



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

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Thursday, June 19, 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	Kelly Pender, 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		Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	
County of Northumberland	Warden Linda Thompson, Vice-Chair	
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 Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan	Tim Simpson, CAO

City of Brockville	Mayor David Henderson	Bob Casselman, Manager
Town of Prescott	Mayor Brett Todd	Randy Helmer, CAO

Regrets		
County of Haliburton	Warden Dave Burton	
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Ron Holman	
County of Lennox and Addington		Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland		Elizabeth Savill, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Peter Mertens	Merlin Dewing, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Kathryn Wood	Natural Capital Resources Inc.
Lauren Millier	Millier Dickinson Blais Inc.
Justin Bromberg	Executive Assistant and Communications, UCPR
Justin Watkins	Manager of Strategic Services and Corporate Projects, SD&G

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

The Chair requested that item 6.4 be moved forward to item 5.2.

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Mayor McGee

THAT the Agenda of the June 19, 2014 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of April 25, 2014 were presented.

Moved by Warden Phillips

Seconded by Warden Emon

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of April 25, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Presentation of Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy – Lauren Millier, Millier Dickinson Blais and Kathryn Wood

Lauren Millier and Kathryn Wood presented the highlights, priorities and key findings of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy. Short-term and long-term actions were presented and discussed, including the need for region-wide collaboration among all key stakeholders and players (businesses, industry, institutions, associations, networks and economic development professionals) as well as the sense of urgency with which the strategy's implementation should be undertaken.

Jim Hutton explained that the implementation plan would be prepared within the coming months, with delivery scheduled for September. In the interim, the next steps would be to have the EOWC and EOMC endorse this strategy, prepare its public release and a strategy for the AMO Conference, and a strategy to move forward with the implementation plan (including any further funding requests to the MEDTE). The Guiding Coalition requires approval in order to move ahead as planned, release the document publicly and present it to Ministers at AMO.

Mayor Todd reiterated the need for the EOWC and the EOMC to meet more often and to avoid working in silos. A discussion ensued, following which the consensus was for the two groups to move forward together.

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

THAT the draft version of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy be received as presented and, following some minor changes, that the Guiding Coalition present both the EOWC and the EOMC with an implementation plan and a presentation for Ministers at AMO as soon as possible.

CARRIED

5.2 Election Post-Mortem and Proposal / Timeline for EOWC Strategy at AMO Conference – Stéphane P. Parisien

Stéphane Parisien explained the need to begin preparing a revised engagement strategy for the Multi-Ministers meeting at the upcoming AMO Conference in August. He presented two maps of Eastern Ontario outlining the Liberal and Progressive Conservative ridings in the region. The only change between the 2011 and 2014 elections is a Liberal gain in the Northumberland-Quinte West riding (for a total of four Liberal seats).

Mr. Parisien said that based on feedback received from Wardens and CAOs, the EOWC would proceed with a new strategy, one without a video or multimedia presentation but rather with focus on key issues and specific questions targeted for specific Ministers. It was noted that the EOWC Communications staff would be meeting in mid-July to develop questions for certain Wardens, as well as a brief presentation, to be presented to CAOs in late July and then to the Wardens during the first week of August.

The Wardens were in agreement on having a Multi-Ministers meeting at AMO as well as one meeting with the MEDTE regarding the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy. It was noted that the approach for the Multi-Ministers meeting should make note of the EOWC's support for the government as well as previous presentations to Ministers. It will be important to highlight the need to work with the opposition and vice versa, e.g. "a strong Ontario also means helping Eastern Ontario."

The EOWC will meet on Thursday, August 7 at 10 a.m. at the County of Frontenac to approve the questions and PowerPoint and make any final changes. The Economic Development Strategy will also be discussed.

The EOWC requested that specific questions be drafted for Wardens based on the Caucus' top three priorities, and that a concise PowerPoint also be prepared (based on the OGRA presentation) to reiterate the EOWC's efforts and achievements to the provincial government.

It was asked that the EOWC coordinate a meeting during the AMO Conference between the four Liberal MPPs in Eastern Ontario and those ridings' respective Wardens. Furthermore, a letter of congratulations on behalf of the EOWC will be sent to all elected MPPs in Eastern Ontario.

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Financial Sustainability Report Update – Overview of the Environmental Services White Paper – Kathryn Wood

Kathryn Wood provided an overview of the Environmental Services White Paper, including the value of assets and minimum capital infrastructure deficit, the patterns of past expenditure growth and the main drivers, the legacy of landfills, the waste diversion plateau and high net cost per tonne, and the implications in terms of ratepayer affordability. She also presented a series of recommendations to the Wardens.

Some discussion ensued, in which it was agreed that a solution must be found to this ongoing issue. It was noted that the Ministry of Environment could take more of a leadership role in the matter, such as establishing a series of best practices. The issue could be a subject of discussion at AMO. The importance of working collaboratively was also emphasized, particularly as rural areas continue to pay more for these services than urban areas. Ms. Wood also suggested the possibility of a forthcoming pilot project with the province.

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

**THAT the Environmental Services White Paper Update be
accepted as presented and prepared for final release.**

CARRIED

6.2 Eastern Ontario Regional Network – Gary King and Jim Pine

6.2.1 EORN CEO Report with OMAFRA Annual Report

The CEO Report was presented by Gary King, including a mention of the awarding and approval of the business park contracts with construction proceeding ahead on most projects. Some of the sites cannot be built within the current timelines or original cost projections due to unforeseen circumstances; as a result, EORN has worked with providers to consider alternate locations and/or extend timelines up to December 31, 2014 (construction deadline).

EORN has asked OMAFRA for an extension of the CA until March 31st, 2015 in order to provide additional time for processing and submission of claims and final reports from private sector providers. EORN has been given verbal approval, with written response forthcoming from OMAFRA.

6.2.2 EORN Monieson Update

Gary King noted that EORN/EOWC made a \$10,000 contribution to Monieson Center's research studies, and that the attached report, "The Employment and Wage Impact of Broadband Deployment in Canada," was very positive for Eastern Ontario. Among other things, the research indicates that a regional broadband project of our nature increases economic development by up to 5 per cent.

6.2.3 EORN Municipal Shared Services Report

An update was provided on the activities of the Phase 2 Municipal Services Working Group, including a meeting between CAOs and IT Directors in April to looking at collaborating on new initiatives, as well as an Electronic Document Management Systems project that is expected to bring reduced costs for all member municipalities.

6.2.4 EODP Manufacturers Report

EORN and EOWC have been asked to sponsor and participate in a new regional economic development initiative tentatively funded as

an EODP Regional Project, titled “Supporting Manufacturing in Eastern Ontario through Skills Upgrading.” The funding would help provide training to employees in the manufacturing sector, including a component to track job opportunities and vacancies and post all opportunities online (hence the broadband relationship with EORN).

6.2.5 EORN Website Report

The contract for the new EORN website was awarded to ESolutions for \$31,700 with an annual hosting and maintenance fee of \$3,600 per year based upon a three-year term. The anticipated go live date for the new website is September 2014.

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Thompson

THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the EORN reports, updates and recommendations as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Eastern Ontario Regional Network – Closed Session

Moved by Warden Thompson

Seconded by Warden Jones

THAT the EOWC Inc. move into Closed Session to discuss the Access Gap Contract Recommendations Report and the Cell Gap Analysis Report.

CARRIED

Moved by Warden Jones

Seconded by Warden Thompson

THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the recommendation regarding the Access Gap Contract Recommendations Report and the Cell Gap Analysis Report and bring it out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Thompson
Seconded by Warden Clayton**

THAT the EOWC Inc. move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

6.4 Election Post-Mortem and Proposal / Timeline for EOWC Strategy at AMO Conference – Stéphane P. Parisien

This matter was discussed at item 5.2.

6.5 Ontario East Economic Development Commission Request to support lower Industrial Power Rates in Ontario with response from EOWC to President Craig Kelley – Jim Hutton

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

THAT the letter be approved and delivered as presented.

CARRIED

6.6 Response from EOWC to Frank Roy, Madawaska Highlands Observatory Corp., regarding endorsement of project

6.7 Response from EOWC to Dennis O’Grady, South Nation Conservation, regarding delegation on funding for conservation authorities in Eastern Ontario

6.8 Response from EOWC to Kelly Aizicowitz, StrategyCorp Inc., regarding support for “Where’s the Bus?” campaign

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

**THAT the three letters be approved and delivered as presented.
CARRIED**

7. Correspondence

**Moved by Warden Thompson
Seconded by Mayor McGee**

**THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.
CARRIED**

7.1 Outgoing

- 7.1.1 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC Resolution on the Province's support in placing a two-year moratorium on the closure of the Kemptville and Alfred campuses, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.1.2 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC Resolution on the Province's support for new recommendations on police services costs in Dr. Christian Leuprecht's report, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.1.3 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC Resolution asking the Province not to implement legislation providing for presumptive diagnosis of PTSD for first responders (Bill 67), dated April 30, 2014
- 7.1.4 Letters to Premier Kathleen Wynne, PC Leader Tim Hudak and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath regarding EOWC Provincial Election Strategy, dated May 16, 2014

7.2 Incoming

- 7.2.1 Letter from Township of North Dundas, re: support for resolution on the closure of Alfred and Kemptville campuses, dated April 7, 2014

- 7.2.2 Letter from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, re: support for resolution on the Ombudsman's mandate, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.2.3 Letter from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, re: support resolution on permanent infrastructure program, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.2.4 Letter from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, re: support for resolution on Build Canada Fund eligibility, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.2.5 Letter from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, re: support for resolution on the Connecting Link Program, dated April 30, 2014
- 7.2.6 Letter from Northumberland County, regarding moratorium on closure of University of Guelph's Kemptville campus, dated March 25, 2014
- 7.2.7 Letter from the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins regarding Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy, dated April 28, 2014
- 7.2.8 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC resolution on police services costs, dated May 12, 2014
- 7.2.9 Letter from Daniel Hefkey, Deputy Minister of Community Safety, regarding EOWC resolution on police services costs, dated May 23, 2014
- 7.2.10 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC resolution on the closure of the University of Guelph's Kemptville and Alfred campuses, dated May 22, 2014
- 7.2.11 Letter from David Fell, EORN CEO, regarding extension of Financial Assistance Date for EORN Project, dated June 4, 2014

8. By-laws

9. Notice of Motions

10. Confirmation By-law #14-06

**Moved by Warden Clayton
Seconded by Warden Emon**

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

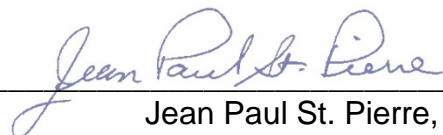
1. THAT the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 19th day of June, 2014 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, 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.

11. Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned.



Jean Paul St. Pierre, Chair



Stéphane P. Parisien, Secretary-Treasurer