



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Friday, January 6, 2017
Delta Waterfront Hotel
Kingston, Ontario
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 Ron Vandewal Past-Warden Frances Smith	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Brent Devolin Past-Warden Carol Moffatt	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rodney Cooney Past-Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Bill Dobson Past-Warden Gail Code	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Robin Jones Past-Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Bill Lowry	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Mark Walas	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden Joe Taylor	Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy Past-Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Gary J. Barton Past-Warden Guy Desjardins	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jim Bancroft	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Lennox & Addington	Past-Warden Henry Hogg	
County of Northumberland	Past-Warden Gil Brocanier	
County of Peterborough	Past-Warden J. Murray Jones	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Past-Warden Jamie MacDonald	

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Communications and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Stephen Seller	Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Brandon Forrest	Municipal Services Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Lynn Dollin	President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Andrew Wallen	Vice Chair, Eastern Ontario CFDC Network Inc.
Bruce Smith	Chair, Eastern Ontario CFDC Network Inc.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Outgoing Chair Peter Emon called the meeting to order. He welcomed all invited guests and remarked on the excellent past year, including improved relationships and new partnerships with the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the recent CRTC decision in favour of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network. He thanked the staff for their assistance, including Jim Hutton and Justin Bromberg, and thanked the Wardens for their confidence this past year, including outgoing wardens Rick Phillips and J. Murray Jones and returning mayors Robert Quaiff and Andy Letham.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Lowry

THAT the Agenda of the January 6, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

4. Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017 – Gary King

Gary King reviewed the procedures for election and invited Warden Dobson and Mayor Quaiff to address the EOWC membership on their intentions as Chair for 2017. Members remitted their ballots to Mr. King.

Following the counting of the ballots, Mr. King declared Mayor Robert Quaiff elected as Chair of the EOWC for the 2017 year.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Lowry**

THAT Mayor Quaiff be elected to the position of Chair of the EOWC Inc. for the 2017 year.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Cooney
Seconded by Warden Bancroft**

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Mr. King called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

**Moved by Warden Barton
Seconded by Warden Jones**

THAT Warden Bill Dobson be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of EOWC Inc. for the year 2017.

CARRIED

Warden Dobson 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 Vandewal
Seconded by Warden Murphy**

THAT nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the EOWC be closed and that Warden Dobson be elected by acclamation to the position of Vice-Chair of the EOWC Inc. for the 2017 year.

CARRIED

5. Opening Remarks by 2017 Chair

Chair Quaiff thanked the Wardens for their support, trust and confidence and noted he is looking forward to representing the Caucus in the coming year, as well as building upon its existing relationships and partnerships. He asked everyone in the room to present themselves.

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

Chair Quaiff welcomed the following guests:

MP Mark Gerretsen, Kingston and the Islands
MP Francis Drouin, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell
MP Mike Bossio, Hastings-Lennox-Addington
MP Neil Ellis, Bay of Quinte

MPP Lou Rinaldi, Northumberland-Quinte West
MPP Jim McDonnell, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry
MPP Sophie Kiwala, Kingston and the Islands
MPP Todd Smith, Prince Edward-Hastings
MPP Steve Clark, Leeds-Grenville
MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

EOMC Chair Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy, City of Cornwall / 2017 EOMC Chair
CFDC Chair Bruce Smith, Eastern Ontario CFDC Network Inc.
AMO President Deputy Mayor Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil / AMO President

7. Delegations/Presentations

7.1 Keith Currie – Ontario Federation of Agriculture

OFA President Keith Currie explained the partnership created between the OFA, the EOWC and the WOWC to lobby the Province to invest in the expansion of natural gas services in rural Ontario. He noted that access to natural gas is a strategic imperative for the competitiveness of rural areas and the economic health of the province.

The specific request is for the Province to commit to a 20-year investment of \$75 million per year (\$1.5 billion total) to extend natural gas to at least 60% of rural Ontario via pipelines. In return, the Province would ensure rural growth as well as a return on its investment. The latter will be achieved through an anticipated \$1 billion per year in new money in rural Ontario, a competitive business environment to attract new investment, new jobs, and new ratepayers in rural areas.

7.2 Mayor Peter Emon and Mayor Bryan Paterson – Update on Eastern Ontario Leadership Council and Request to EOWC and EOMC

Mayor Peter Emon and Mayor Bryan Paterson, the outgoing 2016 chairs of the EOWC and EOMC, respectively, provided a transition report on the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council and its advocacy and activities over the past year. Among other things, the EOLC has completed the “Mapping the Eastern Ontario Innovation Ecosystem” report in partnership with Ryerson University, as well as the Eastern Ontario Transportation Needs Analysis study. The EOLC has added two representatives of the Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporations to its membership and has improved communication between the EOWC and EOMC.

Mayors Emon and Paterson presented the EOLC’s revised governance model and its work plan for 2017-2018, including the hiring of a full-time, dedicated coordinator to oversee its activities, support the working groups, develop project concepts and find new sources of funding. To do so, they are requesting that the EOWC, the EOMC and EORN each provide an annual contribution of \$50,000 over the next three years (2017-2019).

8. Reports for Review/Discussion

8.1 2016 EOWC Priorities – Jim Hutton

Jim Hutton presented the EOWC's priorities for 2017, being:

1) Improving Infrastructure & Connectivity

- ✓ **EORN:** Supporting the improvement of cellular networks to ensure mobile broadband services and increased public safety
- ✓ **Infrastructure:** Advocating for \$3.7 billion in new provincial investments

2) Growing our Regional Economy

- ✓ **Natural Gas:** Advocating for its expansion to rural businesses, farms and communities as per the OFA/EOWC/WOWC partnership
- ✓ **Hydro:** Advocating for the expansion of distribution capacity and a provincial solution to cost issues
- ✓ **Leadership Council:** Continuing the implementation of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy
- ✓ **Key Projects:** Supporting the Picton Terminals and the Marmora Pump Storage projects

3) Reducing Operational Costs

- ✓ **Policing:** Advocating for a solution to policing costs and modernization
- ✓ **Legislation:** Advocating for provincial solutions to joint and several liability and the interest arbitration system

8.2 EORN Update – Jim Pine

Jim Pine presented an overview of EORN's cellular network and mobile broadband improvement project, including the benefits of closing both the coverage and capacity gaps. The current business case also includes a proposal for a dedicated, secure network for first responders. The total estimated cost of the combined project is \$299 million, which is a savings of \$47 million compared to separate projects. The commercial cellular improvement project alone would cost \$213 million. The business case will be submitted to the federal and provincial governments on January 30.

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

Chair Quaiff invited all the invited guests to address the crowd.

10. By-laws

**Moved by Warden Cooney
Seconded by Warden Bancroft**

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

By-Law # 17-02

A By-Law to recognize and authorize the 2017 Chair Robert Quaiff, Secretary-Treasurer James Hepburn, and Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for the EOWC Inc.

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #17-03

**Moved by Warden Dobson
Seconded by Warden Murphy**

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 6th day of January, 2017 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.

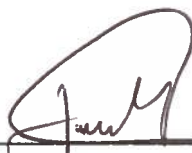
11. Adjournment

**Moved by Warden Murphy
Seconded by Warden Taylor**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Robert Quaiff, Chair



James Hepburn, Secretary-Treasurer