



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, February 22, 2015
Royal York Hotel
Alberta Room
Toronto, ON
1:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Denis Doyle	
County of Haliburton	Warden Murray Fearrey	Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Mark Fisher, 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	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Marc Coombs	Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	Robert McAuley
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets		
County of Frontenac		Kelly Pender, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Laura Bradley	Technical Manager, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Michael Elms	Regional Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Eric Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Duncan proposed the addition of the Chair's update under item 6.1.

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Warden Schermerhorn

THAT the Agenda of the February 22, 2015 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 15 and 16, 2015, and the closed session meeting of January 15, 2015, were presented.

Moved by Warden Phillips

Seconded by Warden Jones

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 15 and 16, 2015, and the closed session meeting of January 15, 2015, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations (n/a)

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Chair's Update – Eric Duncan

Warden Duncan informed the EOWC that there is no short-term solution in sight from the Ministry of Community and Social Services for the SAMS Program and this continues to be a major issue for municipal social services staff. The AMO board is also frustrated. The Minister is involved. Kurt Greaves added the ministry is continuing to work on a solution.

Chair Duncan also discussed the forthcoming Anti-SLAPP legislation and an update on Bill 31. Tim Simpson is working with the court associations on lobbying the province to pass the legislation but, more important, speed up the implementation process. Chair Duncan also noted that he spoke at the Ontario East AGM in January. Jim Hutton noted that Ontario East has supported the EOWC on the Leadership Council for the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy and the RED funding application.

6.2 OGRA/ROMA 2015 Meeting Schedule – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson presented the meeting schedule.

6.3 Review of Multi-Ministerial Questions – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson presented an overview of the Multi-Ministerial questions. Comments and updates were provided on the Bill 31 legislation, Joint and Several Liability, the need for stable electricity, the expansion of natural gas in rural areas, and the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories restructuring.

Warden Schermerhorn mentioned that there is a delegation to discuss the Goodyear plant on Wednesday, after which the EOWC may need to lend political support. He reiterated that 600 jobs were at stake and that the six power outages have cost Goodyear about \$3.7 million in lost revenue.

Jim Pine and Jim Hutton discussed the Energy East pipeline and whether the Province would be able to support the EOWC on the loss of natural gas pipelines in Eastern Ontario. Chair Duncan mentioned the related correspondence from Union Gas and added that there is some confusion

to that end. Finally, Jim Pine explained the opening remarks and presentation on the Cell Gap analysis.

6.4 Agenda for Joint EOWC/WOWC Meeting – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson presented the agenda. Some discussion ensued on the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee and the latest update from that group.

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

David Fell explained that the media announcements and Twitter campaign for the Digital Strategy will be rolled out on Tuesday morning. EORN also coordinated an RFI for broadband services to municipal buildings and received the results on February 13. A forthcoming meeting is scheduled with the County IT directors to gauge interest on a full RFP.

Mr. Fell also discussed the Magnet labour market portal, and noted that a regional launch is scheduled for Monday, March 2. Details will be sent out to CAOs. Counties were asked to place a link on their websites.

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

**THAT the EOWC Inc. receive the EORN CEO's report.
CARRIED**

7. Closed Session

7.1 Eastern Ontario Regional Network, Cell Gap Analysis Report – Laura Bradley / Jim Pine

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Fearrey**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. move into Closed Session to discuss the
Cell Gap Analysis Report.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Kerr
Seconded by Warden Doyle**

THAT staff be directed to follow the next steps and financial recommendations provided during the closed session and move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Doyle**

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

8.1 Outgoing

8.1.1 Letter to Ministry of Finance regarding Ontario Pre-Budget Submission, dated January 30, 2015

8.1.2 Letter to Warden Peter Emon regarding EOWC support for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, dated February 4, 2015

8.1.3 Letter to the Eastern and Northern Ontario Federal Caucus regarding an Ottawa meeting, dated February 17, 2015

8.2 Incoming

8.2.1 Letter from Laurie LeBlanc regarding the AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program, dated January 12, 2015

8.2.2 Letter from the Township of Head, Clara & Maria regarding logging in Algonquin Provincial Park, dated January 12, 2015

8.2.3 Letter from the Township of Head, Clara & Maria regarding a review of the Provincial Land Tax, dated January 13, 2015

- 8.2.4 Letter from Township of Head, Clara & Maria regarding the expansion of Highway 17, dated January 13, 2015
- 8.2.5 Letter from the Township of Head, Clara & Maria regarding the Places to Grow Initiative, dated January 12, 2015
- 8.2.6 Letter from the Town of Mississippi Mills regarding authority over hydro generation projects, dated January 20, 2015
- 8.2.7 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding the final report of the EORN Project, dated January 28, 2015
- 8.2.8 Letter from the Prime Minister's Office regarding the final report of the EORN Project, dated January 30, 2015
- 8.2.9 Letter from Union Gas regarding its concerns with the Energy East Pipeline Project, dated February 3, 2015
- 8.2.10 Letter from Minister Bob Chiarelli regarding electricity supply and commercial and industrial rates, dated February 5, 2015

8.3 Support letter regarding authority over hydro generation projects

Warden Kerr requested support from the EOWC on the letter from the Town of Mississippi Mills regarding authority over hydro generation projects.

Moved by Warden Kerr
Seconded by Warden Kirby

THAT the EOWC Inc. lend its support to the Town of Mississippi Mills and respond to the letter regarding hydro generation projects.

CARRIED

9. By-laws

10. Notice of Motions

11. Confirmation By-law #15-04

**Moved by Warden Coombs
Seconded by Warden Emon**

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

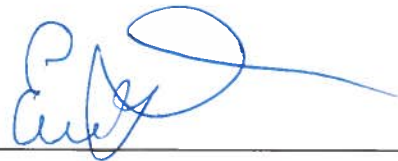
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 22nd day of February, 2015 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby 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.

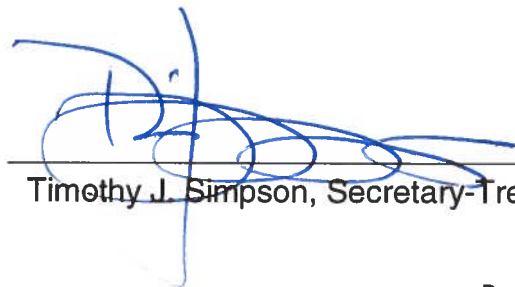
12. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Doyle**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Eric Duncan, Chair



Timothy J. Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer