



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Friday, January 16, 2015
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Denis Doyle	Kelly Pender, CAO
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 Past-Warden Ron Holman	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	Merlin Dewing, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby Past-Warden François St-Amour	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer
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	Past-Warden Dave Burton	
County of Lanark	Past-Warden Richard Kidd	
County of Northumberland	Past-Warden Linda Thompson	

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
Linda Little	Financial Analyst, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Stephen Seller	Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Allan Scott	Eastern Region Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Warren Sleeth	Local Government Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
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

Chair Rick Phillips called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Warden Gordon

THAT the Agenda of the January 16, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Elections for EORN Board of Directors for 2015 – Jim Pine

Jim Pine addressed the EOWC members to discuss the proposed candidates for the incoming EORN Board of Directors, including:

- David Burton, Reeve of the Municipality of Highlands East
- J. Murray Jones, Warden of the County of Peterborough
- Jo-Anne Albert, Mayor of the Municipality of Tweed
- Bob Sweet, Mayor of the Town of Petawawa

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

THAT the four proposed candidates be nominated to the EORN Board of Directors for the year 2015.

CARRIED

Mr. Pine called for further nominations for the fifth vacant Board position.

**Moved by Warden Gordon
Seconded by Warden Kerr**

THAT Warden David Gordon be nominated for the position of member of the EORN Board of Directors for the year 2015.

CARRIED

Warden Gordon accepted the nomination.

Mr. Pine called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations.

**Moved by Warden Kerr
Seconded by Warden Gordon**

THAT nominations for the position of EORN Board member be closed.

CARRIED

Jim Pine declared the five candidates elected as members of the EORN Board of Directors for 2015.

5. Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015 – Gary King

Gary King reviewed the procedures for election and recalled that speeches were delivered yesterday for Chair and Vice-Chair. He opened the nominations.

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

THAT Warden Eric Duncan be nominated for the position of Chair of EOWC Inc. for the year 2015.

CARRIED

Warden Duncan accepted the nomination.

Mr. King called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations.

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

THAT nominations for the position of Chair of the EOWC be closed.

CARRIED

Gary King declared Warden Eric Duncan elected as Chair of the EOWC.

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

THAT Warden J. Murray Jones be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of EOWC Inc. for the year 2015.

CARRIED

Warden Jones accepted the nomination.

Mr. King called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations.

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

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the EOWC be closed.

CARRIED

Gary King declared Warden J. Murray Jones elected as Vice-Chair of the EOWC.

6. Opening Remarks by 2015 Chair

Chair Duncan thanked the Wardens for their support and confidence and noted he is looking forward to representing the Caucus in the coming year. He asked everyone in the room to present themselves. He thanked the staff at the United Counties of Prescott and Russell and former chair Jean Paul St. Pierre for their collective insight and work over the past year.

6. Welcoming of Guests: MPs, MPPs, Mayors, CAOs and CFDCs

Chair Duncan welcomed AMO President Gary McNamara, MPs Daryl Kramp, Lou Rinaldi, Ted Hsu, and Gord Brown, MPPs Steve Clark and Sophie Kiwala, Dave Henderson, Mayor of Brockville, Taso Christopher, Mayor of Belleville, Gerard Hunt, CAO of Kingston, and Rick Kester, CAO of Belleville.

7. Delegations/Presentations

8. Reports for Review/Discussion

8.1 2015 EOWC Priorities – Stéphane P. Parisien

Stéphane P. Parisien presented the EOWC's priorities for 2015, being:

1. Beginning the implementation of the key actions proposed in the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy. This implementation is proposed to occur over the next three years: 2015, 2016 and 2017.
2. Working in tandem with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to prepare and submit an Eastern Ontario cellular infrastructure network improvement project.
3. Continuing its research and advocacy efforts on matters related to the financial sustainability of municipal government in Eastern Ontario.

8.2 EORN Update – Jim Pine

Jim Pine presented an update of the EORN Broadband Project, noting that all build work is complete and the project exceeded all of its coverage and speed targets. As of today, there are 100,000 new customers online,

and fibre services have been delivered to 62 business parks across Eastern Ontario, a major economic advantage for the region.

Mr. Pine explained that the next steps are the cell gap analysis, the 10-year digital strategy, and increasing the adoption of interest-based activities and the development of new technologies. He thanked both the federal and provincial governments for their support in this project.

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

Chair Duncan invited AMO President Gary McNamara to address the EOWC. Mr. McNamara spoke of the some of the progress achieved by municipalities in the past year and efforts put forward by AMO, but lamented the reluctance of the province to address joint and several liability. He observed that the EOWC's 2015 priorities align with the Association's focus for the coming year. AMO's Pat Vanini noted there is no word as of today on Bill 8, or when any of the schedules will be proclaimed. AMO advised the Province that this Bill requires a lot of work to implement and its advice to the Standing Committee and to the Government is to make the implementation of Schedule 1 for January 1, 2016.

Chair Duncan invited MPs and MPPs to address the Caucus. MP Gord Brown congratulated the caucus on its work, while MP Daryl Kramp spoke about his concern about increasing policing costs as well as the lack of cellular network service in Eastern Ontario. He added that he looked forward to the upcoming meeting between the EOWC and federal MPs on February 17. MP Ted Hsu spoke about the need to restore the long-form census as well as co-op placements for small and medium-sized businesses. He stressed the need to invest in quality infrastructure investments on the federal level.

MPP Sophie Kiwala discussed energy, infrastructure, the need to get together as an Eastern Ontario caucus, and some of the funds available to municipalities. She recognized the EOWC is unhappy about Bill 8 but encouraged members to keep discussing the issue. MPP Lou Rinaldi congratulated the EOWC on its success, particularly on the EORN project and its cooperation in working with the Province. MPP Steve Clark congratulated the EOWC, noting this is the only group that brings so many members of various parties together. He expressed concerns about joint and several liability and the arbitration system, but agreed with other MPPs that such issues must continue to be discussed among both parties, and to keep EOWC priorities at Queen's Park.

Andrew Wallen discussed some of the recent work of the CFDC Networks. Brockville Mayor Dave Henderson discussed some of the recent efforts and organizational improvements of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Committee, adding he looked forward to working together with the EOWC.

Other issues discussed were the need to direct immigration within Eastern Ontario, reporting requirements for the federal and provincial levels, the issues with the SAMS program for Social Services, and dispatch issues for emergency services. MPs and MPPs took the opportunity to respond.

10. By-laws

**Moved by Warden Schermerhorn
Seconded by Warden Gordon**

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

By-Law # 15-02

A By-Law to recognize and authorize the 2015 Chair Eric Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer Timothy J. Simpson, and Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for the EOWC Inc.

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #15-03

**Moved by Warden Phillips
Seconded by Warden Doyle**

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 16th day of January, 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.

11. Adjournment

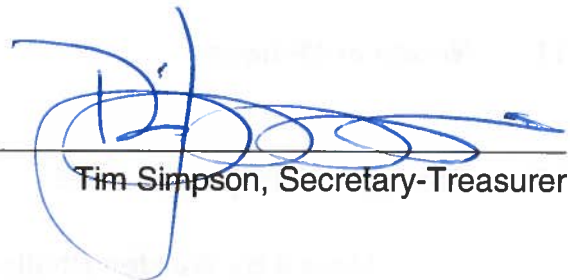
Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Doyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Eric Duncan, Chair



Tim Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer