



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Sunday, August 17, 2014
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 Bud Clayton	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Dave Burton	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Linda Thompson, Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Peter Mertens	Susan Turnbull
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	Mark Fisher, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Renfrew		Jim Hutton, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
Karla Sampson	Executive Assistant, County of Peterborough
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Stephen Seller	Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Warren Sleeth	Local Government Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Allan Scott	Eastern Region Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

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

Moved by Warden Burton
Seconded by Warden Thompson

THAT the Agenda of the August 17, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes (n/a)

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of June 19, 2014 and August 7, 2014 as well as the EOWC Inc. closed meeting minutes of June 19, 2014 were presented.

Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Kidd

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of June 19, 2014 and of August 7, 2014, and the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. closed session meeting of June 19, 2014, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations (n/a)

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Review of AMO Meeting Schedule / Agendas – Stéphane P. Parisien

Stéphane P. Parisien presented the schedule and the various agendas for the EOWC meetings during the AMO Conference.

6.2 Review of EOWC AMO Strategy and distribution of materials – Stéphane P. Parisien and Chair Jean Paul St. Pierre

Printed copies of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy as well as the EOWC Strategy and postcard for the AMO Conference were distributed to Wardens and CAOs.

Following recent provincial policy decisions regarding the OPP billing model and Joint and Several Liability, a discussion ensued on revising the questions for the Multi-Ministers meeting on Monday morning. The questions were subsequently revised, approved and redistributed.

6.3 Rural Ontario Institute – Jim Pine

Jim Pine explained that the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI), which produces information brochures that concern rural municipalities such as ours, has approached the EOWC and the WOWC to inquire whether the Caucuses would be interested in helping to offset the costs of producing these brochures. The suggested annual contribution is \$24,000.

Mr. Pine explained that this amount is not in the EOWC's budget this year, but suggested that the Caucus either delay its decision to the next meeting or have the Institute's CEO individually approach each county. After some discussion, it was decided that the CAOs should further examine the proposal in detail in September and return to the Wardens in October. There may be funds available at the end of the year to consider.

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

THAT the CAOs further examine the proposal from the Rural Ontario Institute and determine whether funds are available in the EOWC budget in the current year, and return to the EOWC Inc. Wardens in October with a recommendation.

CARRIED

6.4 Eastern Ontario Regional Network Project Update – David Fell

David Fell informed Wardens that as of this morning, all remaining gap access contracts have been completed. He added that all the \$171 million in the EORN project has been allocated except for about \$200,000, and that given some underspending, the entire project is about \$500,000 to \$1.5 million under budget. Part of the reason for that is that certain providers will continue to come in under contract, despite attempts to spend the majority of funds. All projects will be completed by November.

Jim Pine explained that EORN is attempting to have all EORN launches done by September 12. He discussed the success of recent local events. The Chair thanked the Wardens for their presence at such events.

6.5 FedDev / EODP Collaborative funding opportunity – Gary King

Gary King noted that following a meeting on August 8, an opportunity could soon present itself through the FedDev / EODP Collaborative Funding Stream. He noted that the EOWC Inc. has already endorsed moving forward on one project and filing a letter of intent to that effect. The group is presently working with Quinte Economic Development and an Eastern Ontario CFDC network for the renewal of a manufacturing training initiative and a software component. The EORN board and the EOWC Inc. have already decided to be a funding partner at \$30,000 each. The combined application is seeking as much as \$1.4 million in funding.

However, further to that, Mr. King was informed that the Collaborative Funding Stream has no applications despite available funding. To that

effect, another letter of intent could be submitted by September 17 in order to advance the Economic Development Strategy. The application would allow for the hiring of a program coordinator for two years to work with the group to prioritize the Strategy's recommendations, develop a plan and later develop partnerships with the purpose of implementing one or two recommendations. He noted that FedDev seemed very supportive of this; however, because of the staffing component, it likely requires a 50% contribution. The total cost is \$170,000 over two years. The group could seek other contributing partners, such as the OEEDC or the ROI. There is also potential that EORN could carve out one or two recommendations from the innovation and technology section, find a partner quickly, and create a substantial project. The group could also approach the province for additional Economic Development funding.

Finally, Mr. King spoke about the possibility of creating a data center for cloud computing in Eastern Ontario, a concept that contains a number of recommendations having a direct relationship to EORN. Bell Aliant has expressed an interest in building data center for Eastern Ontario. EORN could undertake a third project for a data center feasibility study.

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Thompson**

THAT the EOWC Inc. proceed with an application and a letter of intent to the FedDev/EODP funding stream for the hiring of a program coordinator for two years to prioritize the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy's recommendations, and develop a plan and partnerships to implement them, and that the funding be reserved in the EOWC/EORN budgets.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the EOWC Inc. proceed with an application and a letter of intent to the FedDev/EODP funding stream in order to seek funding for EORN to proceed with a feasibility study on a data center in Eastern Ontario.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

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

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

7.1 Outgoing

- 7.1.1 Letter to Dennis O'Grady, South Nation Conservation, regarding delegation on funding for conservation authorities in Eastern Ontario, dated June 30, 2014
- 7.1.2 Letter to Craig Kelley, President, Ontario East Economic Development Commission, regarding request to support lower Industrial Power Rates, dated June 30, 2014
- 7.1.3 Letter to Kelly Aizicowitz, StrategyCorp Inc., regarding support for "Where's the Bus?", dated June 30, 2014
- 7.1.4 Letter to Frank Roy, Madawaska Highlands Observatory, regarding project endorsement, dated June 30, 2014
- 7.1.5 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne congratulating on provincial election win, dated July 4, 2014
- 7.1.6 Letters to 12 MPPs representing rural Eastern Ontario congratulating on provincial election, dated July 4, 2014
- 7.1.7 Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin requesting Multi-Ministers delegation at AMO, dated July 4, 2014
- 7.1.8 Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin regarding release of Social Housing White Paper, dated July 31, 2014
- 7.1.9 Letter to Minister Glen Murray regarding release of Environmental Services White Paper, dated July 31, 2014

7.2 Incoming

- 7.2.1 Letter from MPP Grant Crack to EOWC Chair regarding upcoming parliamentary session, dated July 4, 2014
- 7.2.2 Letter from Minister Ted McMeekin to EOWC Chair regarding new Provincial Government, dated July 8, 2014
- 7.2.3 Letter from County of Peterborough Warden to Minister Jeff Leal on recent provincial election, dated July 9, 2014
- 7.2.4 Letter from MPP Jim McDonell to EOWC Chair regarding upcoming parliamentary session, dated July 23, 2014
- 7.2.5 Letter from Minister Jeff Leal to EOWC Chair regarding upcoming parliamentary session, dated August 1, 2014
- 7.2.6 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne to EOWC Chair upcoming parliamentary session, dated August 5, 2014

8. By-laws

9. Notice of Motions

10. Confirmation By-law #14-08

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Duncan**

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

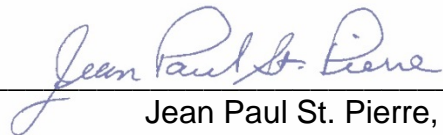
- 1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 17th day of August, 2014 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby 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.

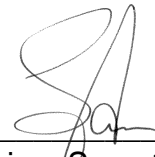
11. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Burton**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair



Stéphane P. Parisien, Secretary-Treasurer