



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Thursday, October 8, 2015
Queen's Park
Toronto ON
9:45 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 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	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden David Gordon	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Gord Schermerhorn	Larry Keech, CAO
County of Northumberland		Jennifer Moore, Acting CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Gary King, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby	
County of Renfrew	Warden Peter Emon	Paul Moreau
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Eric Duncan, Chair	Tim Simpson, CAO, Secretary/Treasurer

Regrets		
County of Hastings		Jim Pine, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Keith Kerr	Kurt Greaves, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Marc Coombs	
County of Prince Edward		James Hepburn, Acting CAO

United Counties of Prescott and Russell		Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Renfrew		Jim Hutton, CAO

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Executive Coordinator and Communications
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Sue Horwood	Treasurer, County of Hastings

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

Chair Eric Duncan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He invited Wardens and CAOs to share their thoughts on this morning's Breakfast Meeting with Eastern Ontario MPPs and Ministers. A discussion ensued on the Eastern Ontario Growth Plan and the EOWC's strategy moving forward. The EOWC cannot position itself against the City of Ottawa, but it should instead stress the point that this exercise is not necessary for any municipality in the region. It was also noted that the Province is not necessarily prepared to begin working on the Growth Plan.

Gary King provided some history on the Growth Plan's development since 2009, including discussion with Provincial staff and other regional municipal organizations, as well as the work produced by the EOWC on the Economic Development Strategy. It was noted that a Growth Plan is often a development control mechanism, which can be problematic for municipalities, particularly when each one has its own Official Plan and development plans.

Chair Duncan noted that the message needs to be clear to the Province that rural Eastern Ontario needs to be involved in the planning conversation and a partner at the discussion table, in advance of any Growth Plan being prepared. The EOWC also needs to have one unified voice in the consultation portion, as opposed to having 13 individual voices. Consultations could begin in early December, and the Province will want to meet collectively with the EOWC and the EOMC. It was asked that a thank you letter be written to all participants today and that the EOWC's message surrounding the Growth Plan be reiterated in a letter to Minister Chiarelli.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Kirby**

**THAT the Agenda of the October 8, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented.
CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of August 16, 2015 were presented.

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

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of August 16, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Breakfast Meeting with Eastern Ontario MPPs

A breakfast meeting was held this morning from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 230 at Queen's Park, during which the Wardens had an roundtable discussion with several Eastern Ontario MPPs as well as Ministers Ted McMeekin, Jeff Leal and Bob Chiarelli.

The following subjects were discussed: the EOWC's submission to the Province's "Moving Ontario Forward" infrastructure consultations; an update on the cellular gap analysis; an update on the Leadership Council; and the Eastern Ontario Growth Plan and the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy.

6. Reports from Wardens

6.1 Chair's Update – Eric Duncan

Chair Duncan provided an update on the Leadership Council, noting that Ontario East has become an active partner at the table and that mutual confidence will grow as the project moves forward. The EOWC received funding from the CFDCs to hire a coordinator on contract. An expression of interest is being prepared and will be sent out next week. That person will be coming to each EOWC Wardens Meeting to provide updates.

6.2 Updates from Wardens

Warden Doyle distributed copies of a discussion paper for federal MP candidates and noted that the County of Frontenac has met with all the candidates in its riding. He received positive feedback from Minister McMeekin during AMO about the private roads issue. Warden Phillips spoke about health-care funding and inquired about the City of Kawartha Lakes' participation in the EOWC. Gary King noted that Kawartha Lakes is undergoing a service delivery review and that its budget is increasing by 13 per cent next year. A new CAO has also just been appointed. Chair Duncan noted that the new mayor explained that the City doesn't feel any connection to the EOWC. Warden Kirby congratulated Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for the IPM's success and noted that Glengarry-Prescott-Russell Day was a success yesterday at Queen's Park. Warden Emon noted that the County of Renfrew has agreed to partner with local First Nations to host the 2016 Algonquin Summer Games.

7. Reports for Review/Discussion

7.1 Debrief of EOWC Queen's Park Breakfast Meeting

Discussed at item 1.

7.2 Economic Development Strategy & Leadership Council

Discussed during the Breakfast meeting.

7.3 EOWC 2014 Draft Financial Statements – Sue Horwood

Sue Horwood presented the Financial Statements, noting that there are no changes on the balance sheet other than the HST receivable. On the income statement, the EOWC has two business parts: advocacy and the broadband project. There were also costs related to printing last year.

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

THAT the EOWC Inc. approve the EOWC 2014 draft financial statements.

CARRIED

**Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Fearrey**

THAT the EOWC Inc. approve the Chair's signature of the audit letter.

CARRIED

7.4 EORN 2015 Final Financial Statements – David Fell

David Fell presented the Financial Statements, noting they were also presented to the EORN board and independently audited by OMAFRA last year. He also reviewed the statement of financial position.

**Moved by Warden Doyle
Seconded by Mayor Quaiff**

THAT the EOWC Inc. approve the EORN 2015 final financial statements.

CARRIED

7.5 Growth Plan for Eastern Ontario – Update

Warden Jones suggested forming the committee for the Growth Plan, including three or four CAOs as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair, ahead of the provincial consultation period. The CAOs group will develop the scope

and parameters of what the EOWC would like to present to the Province. The CAOs will develop some guiding principles and present them to the Wardens in January. The first meeting, in December, will be informal.

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

**THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the creation of a Growth Plan committee and that the CAOs prepare the scope and mandate.
CARRIED**

7.6 Position Paper on Industrial Wind Turbines

Mayor Quaiff explained that this request came from a member of his council but that he no longer wishes to bring it forward at this time. He added that there will not be any other wind turbine developments coming to Prince Edward County. The item was withdrawn.

7.7 County Official Plans regarding Private Roads

Kelly Pender noted that the Province was seeking to limit development on private roads due to safety issues. The County of Frontenac successfully convinced the Province to change its opinion and allow development, based on new criteria that protect health and safety. More than 40% of the County's assessment is on private roads, which would have had a significant local effect. Similar issues exist in Lanark County and Renfrew County. The County of Frontenac's study will be circulated once complete.

7.8 Provincial Offences Act (POA) Cost Increases – Draft Letter

Tim Simpson noted that the Municipal Court Managers' Association sent a similar letter, indicating the poor timing of the increases and suggesting changes to offset the losses. The Ministry of the Attorney General has not yet responded. Chair Duncan noted POA revenues have dropped 20%.

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Fearrey**

**THAT the EOWC Inc. approve the letter to the Ministry.
CARRIED**

7.9 Eastern Ontario Transportation Needs Analysis and Highway 417

Warden Emon discussed the report from the County of Renfrew, noting that the study results pointed to the six results identified in the EOTNA report. Petawawa Mayor Bob Sweet brought it forward at County Council, asking why there was not representation from municipalities north of the 401 corridor. Warden Emon noted that Highway 17/417 is part of the TransCanada system and is increasingly important because of mining exploration, and furthermore its expansion is shovel ready. The County feels that Highway 17/417 should be included and doesn't feel that the EOTNA study represents the entire EOWC. He asked the EOWC to support the inclusion of Highway 17/417 as one of the six priorities.

**Moved by Warden Doyle
Seconded by Warden Jones**

THAT the EOWC Inc. support the request from the County of Renfrew to include the Highway 17/417 expansion project as a priority in the EOTNA document.

CARRIED

7.10 Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management – Update

Chair Duncan noted that this information was simply provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review. Kelly Pender noted that this is seen by municipalities as downloading; although the assistance provided by the OFMEM was not substantial, this is part of a greater trend from other Provincial ministries to enforce municipal plans and not provide its own assistance. It increases the likelihood of blame on municipalities.

7.11 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Update – David Fell

7.11.1 Update from CEO

David Fell noted that \$200,000 was received for the Leadership Council, with EORN providing half. A student ambassador will be hired at all seven universities or colleges. EORN is also sponsoring free employer connects for the Magnet portal, to facilitate fees for small businesses. The municipal broadband RFP closes on Friday; four companies are expected to bid.

7.11.2 Cell Gap Update

David Fell noted that only one response was received for the cell gap RFI, from Bell Mobility. EORN will develop an analysis for the next Wardens' meeting in January. He noted that the next stage is to develop a submission for funding from the government in 2016.

7.11.3 Immigration Skills Proposal

David Fell explained that the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade has a call for proposals available at the moment, and several of towns and Counties have identified skills gaps and immigration issues as well as the need to fill those gaps. EORN developed a proposal with three elements: identify the skills gaps requiring qualified people and using Magnet as a tool to identify these; research on cultural attitudes; and developing workshops to visit County councils and strategies to attract immigrants to attract new jobs. The Ministry will provide \$250,000 in funding, and the County of Hastings has agreed to lead this. A coordinator will work with researchers and visit every County to see how this could fit.

Moved by Warden Emon

Seconded by Warden Phillips

THAT the EOWC Inc. support the application and project from EORN, with no financial commitment required.

CARRIED

8. Closed Session (n/a)

9. Correspondence

Moved by Warden Schermerhorn

Seconded by Warden Phillips

THAT the incoming and outgoing correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9.1 Outgoing

- 9.1.1 Letter to Eastern Ontario MPPs regarding the EOWC Queen's Park Breakfast meeting, dated August 20, 2015
- 9.1.2 Letter to Eastern Ontario Community Futures Network regarding EOWC support for its EODP application, dated August 24, 2015

9.2 Incoming

- 9.2.1 Letter from MPP Steve Clark regarding the cancellation of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit Program, dated August 17, 2015
- 9.2.2 Letter from TransCanada Corp. regarding the Energy East Pipeline and agreement with natural gas companies, dated August 26, 2015
- 9.2.3 Letter from Northumberland County regarding its resolution on the impacts of nuclear waste burial on the Great Lakes, dated August 27, 2015
- 9.2.4 Letter from Harold Van Winssen regarding MFIPPA applications to the EOWC and to EORN, dated September 11, 2015

9. By-laws

10. Notice of Motions

11. Confirmation By-law #15-08

**Moved by Warden Jones
Seconded by Warden Kirby**

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 8th day of October, 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.

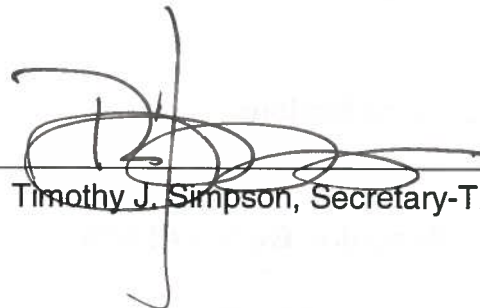
12. Adjournment

Moved by Warden Emon
Seconded by Warden Kirby

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:21 a.m.



Eric Duncan, Chair



Timothy J. Simpson, Secretary-Treasurer