



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Friday, January 11, 2019
Delta Waterfront Hotel
Grandview Room
Kingston ON
8:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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	Past Warden Rodney Cooney Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Past Warden John Fenik Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Past Warden Robin Jones, Chair Warden Pat Sayeau	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox and Addington	Past Warden Bill Lowry 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	Past Warden François St-Amour Warden Robert Kirby	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Past Mayor Robert Quaiff Mayor Steve Ferguson	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Past Warden Ian McLeod Warden Jamie MacDonald	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		

Others Present	
Delegation/Guests	Organization
Justin Bromberg	Communications and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Ontario Regional Network
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Stephen Seller	Senior Municipal Financial Advisor, MMAH
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Executive Assistant, County of Frontenac

1. Call Meeting to Order / Outgoing Remarks from Past-Chair

Chair Jones called the meeting to order. She spoke about the importance of the EOWC and the Chair's role. She thanked Andy Brown and Justin Bromberg for their dedication and assistance over the past year, and presented certificates to the outgoing Wardens thanking them for their dedication to the EOWC in 2018.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Rick Phillips

Seconded by John Logel

THAT the Agenda of the January 11, 2019 meeting be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Election of EOWC Chair for 2019

Chair Jones reviewed the procedures for election and recalled that nomination speeches were delivered yesterday for both Chair candidates. She asked CAO Stéphane P. Parisien to act as electoral officer. Ballots were distributed to the 2019 members and then returned to Mr. Parisien, who tallied the votes with CAO Jim Pine. Following this, the Chair asked for a motion to destroy the ballots.

Moved by Ron Higgins
Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the election ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Chair Jones declared Mayor Andy Letham elected as 2019 EOWC Chair. The members congratulated the incoming Chair on his election, and he was asked to take his seat at the front of the room.

5. Election of EOWC Vice-Chair for 2019

Chair Letham declared the nomination process open for the position of 2019 Vice-Chair.

Moved by Ron Higgins
Seconded by John Logel

THAT Warden Jennifer Murphy of the County of Renfrew be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the EOWC Inc. for the 2019 year.

CARRIED

Warden Murphy accepted the nomination.

Chair Letham called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the process. He then declared Warden Jennifer Murphy elected as 2019 EOWC Vice-Chair. The members congratulated the incoming Vice-Chair on her election.

6. Election of EOLC Co-Chair for 2019

Chair Letham declared the nomination process open for the position of Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC) Co-Chair for 2019.

Moved by J. Murray Jones
Seconded by Eric Smith

THAT Warden Ron Higgins of the County of Frontenac be nominated for the position of Co-Chair of the EOLC for the 2019 year.

CARRIED

Warden Higgins accepted the nomination.

Chair Letham called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the process. He then declared Warden Ron Higgins elected as 2019 EOLC Co-Chair.

7. EOWC Chair Opening Remarks / Priorities for 2019

Chair Letham provided opening remarks. He discussed the selection of priorities for the coming year, and suggested that the focus remain on the cellular network and mobile broadband improvement project, being the top priority in 2018. He invited members to present other topics of discussion for the ROMA Conference.

Moved by Rick Phillips

Seconded by J. Murray Jones

THAT the EOWC Inc. adopt the cellular network and mobile broadband improvement project as the number-one priority for 2019.

CARRIED

Moved by Richard Kidd

Seconded by Jennifer Murphy

THAT the EOWC Inc. bring forward the topic of maintaining OMPF funding for rural and northern municipalities at the 2019 ROMA Conference.

CARRIED

Moved by Ron Higgins

Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the EOWC Inc. bring forward the topic of thanking the Province for Bill 32 (natural gas) and Bill 47 (workplace conditions) at the 2019 ROMA Conference.

CARRIED

Moved by Ron Higgins

Seconded by John Logel

THAT the EOWC Inc. bring forward the topic of helping the Province reduce red tape and eliminate regulatory burdens, for the municipal sector and the business community, at the 2019 ROMA Conference.

CARRIED

A break was called and it was agreed to resume the meeting at 10 a.m.

8. Welcoming of Guests: MPs, MPPs, Mayors, CAOs and CFDCs

Chair Letham welcomed the following guests:

- MP Mark Gerretsen (Kingston and the Islands)
- MP Kim Rudd (Northumberland-Peterborough South)
- MP Francis Drouin (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell)
- MP Michael Barrett (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands & Rideau Lakes)
- Minister/MPP Todd Smith (Bay of Quinte)
- MPP Jim McDonell (Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry)
- MPP Ian Arthur (Kingston and the Islands)
- Bob Hadley, for MPP Daryl Kramp (Hastings-Lennox and Addington)
- Members of the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC)
- Mayor Bryan Paterson, City of Kingston (being the host municipality)
- Pat Vanini of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Members of the Ontario East Economic Development Commission
- Members of the Community Futures (CFDCs) Ontario East

9. Delegations/Presentations

9.1 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC)

Andy Brown presented an overview and update of the EOLC and the ongoing Economic Development Strategy Refresh project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. He thanked Minister Todd Smith for his assistance and support of the project.

9.2 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

Jim Pine presented an update of the EORN cellular network and mobile broadband improvement project, noting that this coming year marks a critical time for the project's success. He encouraged all elected officials present in the room to support the project and make every effort, together, to finalize the approvals process in the coming months.

10. Discussion with MPs, MPPs, Mayors, AMO and CFDC

MP Gerretsen, MP Rudd, MP Drouin, MP Barrett, Minister Smith, MPP McDonell, and MPP Arthur each spoke about the importance of the EORN project and their commitment to secure the approvals for the project this year. Discussion ensued with various Wardens. AMO Executive Director Pat Vanini spoke about the value of an organization like the EOWC and its importance to the municipal sector.

11. By-laws

Moved by Rick Phillips

Seconded by Jennifer Murphy

THAT the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts By-Law 19-02, as follows:

A By-Law to recognize and authorize the 2019 Chair Andy Letham, Secretary-Treasurer Ron Taylor, and Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for the EOWC Inc.

CARRIED

12. Notice of Motions

Chair Letham advised that due to a scheduling conflict, the March 2019 meeting of the EOWC would be moved forward by one week, to Friday, March 22, 2019. The Chair asked the group if there were any concerns and advised that a revised schedule would be distributed by e-mail.

13. Confirmation By-law #19-03

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Ron Higgins

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 11th day of January, 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 Eric Smith

Seconded by Ron Higgins

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Andy Letham, Chair

Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer