



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus

## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

Friday, October 21, 2016  
County/City Paramedics Office  
Peterborough, Ontario  
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

<b>Present</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Head of Council</b>	<b>Staff</b>
County of Frontenac	Warden Frances Smith	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	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Henry Hogg	
County of Northumberland	Warden Gil Brocanier	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Guy Desjardins	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon, <b>Chair</b>	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald	Tim Simpson, CAO

<b>Regrets</b>		
County of Lennox & Addington		Larry Keech, CAO
County of Renfrew		Jim Hutton, CAO

<b>Others Present</b>	
<b>Delegation/Guests</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Justin Bromberg	Communications and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Sue Horwood	Treasurer, County of Hastings

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome**

The meeting was called to order and Chair Peter Emon welcomed the members. Warden J. Murray Jones was asked to say a few words and thanked everyone for visiting the County of Peterborough.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – N/A**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Warden Smith  
Seconded by Warden Code**

**THAT the Agenda of the October 21, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of August 14, 2016 were presented.

**Moved by Warden Gordon  
Seconded by Warden Moffatt**

**THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of August 14, 2016 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## **5. Delegations**

### **5.1 Duane Potter, Audit Manager, Collins Barrow Kawarthas – EOWC and EORN 2015 Financial Statements**

Duane Potter presented and reviewed the draft 2015 EOWC financial statements. Members were invited to ask questions.

**Moved by Mayor Letham  
Seconded by Mayor Quaiff**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the EOWC Financial Statements, dated December 31, 2015, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Quaiff  
Seconded by Warden Phillips**

**THAT the EOWC Chair and Vice-Chair be authorized to sign the audit reporting letter.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Potter presented the draft 2015 EORN financial statements, and invited members to ask question. David Fell noted that the financial statements were also presented to the EORN audit and finance committee and approved by the EORN board.

**Moved by Warden Desjardins  
Seconded by Warden Code**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the EORN Financial Statements, dated March 31, 2016, as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. Reports for Review/Discussion**

### **6.1 Recap of AMO Conference / New Strategy – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon noted that he expressed his concerns to Minister Mauro regarding the EOWC's delegation at AMO. He has also heard suggestions from some Wardens in regards to having smaller groups attend meetings. Warden Phillips shared his concerns about the lack of change over the last four years and suggested that only the Chair and a few Wardens attend each delegation, as opposed to the entire group. The Warden's meeting could be held on the last day of the conference in order to have a recap session. Warden Jones said he would also like to see more vocal involvement from the CAOs, for added detail and impact. Wardens agreed on both suggestions. Jim Pine suggested updating the "road map" video with new data. Chair Emon asked that the presentations be restructured for ROMA and OGRA, with tighter message, with the CAOs contributing to the informative parts of the discussion. The Wardens agreed to schedule their meetings on the last day of each conference for 2017.

### **6.2 EOWC/WOWC/OFA Natural Gas Partnership – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon explained the effectiveness and organization of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, as evidenced at the OFA Lobby Day at Queen's Park on October 4th. Ministers were very familiar with OFA President Don McCabe and this was helpful in advancing the group's message. He noted that the Ontario Chamber of Commerce recently completed a six-month review of small businesses, with many results matching with the EOWC's priorities. He suggested a series of meetings with the OCC and the OFA next year at Queen's Park, and asked the CAOs to investigate potential partnerships and opportunities that would benefit the EOWC.

### **6.3 EOWC/EOMC Meeting with Premier Wynne – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon noted the meeting with Premier Wynne in Kingston went as well as could be expected. The Premier's Office felt it was respectful but fairly critical. Chair Emon suggested that during future meetings with the EOWC and EOMC, the joint message needs to be more focused and the EOMC should have a smaller delegation. Mayor Quaiff recognized the very stern message delivered by Gary King to the Premier. Warden Smith

complimented the Chair for the excellent work moderating the session. Warden Desjardins added that Glengarry-Prescott-Russell representatives also held a positive meeting with the Premier the next day in St-Albert. Chair Emon stated the importance of maintaining the dialogue with the Premier's Office, and to have a more disciplined group next time along with a prepared statement to conclude the delegation.

#### **6.4 Decision on ROMA and OGRA Conferences – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon recalled that Joe Tiernay from OGRA requested the EOWC's input in planning the 2017 OGRA Conference. The CAOs recommended that the EOWC not get politically involved, due to a potential conflict with ROMA, which still has two years remaining for its own conference. The Wardens agreed. A letter will be sent to Mr. Tiernay on behalf of the Chair.

Following a brief discussion, the Wardens agreed that the EOWC's focus for winter 2017 – in terms of meetings and delegations – would be on the ROMA Conference, as it is aimed primarily at rural Ontario.

#### **6.5 Discussion on EOWC Priorities for 2017 – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon summarized the priorities for 2016, and suggested that the Wardens establish the EOWC's 2017 priorities earlier than usual in order to prepare the background and research ahead of the Inaugural meeting and the ROMA Conference. The draft priorities were compiled based on the meeting with the Premier last week, as follows:

- Extending natural gas to our rural businesses, farms and communities as per OFA/EOWC/WOWC partnership
- Supporting the improvement of cell networks to ensure mobile broadband services and increased public safety
- Supporting the Picton Terminals and Marmora Pump Storage projects
- Advocating for \$3.7 billion in new Provincial investments for critical municipal infrastructure
- Advocating for Provincial solutions to joint and several liability and the interest arbitration system
- Continued implementation of Economic Development Strategy via the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council

Discussion ensued on whether to remove joint and several liability. Warden Jones and Warden Phillips recalled the EOWC's accomplishment on this particular issue and suggested keeping the pressure on the Province, particularly given a change in government. Warden Gordon also asked that hydro costs and the distribution grid be added to the priorities. Warden Smith also noted that policing costs remain an issue for much of rural Ontario. Both items were added to the priorities list.

Gary King recalled the AMO What's Next session and its idea of adding one percent to the HST, and suggested keeping the issue on the radar screen for further discussion, but not necessarily as a priority. Chair Emon will ask for more information at the AMO Board meeting in November. Finally, it was agreed to update the EOWC video for 2017.

**Moved by Warden Code  
Seconded by Warden Jones**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. include funding in the 2017 budget to  
update the EOWC advocacy video for the coming year.  
CARRIED**

#### **6.6 Delegations at ROMA 2017 Conference – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon asked that the list of discussion items for the Multi-Ministerial delegation at the ROMA 2017 Conference match the EOWC's priorities.

#### **6.7 Role of Past-Chair in Future Years – Chair Emon**

Chair Emon noted he was grateful for the opportunity to represent the EOWC this year and would like to be a useful contributor in the coming year. He will suggest at the Inaugural meeting that the Past-Chair remain as a member of the Leadership Council role for continuity purposes.

#### **6.8 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – David Fell**

David Fell noted that six new jobs would be created in Picton as a result of EORN's partnership with Ryerson University. As a result of the board encouraging EORN staff to take its experience (intellectual property) and be more profitable, EORN along with an engineering firm successfully bid

on a province-wide broadband strategy for Nova Scotia, focused on the development of a governance model and stakeholder relations strategy.

The EORN Board has struck a governance committee with a lawyer to review its by-laws and align better with current goals and objectives, and also in light of the changes in the new *Non-Profit Corporations Act* in Ontario. The governance committee will also be reviewing and making recommendations on remuneration for EORN Directors. An annual general meeting will be scheduled during the EOWC Inaugural Meeting on Friday, January 6 from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. All Wardens and EORN corporate members are encouraged to attend. Mr. Fell noted there should always be a minimum of two current EOWC members on the EORN board; furthermore, in order to comply with the Act's new four-year limit, the by-laws' reference to an eight-year term will now be changed to a maximum of two four-year terms.

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

**THAT the EOWC Inc. direct the EORN Board of Directors and Governance Committee to amend the current by-laws to ensure a minimum of two current EOWC Wardens on the EORN Board of Directors at all times.**

**CARRIED**

Discussion ensued on providing this information to the incoming Wardens in a timely matter, ahead of the 2017 Inaugural Meeting.

**Moved by Warden Hogg  
Seconded by Warden Moffatt**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. direct EORN staff to provide information regarding the EORN AGM to the incoming Wardens in mid-December to inform them of the opportunity and outlining the responsibilities to sit as Board members;**

**AND FURTHER THAT Gary King conduct the election for the two Warden members of the EORN board for the coming year, similar to the election process for EOWC Chair and Vice-Chair.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Closed Session (n/a)**

**8. Reports from Wardens**

**8.1 Chair's Update – Peter Emon**

Chair Emon discussed the recent OFA Lobby Day at Queen's Park as well as the joint EOWC/EOMC meeting with Premier Wynne in Kingston. He also delivered an EOWC presentation at an economic development meeting in Guelph and observed that the EOWC is by far the most advanced and prepared group. He has fielded a number of questions from the academic sector in the past few years. Chair Emon was also appointed to the AMO board for two more years, until 2018, and will continue to assist the Incoming Chair to promote the EOWC's messages.

**8.2 Wardens' Updates**

Mayor Letham congratulated the EOWC on their work this year. He noted that Kawartha Lakes' core review is concluding this year and will make operations more efficient. Council recently approved a 13-4 decision to reduce council from 16 to 8 members in 2018. Warden Moffatt is meeting with OPP Superintendent Mark Bedard in response to a letter he wrote in the media regarding municipal policing. Warden Phillips noted that Hastings County hopes to have its Official Plan completed next year and it also continues to pursue the Marmora Pumped Storage project. Warden Code noted her appreciation for this past year and spoke about the Ottawa Valley trail and social housing regeneration projects in Lanark, as well as the need for public transportation solutions. Warden Gordon spoke of the extensive appeals to the County Official Plan, the service delivery review, and Council's approval of a 1.5% budget policy for hospital capital projects. Warden Hogg thanked neighbouring municipal ambulance services for their assistance with a recent bus rollover incident and noted that lack of cell service was a strong concern. Warden Brocanier spoke about a campaign to end homelessness that ties in to the County Housing Plan, as well as two initiatives on landfills. Warden MacDonald addressed the potential closure of 17 schools in SD&G, noting he is working with local municipalities to bring the school boards together and find solutions.



Progress has been slow on the shared services agreement with Cornwall. SD&G is bringing tourism in house as of January 1, 2017. Warden Desjardins noted the announcement of new police station in Hawkesbury and the Premier's commitment to begin work on Highway 17 by 2018. There has not been any news on Alfred College, and Council is weighing its options on a recreational trail. He added that several Counties are experiencing a major issue with ambulances being diverted to Ottawa. Mayor Quaiff said Prince Edward will be meeting with the OMB to discuss the municipality's predicament of having 16 Council members for 25,000 residents. The County approved its corporate strategic plan in August and senior staff is building an implementation plan. Work is being done on bringing a new hospital to Prince Edward. Warden Jones thanked attendees for their visit to Peterborough. He mentioned the \$970,000 in federal funding for an agricultural heritage building at Lang Village, which will serve as a tribute to Eastern Ontario and its agricultural past.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Outgoing**

- 9.1.1 Press release regarding the EOWC's advocacy and meetings during the AMO Conference, dated August 17, 2016
- 9.1.2 Letter to Minister Glenn Thibeault regarding the submission for the Long-Term Energy Plan, dated August 17, 2016
- 9.1.3 Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Minister Glenn Thibeault regarding the EOWC/WOWC resolution on energy costs and expansion needs, dated August 19, 2016
- 9.1.4 Letter to Minister Bill Mauro regarding the Multi-Ministerial Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated August 22, 2016
- 9.1.5 Letter to Minister Jeff Leal regarding the EOWC Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated August 22, 2016
- 9.1.6 Letter to Minister Yasir Naqvi regarding the EOWC Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated August 22, 2016

- 9.1.7 Letter to MPP Ernie Hardeman regarding the PC Caucus Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated August 22, 2016
- 9.1.8 Letter to MPP Percy Hatfield regarding the NDP Caucus Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated August 22, 2016
- 9.1.9 Letter to Eastern Ontario CFDC Network regarding Leadership Council membership, dated October 13, 2016

**Moved by Warden Moffatt  
Seconded by Warden Hogg**

**THAT the outgoing correspondence be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **9.2 Incoming**

- 9.2.1 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding the Provincial review of paramedic services, dated August 8, 2016
- 9.2.2 Letter and resolution from Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula regarding the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program, dated August 12, 2016
- 9.2.3 Press release from MP Kim Rudd regarding Collaborative Economic Development Projects, dated August 15, 2016
- 9.2.4 Letter from Mayor Conrad Lamadeleine regarding a modified annual repayment limit calculation, dated August 15, 2016
- 9.2.5 Letter from Minister Glenn Thibeault regarding the next Long-Term Energy Plan, dated August 18, 2016
- 9.2.6 Resolution from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell regarding rural energy costs, dated August 24, 2016
- 9.2.7 Letter from Minister Navdeep Bains regarding Community Futures Development Corporations, dated August 26, 2016

- 9.2.8 Letter from Union Gas President Steve Baker regarding the Climate Change Action Plan, dated August 30, 2016
- 9.2.9 Letter from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture regarding the spread of wild parsnip, dated September 2, 2016
- 9.2.10 Letter from Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding EOWC/ WOWC resolution on energy, dated September 2, 2016
- 9.2.11 Resolution from the Township of Alfred and Plantagenet regarding rural energy costs, dated September 8, 2016
- 9.2.12 Letter from Minister David Oraziotti regarding portfolio as Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, dated September 8, 2016
- 9.2.13 Resolution from the County of Peterborough regarding rural energy costs and expansion, dated September 8, 2016
- 9.2.14 Resolution from the Municipality of The Nation regarding rural energy costs and expansion, dated September 14, 2016
- 9.2.15 Letter from Minister Brad Duguid regarding portfolio as Minister of Economic Development and Growth, dated September 15, 2016
- 9.2.16 Resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding rural energy costs and expansion, dated September 16, 2016
- 9.2.17 Letter from Minister Marie-France Lalonde regarding ServiceOntario closures, dated September 21, 2016
- 9.2.18 Resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding rural energy costs, dated September 22, 2016
- 9.2.19 Letter from Minister Bob Chiarelli regarding portfolio as Minister of Infrastructure, dated September 23, 2016
- 9.2.20 Letter from PC Leader MPP Patrick Brown and MPP Ernie Hardeman regarding EOWC Delegation during the AMO Conference, dated September 25, 2016

9.2.21 Letter from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on the Construction Lien Act Review, dated September 26, 2016

9.2.22 Letter from Minister Bill Mauro regarding EOWC Delegation during the AMO Conference, dated September 30, 2016

9.2.23 Letter from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the property assessment impact of the OPP billing mode, dated October 3, 2016

9.2.24 Letter from Minister Jeff Leal regarding the EOWC/WOWC resolution on energy costs, dated October 18, 2016

9.2.25 Letter from the County of Renfrew regarding funding for municipal long-term care homes, dated October 18, 2016

Discussion ensued on a few letters. RED funding will continue to be accessible.

**Moved by Mayor Letham  
Seconded by Warden Smith**

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

**CARRIED**

**10. By-laws**

**11. Notice of Motions**

**12. Confirmation By-law #16-10**

**Moved by Warden Moffatt  
Seconded by Warden Hogg**

**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 21st day of October, 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.**

**13. Adjournment**

**Moved by Warden Hogg**

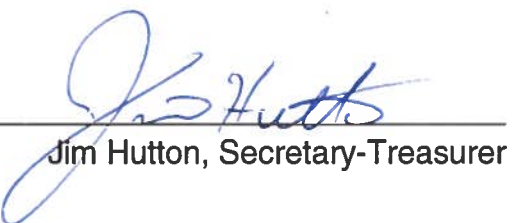
**Seconded by Warden MacDonald**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**



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Peter Emon, Chair



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Jim Hutton, Secretary-Treasurer