Chair Emon presented the talking points for the Multi-Ministers Delegation on Tuesday afternoon. Wardens agreed on the wording and the selected speakers. CAO Jim Pine will speak to the cell gap project.

7.5 Submission on Long-Term Energy Plan – Maddison Ellis

Maddison Ellis presented an overview of the EOWC's submission to the Ministry of Energy regarding improvements and recommendations for the Province's next Long-Term Energy Plan. The members accepted the report and agreed to deliver it to the Ministers on Tuesday afternoon.

7.6 Queen's Park Day – Chair Emon

Chair Emon asked for feedback from members regarding the proposal to host the EOWC Queen's Park Day in Toronto on Thursday, October 20. The Wardens' meeting currently scheduled for Friday, October 21 would be moved forward by one day and be held immediately after the Queen's Park Day breakfast event. Members agreed. Past-Chair Eric Duncan suggested that Ministers and MPPs be invited separately to avoid bi-partisanship issues, and that only Eastern Ontario MPPs be invited.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Code**

THAT the EOWC Inc. organize a Queen's Park Day event in Toronto on Thursday, October 20 and that the Wardens' Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 21 be moved forward by one day.

CARRIED

7.7 EOWC Inaugural Meeting – Chair Emon

Chair Emon noted that the proposed dates for the 2017 EOWC Inaugural Meeting are Wednesday, January 4 to Friday, January 6, 2017. He asked if there were any conflicts with those dates. Members agreed to the date.

7.8 Delegation on Joint and Several Liability – Chair Emon

Chair Emon explained that a separate delegation has been arranged with the new Attorney General, Minister Yasir Naqvi, to discuss and potentially re-open the Joint and Several Liability file with the Province. As space is limited, only the Chair, Vice-Chair and Past-Chair Phillips will attend.

7.9 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – David Fell

David Fell noted that EORN will publish its Municipal Wi-Fi white paper next week. He provided a summary of the new Industry Canada funding program, *Connecting Canadians*, to increase high-speed broadband in rural areas. Jim Pine noted that EORN is continuing its presentations to EOWC member municipalities to garner support for the cell gap project.

8. Closed Session (n/a)

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outgoing

- 9.1.1 Letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding topics for the Multi-Ministers Delegation at AMO, dated June 30, 2016
- 9.1.2 Letters to welcome various Cabinet Ministers following the Provincial Cabinet Shuffle, dated July 8, 2016
- 9.1.3 Letter to Minister Marie-France Lalonde regarding closures of nine Service Ontario locations, dated July 26, 2016
- 9.1.4 Letter to Camping in Ontario regarding the Canada Revenue Agency's campgrounds reclassification, dated July 26, 2016
- 9.1.5 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding the Provincial review of the role of Paramedic Services, dated July 29, 2016
- 9.1.6 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding clarification of the Paramedic Services review, dated August 4, 2016

**Moved by Warden Moffatt
Seconded by Warden Hogg**

THAT the outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Incoming

- 9.2.1 Letter and resolution from the County of Northumberland on the Picton Terminals expansion project, dated June 16, 2016
- 9.2.2 Letter and resolution from the County of Frontenac on the Picton Terminals expansion project, dated June 21, 2016

- 9.2.3 Letter from the Ontario Good Roads Association regarding planning for OGRA 2017 Conference, dated June 28, 2016
- 9.2.4 Letter and resolution from the County of Peterborough on the Picton Terminals expansion project, dated July 11, 2016
- 9.2.5 Resolution from the Town of Greater Napanee regarding RFPs for Renewable Energy Contracts, dated July 12, 2016
- 9.2.6 Letter from Minister Bill Mauro regarding his role as Minister of Municipal Affairs, dated July 20, 2016
- 9.2.7 Letter from Minister Eleanor McMahon regarding her role as Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, dated July 21, 2016
- 9.2.8 Letter from the County of Lennox and Addington regarding the campgrounds tax reclassification, dated August 2, 2016
- 9.2.9 Letter from Minister Marie-France Lalonde regarding the closures of Service Ontario locations, dated August 4, 2016

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Desjardins**

THAT the incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #16-09

**Moved by Mayor Letham
Seconded by Warden Smith**

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 14th day of August, 2016 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.

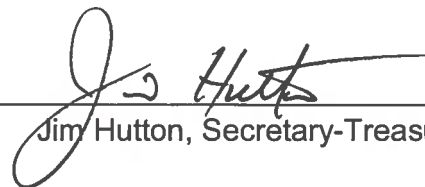
13. Adjournment

**Moved by Mayor Letham
Seconded by Warden Code**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



Peter Emon, Chair



Jim Hutton, Secretary-Treasurer