



## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Friday, January 12, 2018  
Delta Waterfront Hotel  
Kingston, Ontario  
9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance.

| <b>Present</b>                                    |   |                           |
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| <b>County</b>                                     | <b>Head of Council</b>                                | <b>Staff</b>              |
| County of Frontenac                               | Warden Ron Higgins                                    | Kelly Pender, CAO         |
| County of Haliburton                              | Warden Suzanne Partridge<br>Past-Warden Brent Devolin | 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<br>Past-Warden Bill Dobson          | Kurt Greaves, CAO         |
| United Counties of Leeds and Grenville            | Warden Robin Jones                                    | Andy Brown, CAO           |
| County of Lennox & Addington                      | Warden Bill Lowry                                     | Brenda Orchard, CAO       |
| County of Northumberland                          | Warden Mark Lovshin<br>Past-Warden Mark Walas         | 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                                 |   | Jim Hutton, CAO           |
| United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry | Warden Ian McLeod<br>Past-Warden Jim Bancroft         | Tim Simpson, CAO          |

| <b>Regrets</b>                          |                            |  |
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| County of Frontenac                     | Past-Warden Ron Vandewal   |  |
| United Counties of Prescott and Russell | Past-Warden Gary J. Barton |  |
| County of Renfrew                       | Warden Jennifer Murphy     |  |

| <b>Others Present</b>    |  |
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| <b>Delegation/Guests</b> | <b>Organization</b>  |
| 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           | Municipal Services Manager, Ministry of Municipal Affairs    |
| Meredith Staveley-Watson | Executive Assistant, County of Frontenac                     |
| Pat Vanini               | Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario |
| Bonnie O'Neill           | Executive Director, Ontario East Economic Development        |
| Kathryn Wood             | President, Natural Capital Resources Inc.                    |

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Welcome**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order and invited members to leave prior to the end of the meeting, if necessary, due to the inclement weather.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - Nil**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Jones requested an addition to the agenda, to adopt the priorities.

**Moved by Warden Fenik**

**Seconded by Warden Lovshin**

THAT the Agenda of the January 12, 2018 meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Approval of 2018 EOWC Priorities**

Resuming yesterday's discussions, the two 2018 priorities were reviewed.

- 1) Building the EORN Cellular & Public Safety Broadband Network
  - ✓ Supporting the Eastern Ontario Regional Network
  - ✓ Securing the necessary Federal and Provincial funding
- 2) Implementing the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy
  - ✓ Supporting the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
  - ✓ Application to MEDG – First Provincial Strategy
  - ✓ Application to OMAFRA – RED Application

**Moved by Mayor Letham**

**Seconded by Warden Higgins**

THAT the EOWC Inc. adopt the 2018 priorities, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **5. Nominations and Election for EOLC Co-Chair – Stéphane P. Parisien**

Stéphane P. Parisien resumed his position as electoral officer and invited members to put their name forward for the position of EOLC Co-Chair.

**Moved by Warden Lowry**

**Seconded by Warden Lovshin**

THAT the nomination process be opened for the position of Chair.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Warden Jones**

**Seconded by Warden Lowry**

THAT Warden John Fenik, of the County of Lanark, be nominated for the position of Co-Chair of the EOLC for the 2018 year.

**CARRIED**

Warden Fenik accepted the nomination.

Mr. Parisien called for further nominations a first, second and third time and after receiving no further nominations, called for a motion to close the nominations and declared Warden John Fenik elected as 2018 EOLC Co-Chair.

**Moved by Warden St-Amour**  
**Seconded by Warden Higgins**

THAT nominations for the position of Co-Chair of the EOLC be closed.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Warden Cooney**  
**Seconded by Warden McLeod**

THAT Warden John Fenik be elected as Co-Chair of the EOLC for the 2018 year.

**CARRIED**

## **6. Presentations**

Outgoing EOWC Chair Robert Quaiff handed out certificates to the outgoing Wardens, thanking them for their contributions to the EOWC in 2017. He thanked the membership for its support during the past year and noted that the EOWC is seen in very high regard across the Province for its work and its poise.

Jim Pine presented a PowerPoint on the Onward project, which aims to raise awareness of the looming retirement wave in the municipal workforce and assist municipalities in developing succession plans. He presented statistics indicating the forthcoming retirement forecast, particularly at the senior staff level, and stressed the need to promote understanding and interest in municipal careers among youth, as well as work with academia to develop programming aimed at careers in municipal government.

Members thanked Mr. Pine for this presentation and discussed the importance of succession planning and recruiting interns, particularly for Eastern Ontario.

## **7. Opening Remarks by 2018 Chair**

Chair Jones welcomed the arrival of various MPs, MPPs and Mayors from across Eastern Ontario. She provided brief remarks and presented the 2018 priorities, being the building the EORN Cellular & Public Safety Broadband Network and the implementation of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy.

## **8. Delegations/Presentations**

### **8.1 Andrew Thiele – Ontario Chamber of Commerce**

Andrew Thiele from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) presented an overview of the OCC's *Vote Prosperity* platform for the upcoming Provincial election, which covers four major themes: strengthening business competitiveness, fostering job creation, building healthy communities, and improving government accountability. He noted that the OCC would be providing the Chamber network with a toolkit containing communications, policy and government relations products, as well as ways to engage with local candidates and host local debates. EOWC members are encouraged to raise these issues with their local candidates.

### **8.2 Jim Pine – Eastern Ontario Regional Network**

Jim Pine presented an overview of the EORN Cellular & Public Safety Broadband Network. He provided details about the cost and timeline for the phase 2 project and explained its importance for the region, recalling that the EOWC has adopted it as its number one priority for 2018. He also discussed the importance of bringing broadband speeds to 50/10.

## **9. Discussion with MPs, MPPs, Mayors and AMO**

MPs were invited to address the Caucus. MP Mark Gerretsen noted that the Government of Canada has committed \$500 million to internet in the region, and noted that Mike Bossio is one of the strongest advocate for rural communities. He encouraged the EOWC to provide as much information that MP Bossio can use to move this forward. Speaking for MP Bossio, Valerie Watts encouraged the EOWC members to get in touch with his office about rural broadband issues.

MPPs were invited to address the Caucus. MPP Lou Rinaldi thanked the EOWC for its work at the ground level over the past few years, adding that broadband is a commitment that made by Minister Chiarelli. The Provincial budget will follow in the next few months, and he hopes to see more regarding the expansion of natural gas in rural Ontario. MPP Sophie Kiwala thanked Andrew Thiele from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce for the OCC's work in preparing for the election this year. She spoke about the need for increased connectivity infrastructure,

particularly for emergency response. MPP Steve Clark, Deputy Leader of the PC Party, spoke about the comprehensive policy paper that the party has released ahead of the 2018 election. He credited the EOWC for its advocacy in helping to shape the policy document. Internet and mobile broadband needs have changed dramatically and the Province must work with its partners at the federal level. MPP Clark also discussed the expansion of Highway 401 to six lanes as an infrastructure commitment for the region. MPP Jim McDonnell thanked the EOWC for its work and commended its partnership with the EOMC. He mentioned some of the heavy regulations that exist in rural Ontario.

Also addressing the EOWC were Mayor Leslie O'Shaughnessy for the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Pat Vanini for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Bonnie O'Neill for the Ontario East Economic Development Commission.

## **10. By-laws**

**Moved by Warden Lowry**

**Seconded by Warden Higgins**

THAT the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts as follows:

### **By-law #18-02**

A By-Law to recognize and authorize the 2018 Chair Robin Jones, Secretary-Treasurer Andy Brown, and Jim Pine and Sue Horwood to be signing officers for the EOWC Inc.

**CARRIED**

## **11. Notice of Motions**

## **12. Confirmation By-law #18-03**

**Moved by Warden McLeod**

**Seconded by Warden 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 12th day of January, 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.

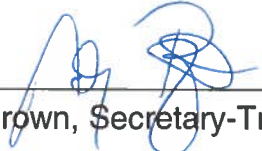
**CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

**Moved by Warden Higgins  
Seconded by Mayor Quaiff**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:57 a.m.**

  
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Robin Jones, Chair

  
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Andy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer