



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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**Thursday, August 7, 2014
10:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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
City of Kawartha Lakes		Mark Fisher, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman	
County of Northumberland	Warden Linda Thompson, Vice-Chair	Kate Campbell, Director of Communications
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		Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville		Andy Brown, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
Lisa Severson	Eastern Ontario Regional Network, CSRO
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 Jones
Seconded by Warden Burton**

THAT the Agenda of the August 7, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes (n/a)

5. Delegations (n/a)

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 EOWC Draft Strategy for AMO Conference

Stéphane P. Parisien and Jim Pine presented an overview of the EOWC's draft strategy and related materials for the upcoming AMO Conference, including meetings with the Multi-Ministerial Panel and the Official

Opposition Caucus. Wardens were presented with the draft versions of the four-page booklet, the PowerPoint presentation, the postcard, and the Twitter suggestions. Dress shirts were also distributed to both Wardens and CAOs, to be worn during the EOWC's meetings on Monday.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the strategy materials, particularly on the topics of large-user energy rates, policing costs, joint and several liability, and interest arbitration. Several changes were discussed in detail and subsequently approved.

All changes are to be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by the following day, to then be included into the materials and redistributed to CAOs on Friday afternoon. Materials will be sent to the printer on Monday morning.

6.2 EOWC Draft Questions for Multi-Ministerial Panel

The draft questions for the EOWC's meeting with the Multi-Ministerial Panel were distributed to Wardens and were discussed in detail. Several changes were suggested and approved. Discussion also ensued on the delivery of the questions, including the Chair's opening remarks. It was agreed that the Chair should set the tone at the outset of the meeting to maximize the Wardens' speaking time and potential to engage Ministers. It was further agreed that a brief agenda should be drafted in order to help manage the meeting and maximize time.

As with the materials, all changes from staff are to be forwarded by the following day, to then be redistributed to CAOs on Friday afternoon.

6.3 Final versions of EOWC White Papers

A printed book version of the five EOWC White Papers was distributed to all Wardens and CAOs, as well as staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in attendance. This book includes the two final versions of the Social Housing and Environmental Services White Papers, which were finalized in late July and forwarded to respective Ministers in advance of the discussion at the upcoming AMO Conference.

6.4 EOWC/EORN Projects seeking FedDev / EODP funding

Gary King provided an update on an EORN project currently seeking funding through a joint FedDev/EODP manufacturing training initiative. EORN is recommending that the EOWC provide \$30,000 toward the project, and select five regional hubs to move it forward. Although the project is focused primarily on manufacturing, there is a workforce development and software usage/broadband component that has potential for partnership with Chambers of Commerce and others to work together.

Gary King also suggested the possibility of applying for funding for the implementation of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy through FedDev/EODP.

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

THAT the EOWC proceed with an application and a letter of intent, as discussed, to the FedDev/EODP funding stream for the manufacturing training initiative and the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy.

CARRIED

6.5 Meetings with EOMC and WOWC at AMO Conference

Jim Hutton explained that the requested delegation with Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, was not approved as the Minister is also attending the Multi-Ministers Meeting. As a result, the EOWC and the EOMC would not have the opportunity to deliver the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy together. It was decided to invite the Chair and the Secretary of the EOMC to attend the EOWC's Multi-Ministerial Delegation in order to deliver the Strategy together, and the EOWC would request the presence of its Chair and Secretary-Treasurer at the EOMC's Multi-Ministerial Delegation. It was also decided to print 150 copies of the Strategy for distribution at AMO.

The EOWC will also be meeting with the WOWC on Sunday afternoon and an agenda will be prepared with subjects from both groups.

6.6 Meeting with Andrea Horwath

The EOWC Wardens met with Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath to discuss the Caucus' priorities leading up to the AMO Conference and in the next parliamentary session, and to ask MPP Horwath for her party's support in moving forward on certain items. Topics of discussion included provincial offences reform, joint and several liability, policing billing reform, and interest arbitration. Copies of the White Papers book were also distributed with a brief explanation from Jim Pine.

7. Correspondence

8. By-laws

9. Notice of Motions

10. Confirmation By-law #14-07

**Moved by Warden Duncan
Seconded by Warden Burton**

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 7th 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.

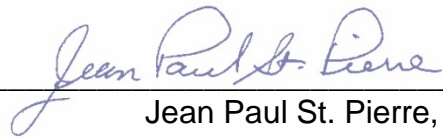
2. THAT the Chair and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. are hereby authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain any approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary, and the Secretary is hereby

authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

11. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Thompson**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair



Stéphane P. Parisien, Secretary-Treasurer