



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Sunday, February 23, 2014
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 Bud Clayton	Marian VanBruinessen, Acting CAO
County of Haliburton		Jim Wilson, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Ric McGee	Mark Fisher, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Linda Thompson, Vice-Chair	Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Peter Mertens	Merlin Dewing, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Haliburton	Warden Dave Burton	

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Stephen Seller	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Monika Turner	Director of Policy, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Kathy Wood	Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network

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

Mayor McGee requested the addition of an item for information purposes, being the issuance of an order from the Ministry of the Environment against the City of Kawartha Lakes for private water systems.

Moved by Mayor McGee

Seconded by Warden Clayton

THAT the Agenda of the February 23, 2014 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Linda Thompson noted that the name of Past-Warden Janet Gutowski should be added to the Minutes of January 16, 2014 and January 17, 2014.

Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Mayor Mertens

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 16, 2014 and January 17, 2014 and Closed Session of January 16, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Reports for Review/Discussion

5.1 Economic Development Strategy – Jim Hutton, Tim Simpson, Andy Brown

Tim Simpson provided an update on the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy, noting that the Guiding Coalition has developed a high-level presentation for Minister Eric Hoskins. The presentation will touch base on the three main priorities, being Workforce Development and Employment, Technology Integration and Innovation, and Integrated and Intelligent Transportation, as well as 20 to 25 action items.

Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Thompson

THAT the report on the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy be received.

CARRIED

5.2 Financial Sustainability Report Update – Larry Keech, Elizabeth Savill, Kurt Greaves and Kathy Wood

Larry Keech provided an update on the Financial Sustainability Report and the Ratepayer Affordability White Paper, the contents of which are ready to be shared with Ministers during the ROMA/OGRA Conference.

The Steering Committee is meeting shortly to determine the roll out of the two future White Papers, and is anticipating that they will be available no later than the AMO Conference.

**Moved by Warden Kidd
Seconded by Warden Emon**

**THAT the report on the Financial Sustainability Report be received.
CARRIED**

5.3 EORN Update

5.3.1 EORN CEO Update – David Fell

David Fell provided an update on recent broadband deployments, noting the original schedule was supposed to wrap up December 31, 2013, but has now been extended until December 31, 2014. There were delays due to municipal approvals, as well as inclement weather. While there are penalties that can be levied against providers, he recommended to continue to work on the sites along with providers, to bring those sites in service, and complete the work as planned. The Board gave an extension to June 30, 2014.

**Moved by Mayor Mertens
Seconded by Warden Jones**

**THAT the report from the EORN CEO be received.
CARRIED**

5.3.2 EORN Communications/Project Update Report – Jim Pine

Jim Pine provided a brief presentation and distributed brochures.

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

**THAT the report on EORN Communications be received.
CARRIED**

5.3.3 EORN Non-Disclosure Agreement – David Fell

David Fell indicated that a non-disclosure agreement was distributed with the orientation binders last month, and asked that all incoming members sign the documents as a condition of participating in confidential meetings.

5.4 Gap Analysis for Cellular Service – Jim Pine

Jim Pine provided an update on the Gap Analysis for cell coverage around eastern Ontario, noting the project budget has been approved and the team is preparing an RFP for specific technical assistance. The group is working with Canadian wireless and telecommunications companies to prepare the gap analysis, and will keep moving ahead and providing updates in due time.

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

**THAT the report on Gap Analysis for Cellular Service be received.
CARRIED**

5.5 Resolution from County of Lennox and Addington re: Ontario's Electricity Rates Resolution – Warden Schermerhorn

Warden Schermerhorn discussed a motion from the County of Lennox and Addington regarding escalating hydro rates. His council is concerned with job losses and would like to bring awareness and raise its concerns to the province. To that effect, he will be meeting with the Minister of Energy this week, and he would like the EOWC's support.

**Moved by Warden Kidd
Seconded by Warden Holman**

**THAT the report from the County of Lennox and Addington be received as presented and that the EOWC Inc. support the resolution and in doing so, reinforce the EOWC resolution passed in January.
CARRIED**

5.6 Letter from Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington re: Resolution on Joint and Several Liability – Warden St. Pierre, Stéphane Parisien

Stéphane P. Parisien noted that the EOWC had received a letter from MPP Randy Pettapiece, requesting the EOWC to endorse his private member's resolution on Joint and Several Liability. Monika Turner from AMO added that any action to support these changes would have the support of AMO. Members suggested that the EOWC specify its support for AMO's proposed Combined Model.

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

THAT the EOWC Inc. endorse MPP Pettapiece's private member's resolution and that a letter be written to MPP Pettapiece indicating the EOWC's support for AMO's Combined Model.

CARRIED

5.7 Communication from AMO President Russ Powers regarding Joint and Several Liability dated February 23, 2014

The communication from AMO President was presented.

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

THAT the EOWC Inc. endorse AMO President Russ Powers' request for action on Joint and Several Liability and that the EOWC write to Attorney General John Gerretsen indicating its support for AMO's Combined Model.

CARRIED

5.8 EOWC Facebook and Twitter Accounts – Stéphane P. Parisien

Stéphane P. Parisien presented a suggestion for increased visibility and additional communications tools for the EOWC, notably a Twitter account. Members discussed the idea and shared concerns and suggestions.

The Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the EOWC remain positive in its messages for the immediate future, and the issue could be brought back to the Wardens at the April meeting if necessary.

**Moved by Mayor McGee
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the EOWC Inc. receive the report as presented and mandate the Secretary-Treasurer to continue the Twitter account strategy.

CARRIED

5.9 Meeting Schedule 2014 OGRA/ROMA Conference - Stéphane Parisien

The meeting schedule for the EOWC during the 2014 OGRA/ROMA Conference was presented.

**Moved by Warden Holman
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the Meeting Schedule be received as presented.

CARRIED

5.10 REVISED 2014 EOWC Meeting Schedule – Stéphane P. Parisien

The revised meeting schedule for the EOWC during the 2014 calendar year was presented. Additional changes were noted, including that both the June EOWC Wardens Meeting and the July CAOs Planning Meeting will be held in Prescott and Russell. The June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19 to accommodate for Chair St. Pierre's Golf Tournament on Friday, June 20.

**Moved by Warden Clayton
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

THAT the Revised 2014 Meeting Schedule be received as presented.

CARRIED

5.11 **Bill 34 and Bill 69 – Jim Pine**

Jim Pine presented a suggestion to discuss the EOWC's concerns with Bill 34, *The Highway Traffic Statute Law Amendment Act*, and Bill 69, *The Prompt Payment Act*, as part of the Ministers Forum. Monika Turner from AMO explained the concerns that municipalities ought to have with both bills, and in particular that Bill 34 has yet to be passed and that Bill 69 would have serious financial implications.

Mayor McGee presented a motion that the EOWC should develop a strong position in favour of Bill 34 and against Bill 69. Warden Thompson added that the EOWC could make its position known during the Ministers Forum, the Multi-Ministers Meeting, through a presentation to the Standing Committee, and by writing letters to all three parties expressing our disapproval.

Warden Duncan provided some background of Bill 69 and its connection to MPP Del Duca as former director of Public Affairs for the Carpenters District Council of Ontario, which is a major donor to all three parties.

Jim Pine and Stéphane P. Parisien offered to develop talking points and questions for the Ministers Forum, along with Monika Turner from AMO.

Moved by Mayor McGee

Seconded by Warden Phillips

THAT the EOWC Inc. support the passage of Bill 34 and not support the passage of Bill 69, and that the EOWC Inc. employ all necessary efforts to make its position known to the Province and all three provincial parties, as well as the EOMC and the WOWC.

CARRIED

5.12 **PowerPoint Presentation for Multi-Ministers Meeting – Jim Pine**

Stéphane P. Parisien and Jim Pine presented the PowerPoint presentations developed for the Multi-Ministers Meeting, which will also be used for the meeting with Tim Hudak. The new brochure and EOWC Asks were also presented and hard copies were distributed to Members.

6. Closed Session

6.1 Eastern Ontario Regional Network, Access Gap Financial Summary Report and Access Gap Procurement Report – David Fell

**Moved by Mayor McGee
Seconded by Warden Schermerhorn**

THAT the EOWC Inc. move into Closed Session to discuss the Access Gap Financial Summary Report and the Access Gap Procurement Report.

CARRIED

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

THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the recommendation regarding the Access Gap Financial Summary Report and the Access Gap Procurement Report and bring it out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Kidd
Seconded by Warden Clayton**

THAT the EOWC Inc. move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Philips
Seconded by Warden Jones**

THAT staff be directed to follow instruction given during the closed session.

CARRIED

7. Correspondence

**Moved by Mayor McGee
Seconded by Warden Emon**

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

7.1 Outgoing

7.1.1 Letter to The Honourable John Gerretsen regarding Impact of Joint and Several Liability dated February 10, 2014

7.2 Incoming

7.2.1 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne from The County of Peterborough dated January 9, 2014 re: The Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund dated January 9, 2014

7.2.2 Letter to John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke from the Town of Petawawa re: Resolution to Support “AMO’s Approach” dated January 15, 2104

7.2.3 Letter from County of Frontenac to re: Request AMO to Petition the Province of Ontario dated January 20, 2014

7.2.4 Letter from Marmora and Lake to re: letter of support to the EOWC initiative with the spiraling cost of policing dated January 23, 2014

7.2.5 Letter from the Minister Kathleen Wynne Ministry of Agriculture and Food re the Eastern Ontario Local Food and farming Collaborative Paper dated January 29, 2014

7.2.6 Letter from Elgin County re: The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) dated February 3, 2014

- 7.2.7 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne re letter regarding GO-Net Services dated February 10, 2014
- 7.2.8 Letter from The Corporation of the United Townships of head, Clara & Maria re: County of Renfrew resolution regarding gas tax distribution dated February 10, 2014
- 7.2.9 Letter from The County of Hastings to The Honourable John Gerretsen re: Joint and Several Liability dated February 10, 2014
- 7.2.10 Letter from The City of Kawartha Lakes to The Honourable John Gerretsen re: Joint and Several Liability dated February 17, 2014
- 7.2.11 Correspondence from the Eastern Ontario Local Food and Farming Collaborative re: The Definition of Local Food dated February 19, 2014

8. By-laws

9. Notice of Motions

10. Addendum – Ministry of Environment – Mayor McGee

Mayor McGee shared with Members that the Ministry of Environment recently issued an order against the City of Kawartha Lakes for private water systems along the south shore of Sturgeon Lake. He explained that the issue began seven years ago, in 2008, when the MOE initially issued orders against private property owners. The order against the City's CAO came last week, ordering the City of provide potable water. Specifically, it asks the City to take control of the pump house and provide an engineer's report to the MOE within 90 days that provides solutions as to how to provide potable water. Mayor McGee explained that this is a compact former waterfront community, and has brought it to the EOWC's attention as he believes it could happen to any such municipality. He noted the City will comply with the order and that his CAO would bring forward information at a future meeting.

11. Confirmation By-law #14-04

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Warden Holman**

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

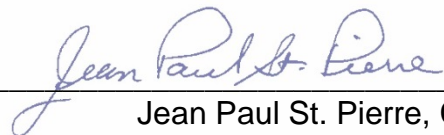
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 23rd day of February, 2014 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby 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.

12. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Duncan
Seconded by Mayor Mertens**

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair;



Stéphane P. Parisien, Secretary-Treasurer