



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Friday, January 15, 2016
Delta Waterfront Hotel
Kingston, Ontario
10:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Frances Smith Past-Warden Denis Doyle	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Carol Moffatt	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Gail Code Past-Warden Keith Kerr	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Clarence Kennedy	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Gil Brocanier	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Guy Desjardins Past-Warden Robert Kirby	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald Past-Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
None		

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Gary McNamara	President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Pat Vanini	Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Andrew Wallen	Vice Chair, Eastern Ontario CFDC Network Inc.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Outgoing Chair Eric Duncan called the meeting to order. He welcomed all guests and remarked on the excellent turnout from MPs, MPPs and Mayors. He thanked the staff for their assistance and thanked the Wardens for their confidence this past year. He invited incoming Chair Peter Emon to take the microphone.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Warden Gordon
Seconded by Warden Jones**

THAT the Agenda of the January 15, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Opening Remarks by 2016 Chair and Welcoming of Guests

Chair Emon thanked the Wardens for their support and confidence and noted he is looking forward to representing the Caucus in the coming year. He spoke about the value of our communities and thanked MPs and MPPs for their service to those communities. He also thanked the CAOs for their service to the EOWC, as well as AMO for its representation of small and rural communities of Ontario. Chair Emon also asked guests to briefly introduce themselves and welcomed MPs Cheryl Gallant, Mark Gerretsen, Francis Drouin, Mike Bossio and Kim Rudd; MPPs Lou Rinaldi, Jim McDonnell, Todd Smith, and Steve Clark; AMO President Gary McNamara; and Mayors Bryan Paterson, David Henderson, Taso Christopher, Michael Lemay, Erika Demchuk, Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Shawn Pankow and Jim Harrison.

5. Delegations/Presentations

5.1 Andrew Wallen – Eastern Ontario Transportation Needs Analysis

Andrew Wallen provided a historical background of the Eastern Ontario Transportation Needs Analysis, including process and methodology in selecting the priority projects and an implementation plan. Chair Emon reminded Wardens that the EOWC allocated \$5,000 in its 2016 budget towards the study.

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 2016 EOWC Priorities – Tim Simpson

Tim Simpson presented the EOWC's priorities for 2016, being:

1. Working with the Province, Hydro One and the major energy providers to invest in the region's hydroelectricity and natural gas transmission systems, to provide major industrial and commercial customers with affordable expansion opportunities and relief in operational costs.
2. Working in tandem with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to close the cellular network and mobile broadband gaps that exist in many rural Eastern Ontario communities.
3. Continuing research and advocacy on the Province's consideration for any growth planning exercise in Eastern Ontario.
4. Supporting the Leadership Council in its implementation of key actions proposed in the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy.
5. Advocating at the provincial level for an across-the-board decrease in Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) costs.

6.2 EORN Update – Jim Pine

Jim Pine provided a brief history of the EORN broadband project, recalling it began as a grassroots effort to improve access to high-speed internet across the region, which today represents a \$172-million build spanning 5,500 km including services to 63 business parks and four First Nations communities. He noted that the project has been recognized both nationally and internationally. EORN's advocacy for broadband continues to be advanced as consumer demand increases every day.

Mr. Pine presented an update of the EORN cellular gap analysis, noting its overall goal is to make Eastern Ontario one of the best connected regions in the world. With mobile broadband becoming more important for users and emergency services, EORN conducted an analysis on cellular gaps in 2014 and provided it to the industry for feedback. He displayed a map of the existing capacity gaps, explaining that a Ryerson University engineer has confirmed that Bell and Rogers would not develop in these areas on their own as the cost is too prohibitive. However, the return on investment for the government, according to an economist from Trenton University, is the creation of 3,000 new full-time jobs during the 10-year build period. The estimated project cost is \$180 million to \$200 million, which the EOWC would be asking of both levels of government. He offered to come to Ottawa or Toronto at any time to explain the project in greater detail.

7. Discussion with MPs, MPPs, Mayors, AMO and CFDC

Chair Emon invited AMO President Gary McNamara to address the EOWC. Mr. McNamara noted it was a pleasure working with Warden Duncan over the past year and looks forward to working with Chair Emon. He spoke of the relationship with the EOWC and the issues both groups have lobbied for this past year, including energy costs, development charges and joint and several liability. He noted that AMO continues to advocate for those issues, and spoke to the importance of teamwork and relationships.

Chair Emon invited MPs to address the Caucus. MP Cheryl Gallant asked EORN to continue its good work. MP Francis Drouin spoke about the importance of having high-speed internet and mobile broadband if the region wants to attract businesses and new residents, and the value of these infrastructure investments. MP Mike Bossio noted that all rural MPs are getting together to discuss the issues facing rural communities, including broadband technology and the massive infrastructure needs and deficit in rural Eastern Ontario. MP Kim Rudd echoed her colleagues' comments and recalled that the federal government made a commitment to rural infrastructure. MP Rudd was pleased to hear about the cellular gap analysis, as these gaps do exist and closing them is important for rural economic development and attracting residents to our communities.

Chair Emon invited MPPs to address the Caucus. MPP Lou Rinaldi thanked the EOWC for its work over the past few years. MPP Steve Clark echoed those sentiments, noting very few organizations can boast their ability to bring together

members from both parties, at the federal and provincial levels. He added that the PC Caucus looks forward to meeting with the EOWC at ROMA/OGRA. MPP Jim McDonnell noted that our communities require the best investments if they wish to compete, but Ontario's property taxes are a large hurdle to overcome. MPP Todd Smith noted that there is an excellent opportunity for all levels of government to work together, with no elections scheduled until 2018. He noted that energy is a major issue, beyond the sale of Hydro One, and includes reliability and expansion limitations. On the subject of policing costs, he noted the only way to change such costs is by changing the manner in which policing is done. He referenced the study and presentation by Christian Leuprecht in 2014.

Chair Emon asked Mayor Bryan Paterson to address the Caucus. Mayor Paterson noted how important it was for the EOMC to join with the EOWC, as there are so many issues in common. One such example is policing costs, which affects all municipalities, both small and large. He recalled that 2015 was a great year working with Warden Duncan and launching the Leadership Council. It is exciting to see the EOMC and EOWC communicating and strategizing together.

10. By-laws

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Gordon**

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

By-Law # 16-04

A By-Law to recognize and authorize the 2016 Chair Peter Emon, Secretary-Treasurer W. James Hutton, and Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for the EOWC Inc.

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #16-05

**Moved by Warden Smith
Seconded by Mayor Quaiff**

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 15th day of January, 2016 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.

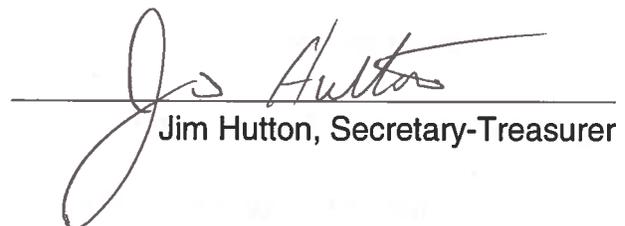
11. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Gordon
Seconded by Warden Brocanier**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:51 a.m.



Peter Emon, Chair



Jim Hutton, Secretary-Treasurer