



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Friday, January 10, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

**Delta Waterfront Hotel
Grandview Room
Kingston, ON**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Frances Smith Past Warden Ron Higgins	Kelly Pender, CAO
County of Haliburton	Warden Liz Danielsen	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham, Chair	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Brian Campbell Past Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Pat Sayeau	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Marg Isbester Past Warden Eric Smith	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
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Steve Ferguson	Marcia Wallace, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Debbie Robinson Past Warden Jennifer Murphy	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Frank Prevost Past Warden Jamie MacDonald	

Regrets	
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Tim Simpson, CAO
Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Manager of Government Relations, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Paula Preston	Technical Consultant, EORN
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Maddison Ellis	Policy and Administration Coordinator, EOWC
Allan Scott	Regional Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Peter Sizov	Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jim Harrison	Mayor, City of Quinte West
Brian Jardine	Planning Director, City of Quinte West
Bernadette Clement	Mayor, City of Cornwall
Maureen Adams	Chief Administrative Officer, City of Cornwall
Diane Therrien	Mayor, City of Peterborough
Brett Todd	Mayor, Town of Prescott
Bryan Paterson	Mayor, City of Kingston and Chair, EOMC
Mike Lemay	Mayor, City of Pembroke
Terry Lapierre	Chief Administrative Officer, City of Pembroke
Ted Lojko	Mayor, Town of Gananoque
Shellee Fournier	Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Gananoque
Michael Barrett	MP, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands
Francis Drouin	MP, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell
Eric Duncan	MP, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry
Neil Ellis	MP, Bay of Quinte
Derek Sloan	MP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Cheryl Gallant	MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Daryl Kramp	MPP, Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Jim McDonell	MPP, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry
Brian Rosborough	Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

1. Call Meeting to Order / Welcome

The meeting was called to order and Chair Andy Letham welcomed everyone.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – NIL

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Pierre Leroux

Seconded by Frank Prevost

THAT the Agenda of the January 10, 2020 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Election of EOWC Chair for 2020

Ron Taylor called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations for the position of EOWC Chair for 2020.

Moved by Frances Smith

Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the nominations for the position of EOWC 2020 Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Mr. Taylor declared Mayor Andy Letham elected as the EOWC Chair for 2020. Chair Letham accepted the nomination and thanked the membership.

5. Election of EOWC Vice-Chair for 2020

Ron Taylor called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations for the position of EOWC Vice-Chair for 2020.

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Frank Prevost

THAT the nominations for the position of EOWC 2020 Vice-Chair be closed.

CARRIED

Mr. Taylor declared Warden Rick Phillips elected as the EOWC Vice-Chair for 2020. Vice-Chair Rick Phillips accepted the nomination and thanked the membership.

6. Election of EOWC Board Member for 2020

Ron Taylor called for nominations for the interim vacant position on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) board of directors.

Moved by Frank Prevost

Seconded by Frances Smith

THAT Warden Pierre Leroux of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell be nominated to serve as the interim EORN board member for the remainder of 2020.

CARRIED

Warden Leroux accepted the nomination.

Ron Taylor called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations for the position of EORN board member.

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Rick Phillips

THAT Warden Pierre Leroux be appointed to serve as a board member for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network for the remainder of 2020.

CARRIED

Warden Leroux thanked the membership.

7. Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – Update on TPA Negotiations

David Fell updated the group regarding the Transfer Payment Agreement between EORN and the Province. Mr. Fell briefed the members on EORN's progress with the draft TPA. Warden Jones spoke to the EORN staff's dedication and service.

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the Transfer Payment Agreement be accepted as presented by EORN.

CARRIED

8. By-laws

By-Law 20-02

Moved by Frances Smith

Seconded by Marg Isbester

THAT the Chair Andy Letham, Secretary-Treasurer Ron Taylor, Jim Pine and Susan Horwood be and are hereby authorized to be the signing officers for EOWC Inc.

CARRIED

9. Opening Remarks by EOWC 2020 Chair

Chair Letham spoke briefly to his role as Chair during 2019 and the opportunity to return as Chair for 2020.

10. Discussion on Immediate Priorities with MPs, MPPs, Mayors and AMO

At 10:30 a.m., Chair Letham welcomed the invited guests and asked attendees to introduce themselves. He spoke to the EOWC's ongoing priorities and advocacy work. He highlighted the shared objectives between all levels of government and the importance of representing the same taxpayer, and the EOWC's willingness to participate in the improvement and delivery of services in Eastern Ontario.

MP Francis Drouin spoke to working collaboratively across political parties and with municipal partners, and brought forward the idea of a National Rural Mayors' Caucus. MP Eric Duncan presented on the importance of connecting with municipal governments, his former role with the EOWC, increasing telecommunications infrastructure in Eastern Ontario, and the issue of flooding across the region. MP Cheryl Gallant spoke to her positive relationships with the EOWC and offered further support. MP Neil Ellis highlighted his past collaboration with the EOWC in his role as the Mayor of the City of Belleville. MP Derek Sloan noted the wealth of information held within the EOWC and its advocacy work. MP Michael Barrett noted the importance of communication in building strong communities. MPP Jim McDonnell spoke to identifying key priorities between all orders of government and how the Province has listened to its municipal partners. MPP Daryl Kramp noted how Eastern Ontario is well represented in Cabinet and brought greetings on behalf of the Premier. All presenters spoke to the success of the EORN.

AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough provided an update on AMO's advocacy work and its relation to the EOWC's priorities. He discussed the upcoming ROMA Conference, noting that health care modernization and broadband will be two key items. AMO will be submitting its 2020 Provincial Pre-Budget submission, which will highlight changes in the past decade on the fiscal gap between municipal and provincial governments. Mayor Bryan Paterson presented on behalf of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC) regarding health care modernization, housing, shared interests with the EOWC regarding EORN and the EOLC, and shared concerns about regional flooding. Mayor Jim Harrison spoke about flooding, the need for the International Joint Commission to visit the region, and the need for multi-order governmental collaboration. Chair Letham thanked all presenters for comments and noted his encouragement about the relationship between the EOWC and various levels of government.

11. Discussion and Overview of EOWC Priorities

Chair Letham introduced Ron Taylor to present the EOWC's history, ongoing work, and current priorities. Warden Jones spoke to the EORN project and collaborative support across the region, including from the community. David Fell presented an update on EORN's current work and moving forward with federal and provincial funding. EOLC Co-Chair Ron Higgins presented an update on the EOLC's work in 2019 and 2020.

Mr. Taylor spoke to the upcoming ROMA Conference and working together on priorities, noting that the EOWC wishes to be the sounding board for the provincial and federal governments. Chair Letham thanked all attendees for their efforts.

12. Notice of Motions

13. Confirmation By-law #20-03

Moved by Pierre Leroux

Seconded by Frank Prevost

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 10th day of January, 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

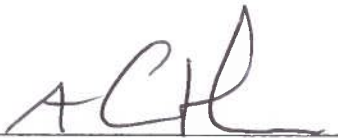
14. Adjournment

Moved by Frances Smith

Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

CARRIED



Andy Letham, Chair



Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer