



## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Thursday, March 12, 2020  
3:00 p.m.**

**County of Lennox and Addington  
Museum and Archives Room  
97 Thomas Street East  
Napanee, ON**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.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 Liz Danielsen	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham, <b>Chair</b>	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Brian Campbell	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Pat Sayeau	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Marg Isbester	Brenda Orchard, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Bob Sanderson	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Troy Speck, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Pierre Leroux	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO

<b>Regrets</b>		
County of Hastings		Jim Pine, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Steve Ferguson	Marcia Wallace, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Debbie Robinson	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Frank Prevost	Tim Simpson, CAO

<b>Others Present</b>	
<b>Delegation/Guests</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Justin Bromberg	Manager of Government Relations, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Maddison Ellis	Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Shaune Lightfoot	Director of Human Resources, County of Hastings
Emilie Leneveu	AMO Youth Fellow, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Graham Taylor	AMO Youth Fellow, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Raghd Al-Areibi	AMO Youth Fellow, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Connor Dorey	Special Projects and Research Analyst, County of Lennox and Addington
Brenda Stonehouse	Strategy and Innovation Specialist, City of Kawartha Lakes
John Matheson	Principal and Strategic Advisor, StrategyCorp

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

Chair Letham called the meeting to order.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – NIL**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Bob Sanderson**

**Seconded by Rick Phillips**

THAT the Agenda of the March 12, 2020 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Delegations**

**4.1 John Matheson, StrategyCorp – Strategy and Priority Setting**

John Matheson presented on the current political climate and relationships between all orders of government, current challenges, and appropriate strategies for the EOWC in the short and long terms, based on the slideshow

provided. He facilitated discussion between members on the importance of governance and Eastern Ontario specific work and goal-setting.

## **5. Discussion / Recommendations**

### **5.1 Preliminary Discussion on COVID-19**

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of COVID-19 on municipalities across Eastern Ontario. Collaboration, communication and sharing best practices were highlighted throughout the discussion, which staff will continue to coordinate. The potential of virtual meetings was supported and may be an option for future meetings.

## **6. Confirmation By-Law #20-05**

**Moved by Frances Smith**

**Seconded by Marg Isbester**

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 12th day of March, 2020 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.

**CARRIED**

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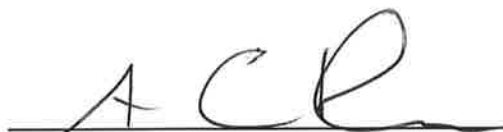
**7. Adjournment**

**Moved by Frances Smith**

**Seconded by Pierre Leroux**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Andy Letham, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Taylor', written above a horizontal line.

Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer