



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, August 19, 2018
2:00 p.m.**

**AMO Conference
Westin Hotel
Provinces Two Room
Ottawa, Ontario**

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	Councillor Brent Devolin <i>(Alternate)</i>	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rodney Cooney	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden John Fenik	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Robin Jones, Chair	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Bill Lowry	Brenda Orchard, CAO
County of Northumberland		Jennifer Moore, CAO
County of Peterborough	Warden Joe Taylor	Troy Speck, CAO
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden François St-Amour	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Robert Quaiff	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Jim Hutton, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Ian McLeod	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Northumberland	Warden Mark Lovshin	

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Lesley Todd	Clerk, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (Secretary)
Lauren Millier	Executive Vice-President, MDB Insight
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Cathy Bradley	Deputy Clerk/Communications, County of Hastings
Leslie O'Shaughnessy	Mayor, City of Cornwall, representing the EOMC
Brett Todd	Mayor, Town of Prescott, representing the EOMC
Steven Ferguson	Councillor, County of Prince Edward

1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order and Chair Robin Jones welcomed everyone, particularly the representatives of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC).

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Warden Letham

Seconded by Warden Murphy

THAT the Agenda of the EOWC Inc. meeting of August 19, 2018 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 20, 2018 were presented.

Moved by Warden Quaiff

Seconded by Warden Higgins

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of June 20, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Lauren Millier, MDB Insight – Review of Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy Refresh Project (with EOMC Mayors)

Lauren Millier outlined the 2014 Economic Development Strategy related to intended outcomes, collaborative approaches, the situation in Eastern Ontario in 2013, and the top community issues. Regarding the ongoing refresh project, she reviewed key 2018 economic indicators and the top priorities: workforce development and deployment, technology integration and innovation, and integrated and intelligent transportation systems.

Ms. Millier led an interactive session with the Wardens and CAOs and asked three key questions: (1) What are the biggest changes, positive or negative, affecting your community or the region over the last five years? (2) How can Eastern Ontario foster a more business-friendly environment that sustains and grows in investment and jobs? (3) What are the regional priorities over the next 3 to 5 years? Discussion ensued.

Ms. Millier and the EOMC representatives left the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The meeting recessed and resumed at 3:40 p.m.

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 Review of AMO Conference Schedule – Chair Jones

Chair Jones reviewed the schedule with the Caucus.

6.2 Talking Points for Multi-Minister Delegation – Chair Jones

Andy Brown circulated and reviewed the updated speaking notes with the Wardens. Members raised the issue of the number of topics to be discussed and questioned why the Caucus was presenting this many issues. Chair Jones explained that at the last meeting in June, staff had asked for items that the members wished to present at the Multi-Minister Delegation and received numerous responses; as a result, the CAOs then gathered information on each topic.

The members discussed the merits of “one ask” compared to the list of other topics and agreed that the number one ask – the commitment of \$71 million for the cell gap project – was the top priority. The other topics would be presented as a briefing for the Ministers’ information so they are aware of the other issues facing the EOWC. The Chair and staff will work on categorizing the talking points for the meeting to align with the EOWC’s strategic directions.

6.3 Additional Briefing Materials for Delegations – Chair Jones

Chair Jones noted the Caucus had 20 minutes with the NDP Caucus and that only the cell gap project would be presented to them. Warden Fenik said this was a great opportunity to develop a relationship with the NDP.

6.4 Meeting with Eastern Ontario MPPs on September 7 – Chair Jones

The Chair noted that Justin Bromberg sent the meeting invitations earlier this month to all Eastern Ontario MPPs. She asked the members to encourage their local MPP to attend.

6.5 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) – David Fell/Lisa Severson

Lisa Severson updated the Caucus on a meeting with MPP Randy Hillier, during which he was briefed on the cell gap project and had the opportunity to ask questions. She noted that presentations had been made to all separated municipalities except Brockville and Peterborough, and responses are expected to be received within the next month.

6.6 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council – Andy Brown/Kelly Pender

Andy Brown noted that the EOLC has been busy with the Economic Development Strategy Refresh and has met three times during the summer. The EOLC will be presenting an interim report at the Ontario East Municipal Conference in mid-September, with the final report ready for distribution by the end of October or early November. Kelly Pender provided information on a workshop hosted by the Technology Integration and Innovation Working Group on October 11.

6.7 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

Jim Hutton inquired whether the EOWC should be relaying information regarding NAFTA negotiations.

7. Closed Session (n/a)

8. Reports from Wardens

8.1 Chair's Report

The Chair noted that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is still dealing with issues related to a preferred unopen waste disposal site called ED-19 and a date of September 14 has been set for a Tribunal Hearing.

8.2 Reports from Wardens

Warden Murphy announced that this would be the last Caucus meeting for CAO Jim Hutton. He received many well wishes on his retirement.

The Wardens reported on growth plans, settlement of a paramedic contract, long-term care credibility, rural transportation, radio systems, a County CIP program, and opting in or out of retail cannabis.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outgoing

9.1.1 Letter to MPP Steve Clark requesting a meeting between the EOWC and the Eastern Ontario MPPs, dated June 21, 2018

9.1.2 Letter to Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario regarding increase in fees for Special Occasion Permits, dated July 4, 2018

- 9.1.3 Letter to Minister Steve Clark regarding the Multi-Ministers Delegation at the AMO Conference, dated July 5, 2018
- 9.1.4 Letter to Minister Greg Rickford regarding support for the Marmora Pumped Storage Project, dated July 9, 2018
- 9.1.5 Letter to Premier Doug Ford and Eastern Ontario MPPs regarding the 2018 Provincial Election, dated July 11, 2018

9.2 Incoming

- 9.2.1 Letters from Eastern Ontario MPs supporting the EORN Cell Gap Project, dated June 2018
- 9.2.2 Letter from EORN Chair J. Murray Jones to Minister Bains regarding the 3500 MHz spectrum, dated June 20, 2018
- 9.2.3 Letter from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario regarding increase in fees for Special Occasion Permits, dated July 20, 2018

Moved by Warden Fenik

Seconded by Warden Higgins

THAT the outgoing and incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #18-07

Moved by Warden Murphy

Seconded by Warden Taylor

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 August, 2018 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 Warden St-Amour

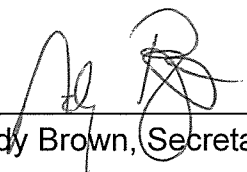
Seconded by Councillor Devolin

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

CARRIED



Robin Jones, Chair



Andy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer