



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, January 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

**Sheraton Centre Hotel
Civic Ballroom South
Toronto ON**

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

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	Warden Frances Smith	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	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
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	

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
Brandon Forrest	Manager, Local Government and Housing, MMAH
Cathy Bradley	Clerk/Corporate Communications Officer, County of Hastings
Michael Nolan	Director of Emergency Services, County of Renfrew
Mark Kerr	Media Communications Coordinator, County of Prince Edward
Monika Turner	Director of Policy, 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 J. Murray Jones

THAT the Agenda of the January 19, 2020 meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes (n/a)

5. Delegations

5.1 Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Monika Turner spoke to AMO's 2020 Pre-Budget Submission, highlighting that combined municipal government revenues make up one-third of Provincial revenue (\$51 billion). AMO is seeking assurance from the Province on future downloading, and responses on red tape and reporting burdens. Regarding paramedic services, AMO is seeking provincially funded dispatch and transfers between health services and community paramedicine.

AMO is also involved in the Blue Box transition to full producer responsibility (2026), and is focused on climate change and flooding. Ms. Turner noted that the Provincial Flooding Advisor's recommendations have been released and that AMO would develop a response. It also provided a submission to the Province's consultations on joint and several liability reform.

6. Reports for Review / Discussion

6.1 Schedule for ROMA 2020 Conference – Chair Letham

Chair Letham reviewed the schedule with the members.

6.2 Briefing Notes for Delegations – Chair Letham / Ron Taylor

Chair Letham reviewed the speaking notes and the materials for the Multi-Ministers meeting, as included in the agenda package.

6.3 Affordable Housing Update – Brenda Orchard / M. Staveley-Watson

Meredith Staveley-Watson and Brenda Orchard spoke to the recent documents that the EOWC Housing Working Group developed regarding affordable and attainable housing. The material will be provided to the Ministers during delegations and is available on the EOWC's website. The Working Group will continue its advocacy and looks forward to the Province's response with respect to private developers and homebuilders.

6.4 Ongoing EOWC Orientation – Ron Taylor / Justin Bromberg

Ron Taylor discussed his objective of continuing orientation with incoming members, including the EOWC's as a source of background material. He mentioned that the CAOs would be examining the EOWC by-laws at the next planning meeting, and work on strategic priority-setting material for the March meeting, to be facilitated by John Matheson from StrategyCorp.

6.5 Early Discussion on 2020 Priority Setting – Chair Letham

Chair Letham discussed the structure of the priority setting exercise in March. The group brainstormed briefly on emerging and ongoing issues and priorities. A priority sheet will be distributed in advance of the meeting.

Brock Carlton, CEO of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, will also be attending the March meeting to inform the group of federal priorities as they relate to municipal government. Members also agreed to find common issues across all orders of government, and to narrow priorities to three to four main issues of focus.

6.6 Upcoming Provincial Health Consultations – Jim Pine

Jim Pine updated the group on the Province's health consultations. Eastern Ontario Paramedic Chiefs are currently preparing and gaining consensus on their message. Members discussed the importance of referencing the Paramedic Chiefs and continuing the open communication and shared input between groups.

7. Closed Session (n/a)

8. Chair's Report (n/a)

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outgoing

9.1.1 Letter to MPs, MPPs, EOMC, the IJC and various partners regarding rising flooding levels in Eastern Ontario, dated January 15, 2020

9.2 Incoming

9.2.1 Letter from the Eastern Ontario Paramedic Chiefs regarding the Modernization Review Meeting Summary, dated January 14, 2020

Moved by Marg Isbester

Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the outgoing and incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #20-04

Moved by Bob Sanderson
Seconded by Frances Smith

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 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

13. Adjournment

Moved by Brian Campbell
Seconded by J. Murray Jones

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

CARRIED



Andy Letham, Chair



Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer