



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, August 18, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

**AMO Conference
Westin Hotel
Provinces Two Room
Ottawa ON**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

Present		
County	Head of Council	Staff
County of Frontenac	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 Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Pat Sayeau	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Warden Eric Smith	Brenda Orchard, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden John Logel	Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden J. Murray Jones	Troy Speck, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby	
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Steve Ferguson	Robert McAuley, Acting CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald	

Regrets		
United Counties of Prescott and Russell		Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry		Tim Simpson, CAO
Others Present		
Delegation/Guests	Organization	
Justin Bromberg	Manager of Government Relations, EOWC	
Maddison Ellis	Administration and Policy Coordinator, EOWC	
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Administration and Policy Coordinator, EOWC	
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, EORN	
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN	
Karla Sampson	Executive Assistant, County of Peterborough	
Monika Turner	Director of Policy, AMO	

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

Several additions were made to the agenda, including an AMO update at item 7.6 and an EORN update at item 7.7.

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Ron Higgins

THAT the Agenda of the EOWC Inc. meeting on August 18, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by Rick Phillips

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of May 24, 2019 and July 18, 2019, and of the closed meeting of May 24, 2019, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations / Delegations (n/a)

6. Closed Session (n/a)

7. Reports for Review/Discussion

7.1 Review of AMO Conference Schedule – Chair Letham

Chair Letham reviewed the schedule with EOWC members.

7.2 Communications Handout – Chair Letham

The EOWC communications handout prepared for the AMO Conference was distributed and discussed. Members provided positive feedback.

7.3 Talking Points for Multi-Ministerial Delegation – Chair Letham

Chair Letham reviewed the speaking notes with the Wardens.

7.4 Provincial Health System Overhaul Briefing Note – Chair Letham

Chair Letham provided an overview of the briefing note. Chair Letham indicated that EOWC and EOMC Chairs would be meeting with the Minister of Health on Monday, August 19 to discuss changes to Ontario's health care system. He noted that the Minister is scheduled to make an announcement at the AMO Conference regarding Ontario's health modernization, prior to the meeting. Chair Letham committed to updating EOWC members on the discussion that takes place at the meeting.

7.5 Paramedic Service Review and Budget – Ron Taylor

Ron Taylor indicated that the Request for Proposal to undertake a comprehensive review of Eastern Ontario Paramedic Services was awarded to ApexPro Consulting. Mr. Taylor explained that Phase 1 of the study has begun, being a comprehensive "current state" review and financial analysis. This will take eight weeks to complete and an update will be provided at the EOWC meeting in October. Mr. Taylor also noted that the cost to complete Phase 1 will be about \$48,000 and explained that there is currently \$41,000 in the EOWC reserves to use towards the study.

The Wardens agreed that Phase 1 of the study would be largely funded through the EOWC reserves and that the remaining amount would be found within other categories of the 2019 budget. Mr. Taylor explained that the review of Eastern Ontario Paramedic Services would be helpful when engaging in future discussions with the Province and would allow the EOWC to better inform options for best practices and efficiencies.

7.6 AMO Policy Updates – Monika Turner

Monika Turner provided EOWC members with information on AMO's current advocacy. Specifically, she shared information on *Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act*, and highlighted that the Province is reviewing the Provincial Policy Statement consultations, which end in late October.

7.7 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – David Fell

David Fell provided an update on the EORN Cellular Network and Mobile Broadband Improvement Project. He noted that EORN has received a letter from the Province that it can begin incurring project costs, and that EORN is also working on a cost analysis of bringing 50/10 to the home. A more detailed update will be provided at the October EOWC Wardens' meeting.

Moved by Jennifer Murphy

Seconded by Ron Higgins

THAT the updates provided under Item 7 be received.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

8.1 Access to Hydro One Poles for Last Mile Fibre – Warden Kidd

Warden Richard Kidd spoke about the costs associated with renting Hydro One poles and highlighted how these costs often prevent small ISPs from offering services. Kurt Greaves added that the issue is not only the monthly charge for renting Hydro poles, but also the "make ready" charge, adding that it can take six to 18 months for Hydro One to inspect the condition of poles. This is not only costly, but also creates significant delays.

EOWC members discussed how Hydro One's infrastructure revitalization costs are the highest in Canada. Warden Kidd has scheduled a meeting with a Federal MP to further discuss the matter, and will provide a future update.

Lisa Severson noted that EORN has previously raised this issue with the government. She explained that EORN was unable to secure a delegation with Hydro One at the AMO Conference, but is attempting to coordinate a meeting with Hydro One at a later date.

9. Reports from Wardens (n/a)

10. Correspondence

10.1 Outgoing

- 10.1.1 Letter to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Christine Elliott, Minister Steve Clark and Eastern Ontario MPPs regarding the restructuring of Public Health Units in Ontario, dated May 27, 2019
- 10.1.2 Letter to Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus regarding the restructuring of Public Health Units in Ontario, dated May 27, 2019
- 10.1.3 Letter to Minister Bernadette Jordan regarding the EORN Mobile Broadband Project, dated June 3, 2019
- 10.1.4 Letter to Eastern Ontario MPPs regarding the EOWC Meeting in Picton, dated June 4, 2019
- 10.1.5 Letter to Minister Christine Elliott regarding a meeting request on Ontario Health Care Reform, dated June 7, 2019
- 10.1.6 Letter to Premier Doug Ford regarding the EORN Mobile Broadband Project, dated June 19, 2019
- 10.1.7 Letters to Eastern Ontario Provincial Ministers regarding new or renewed Cabinet appointments, dated June 25, 2019
- 10.1.8 Letter to Minister Steve Clark regarding the Multi-Ministerial Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated July 5, 2019
- 10.1.9 Letter to Minister Merrilee Fullerton regarding the EOWC submission on LTC facilities and regulatory burdens, dated July 23, 2019

10.2 Incoming

- 10.2.1 Statement from Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus regarding the restructuring of Public Health Units in Ontario, dated May 27, 2019
- 10.2.2 Letter from Minister Sylvia Jones regarding Community Safety and Well-Being Plans, dated May 27, 2019
- 10.2.3 Letter from Minister Bernadette Jordan regarding the EORN Mobile Broadband Project, dated July 4, 2019
- 10.2.4 Resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding funding cuts to Long-Term Care facilities, dated July 10, 2019
- 10.2.5 Letter from the County of Lanark regarding funding cuts to Long-Term Care facilities, dated July 11, 2019
- 10.2.6 Resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding the Chalk River Laboratories Small Modular Reactor initiatives, dated July 15, 2019
- 10.2.7 Letter from Nadia Cornacchia, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, re: the redesign of the Eastern Ontario Development Fund, dated July 24, 2019

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Eric Smith

THAT the outgoing and incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

11. By-laws

12. Notice of Motions

13. Confirmation By-law #19-08

Moved by Richard Kidd

Seconded Pat Sayeau

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 18th day of August, 2019 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 Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by Richard Kidd

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


CARRIED

15. Next Meeting

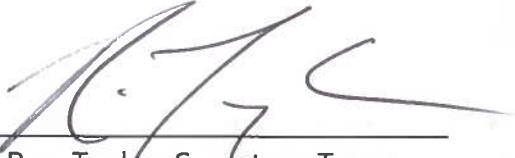
Friday, October 18, 9 a.m.

City of Kawartha Lakes

Lindsay, ON



Andy Letham, Chair



Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer