



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, August 16, 2015
AMO Conference
Niagara Falls ON
1:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Denis Doyle	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton		Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Keith Kerr	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington		Stephen Fox
County of Northumberland	Warden Marc Coombs	Jennifer Moore, Acting CAO
County of Peterborough		Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, Acting CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan, Chair	Tim Simpson, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets		
County of Haliburton	Warden Murray Fearrey	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, Acting CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	
County of Renfrew		Jim Hutton, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive and Communications Coordinator
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	CSRO, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Karla Sampson	Executive Assistant, County of Peterborough
Mark Pedersen	Intern, County of Hastings
Michael Elms	Regional Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Warren Sleeth	Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Kathryn Wood	President, Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Bob Sweet	Mayor, Town of Petawawa

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Eric Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He spoke about the health issues of Warden J. Murray Jones and CAO Jim Hutton and wished them both a quick recovery.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Duncan advised that Patrick Quinn would not be presenting under item 5.1 and therefore, item 7.5 was advanced for a delegation by Kathryn Wood.

**Moved by Warden Coombs
Seconded by Warden Doyle**

**THAT the Agenda of the August 16, 2015 meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of June 25 and June 26, 2015, were presented.

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Gordon**

**THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of June 25 and June 26, 2015,
be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Kathryn Wood, Moving Ontario Forward Infrastructure Consultations

Kathryn Wood of Natural Capital Resources Inc. presented an extensive summary of the submission she is preparing in regards to the ongoing provincial infrastructure consultations, "Moving Ontario Forward – Outside the GTHA." She explained the next steps and the timeline ahead of the report's submission on September 18, and responded to questions.

It was suggested to ask the Province for \$3.77 billion (of the roughly \$11.5 billion available), or 43% of the funding, based on the relevant data, although it is difficult to ascertain whether the Province will follow suit. Jim Pine noted that this approach is consistent with the EOWC's approach in the White Papers, noting that it is not population-based. Ms. Wood also distributed and explained three examples of Regional Project Templates: an Intelligent Transportation System Project, a Freight Transportation Investment Project, and a Regional Highway Integration Project.

Chair Duncan reminded Wardens and CAOs to provide feedback to Jim Pine by August 24. The submission will be ready for September 15.

6. Reports from Wardens

6.1 Chair's Update – Eric Duncan

Chair Duncan spoke about the AMO Conference and board meetings held to date, including discussion on the What's Next Ontario plan. Mayor Bob Sweet provided an update from the AMO County Caucus, including the issue of the Farmland Tax Rebate and the possibility of videoconferencing

for Council meetings. Chair Duncan also spoke about the concerns raised in July from various stakeholders with regards to the Leadership Council and the productive meetings that have since been held with Ontario East.

6.2 Updates from Wardens

Warden Doyle noted an event is being held on September 16 for the 150th anniversary of the County of Frontenac at the Sir John A. MacDonald Pub, and distributed invitations to Wardens. He spoke about private roads and an exemplary award received by the Fairmount Home. Mayor Quaiff noted that his County is meeting with the Ministry of Transportation tomorrow to discuss the delay of a ferry as well as the forthcoming installation of 27 to 29 wind turbines along the south shore of Prince Edward County. He thanked Acting CAO James Hepburn for his help. Warden Phillips discussed some EMS issues and the help received from Renfrew County. Forestry also being an issue, the County is investigating the pros and cons of a forest management bylaw. The Official Plan is moving along. Jim Pine mentioned several Provincial Offences Act concerns. Warden Coombs noted that his County's Official Plan was approved by the Province, and that the County is now working on a four-year strategic plan. Warden Kirby noted that the Ottawa River Festival was celebrated in July and that the St-Albert Curd Festival last week beat the Guinness World Record with 111 threshing mills operating at the same time. Warden Emon noted that his County has completed a business case for the expansion of Highway 17 in advance of lobbying the province. Twelve of 17 rural municipalities are now part of the County Official Plan. Gary King noted that his County prepared its 2016 budget for land ambulance. Peterborough is recognized as one of the oldest communities in the country; call volumes are up by 10%, with a land ambulance increase of 4.9%. Within 120 days, the County must discontinue its tiered agreements for fire dispatch, which will create issues with lower-tier municipalities. He noted that in the absence of an agreement, the Province will discontinue tiered agreements for fire dispatching. Warden Gordon noted the County adopted its first Official Plan and spoke about the Municipality of North Grenville's creation of a non-profit corporation for the delivery of educational programs through Kemptville College. Warden Kerr spoke about the issue of wild parsnip in his area. Tim Simpson mentioned the concerns regarding roundabouts in Long Sault and invited everyone to attend the upcoming 2015 IPM in Finch. He extended his congratulations to Jim Pine on the Onward project.

7. Reports for Review/Discussion

7.1 Review of AMO Conference Schedule – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson presented and discussed the schedule of EOWC meetings during the AMO Conference.

7.2 Strategy for Multi-Ministers Meeting – Chair Duncan & Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson provided an update on the strategy for the Multi-Ministerial Panel on Tuesday morning and presented the topics of discussion. Chair Duncan reiterated that the goal is to encourage more dialogue. Certain Wardens will introduce a subject and then other Wardens and Ministers can follow. In the absence of Warden J. Murray Jones, other Wardens were assigned to some leads. It was noted that there has been an update from the Province regarding policing costs, and that the EOWC will adjust that item accordingly and replace it with the new Provincial Offences Act changes. It was reiterated to engage the ministers in meaningful dialogue.

7.3 Strategy for the Ministers Forum – Chair Duncan & Tim Simpson

Chair Duncan invited Wardens to actively participate in the Ministers Forum, particularly on policing costs and joint and several liability, and to introduce themselves as being members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Warden Coombs agreed to ask a question on joint and several liability, Warden Emon will speak on infrastructure, Warden Gordon will speak on policing costs, and Warden Doyle will address private roads.

7.4 Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy – Jim Pine

Jim Pine provided an update on the Regional Leadership Council and distributed copies of the draft Terms of Reference, including the Council's composition. He noted that after much thought, it was decided to model the EORN project with regards to composition, and that an equal number of seats will be offered to each group. The plan is to launch the Regional Leadership Council at the beginning and the end of the Ontario East Municipal Conference, and efforts are currently under way with Redbrick Communications to prepare a press release and media strategy. Mr. Pine reminded members that the Leadership Council will be an important

opportunity for collaboration between the EOWC and the EOMC. He noted that the Terms of Reference will be presented to both groups for joint approval at a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning.

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Coombs**

THAT the EOWC Inc. approve the draft Terms of Reference, in principle, subject to final ratification tomorrow.

CARRIED

7.5 Eastern Ontario Places to Grow Exercise – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson referenced the two-page report from the County of Renfrew regarding the Eastern Ontario Growth Plan and noted that Warden Emon will be addressing this at the Multi-Ministerial Panel. It was noted that this plan is not required either from a technical perspective or from a fairness perspective. Furthermore, the “burden” of incoming traffic on the City of Ottawa is more than remunerated through economic development and employment opportunities, which are assisted by neighbouring counties.

7.6 Asphalt Cement Quality Delegation – Gary King

Gary King noted that Public Works directors Chris Bradley and Benjamin de Haan will be delivering this presentation to Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca tomorrow afternoon.

7.7 Strategy for upcoming Federal election – Chair Duncan

This item was deferred to item 7.9.2.

7.8 Queen’s Park Day (October 8, 2015) – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson noted that this event is a meet and greet opportunity for a morning of various meetings at Queen’s Park. The event is not intended to be a partisan event, but rather an opportunity to advance the EOWC’s priorities of the past few months and reinforce them across all party lines. Meetings should also include staff members and Deputy Ministers. It was also suggested that the final Wardens’ meeting be held following that event, as opposed to having it on October 16 as initially scheduled.

7.9 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Update – David Fell

7.9.1 Update from CEO

David Fell explained that a number of CAOs provided feedback to EORN on its submission to the CRTC. A number of questions were also received and responses will be returned. EORN is moving forward with the Magnet project into the fall, and will be hiring a student ambassador at all colleges and universities across Eastern Ontario. Mr. Fell addressed the complaint from a private citizen in Northumberland regarding Xplornet service and the multi-stakeholder meeting that the resident did not attend. He noted that XCI has offered a number of service options.

7.9.2 Cell Gap Primer – Federal Election

Jim Pine distributed a one-pager primer on the EORN cell gap project, titled “Connecting Eastern Ontario to a Mobile World,” and inquired as to the best approach of distributing this to federal election candidates. He asked that Wardens hand these to election candidates directly. Mr. Pine will distribute these documents to County offices for further distribution to candidates. Lisa Severson asked to have a letter signed by the Chair and each Warden to accompany this handout.

8. Closed Session (n/a)

9. Correspondence

Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Gordon

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9.1 Outgoing

9.1.1 Letter to the Honourable Steven Del Duca, regarding the passage of Bill 31, dated June 11, 2015

9.1.2 Letter to Dr. Wendy Cukier of Ryerson University, regarding the Ontario Centre for Workplace Innovation, dated June 26, 2015

9.1.3 Letter to the Honourable Ted McMeekin, regarding a Multi-Ministerial Delegation at AMO Conference, dated June 30, 2015

9.1.4 Letter to the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, regarding provincial policy restrictions on local family physicians, dated July 14, 2015

9.2 Incoming

9.2.1 Letter from the County of Peterborough, regarding support in principle for an EOWC Ombudsman, dated July 6, 2015

9.2.2 Letter from the Ontario Medical Association regarding meeting with the EOWC and the AMO Conference, dated July 7, 2015

9. By-laws

10. Notice of Motions

11. Confirmation By-law #15-07

Moved by Warden Doyle

Seconded by Warden Phillips

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

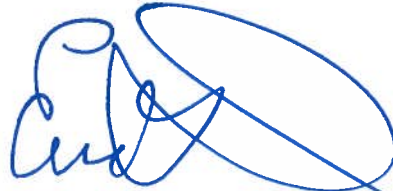
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 16th day of August, 2015 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, 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.

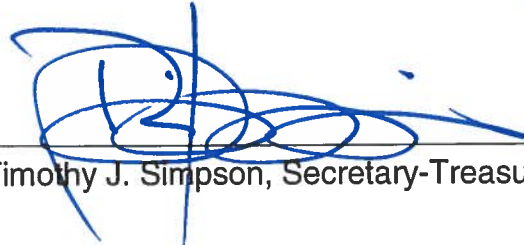
12. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Kirby**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Eric Duncan, Chair



Timothy J. Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer