



## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, January 21, 2018  
Sheraton Centre Hotel  
Toronto, Ontario  
2:00 p.m.**

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

<b>Present</b>		
<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	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	Andy Brown, CAO
County of Lennox & Addington	Warden Bill Lowry	Brenda Orchard, CAO
County of Northumberland	Warden Mark Lovshin	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

<b>Regrets</b>		
None		

<b>Others Present</b>	
<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
Karla Sampson	Executive Assistant, County of Peterborough

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

The meeting was called to order and Chair Robin Jones welcomed everyone.

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

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Warden Murphy**

**Seconded by Warden Lowry**

THAT the Agenda of the January 21, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 11 and 12, 2018, were presented.

**Moved by Warden Lovshin**

**Seconded by Mayor Letham**

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meetings of January 11 and 12, 2018 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. Delegations (n/a)**

## **6. Reports for Review/Discussion**

### **6.1 EOWC Schedule for ROMA 2018 Conference**

Chair Jones presented the EOWC schedule for the 2018 ROMA Conference, including the Multi-Ministers Delegation on Tuesday, January 23. It was noted that Minister Steven Del Duca has replaced Brad Duguid as the Minister of Economic Development and Growth. Robin Jones asked every Member to introduce themselves at the delegations.

### **6.2 Strategy and Talking Points for Delegations**

Stephen Seller confirmed the attendance of Minister Bill Mauro, Minister Jeff Leal, Minister Bob Chiarelli, PA Lou Rinaldi, PA Soo Wong, and an Assistant Deputy Minister from Finance.

#### *Presentation from EORN to Multi-Ministers*

Jim Pine discussed the proposed PowerPoint presentation for the Multi-Ministers delegation and received feedback from the members. The Chair asked for direction as to whether the presentation should focus solely on the cell gap and public safety network, or should also include mention of the 50/10 issue. The Wardens agreed that both should be mentioned, particularly as the latter would require funding through the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which was recommended by Minister Chiarelli. Lisa Severson cautioned that the 50/10 request could delay potential funding for the cell gap project. Discussion ensued on which Wardens should be raising discussion items at the meeting.

#### *Presentation from EOWC to Minister Hoskins*

Andy Brown and Monika Turner from AMO discussed the implications of Bill 160 and the messaging for the meeting with Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins. Regarding the Fire-Medic proposal, Ms. Turner confirmed that there are not yet any requests from municipalities to become a pilot for this model. The Province, which is designing the program, has offered 100% funding for the pilot. AMO has refused to participate in the design. The Minister has committed that unwilling municipalities would not have to participate in this project; however, AMO would like this to be included in legislation. Interest arbitrators must not be able to include this in arbitration – as was the case with the 24/7 model, which has now become commonplace.

Ms. Turner suggested that the EOWC ask Minister Hoskins to commit to including AMO's amendments in legislation before the Legislature rises for election. The EOWC should ask for protections against interest arbitration to be included in the 2018 Budget bill. AMO's objective at this conference is to confirm that commitment. This is about protecting taxpayers from paying for duplicate services.

*Presentation from EOLC to Minister Del Duca*

Andy Brown discussed the proposed PowerPoint presentation for the meeting with Minister Del Duca, and received feedback from members. There will be much emphasis on the Premier's mandate letter from 2016, in which she directed the former Minister to "develop regional economic development plans by 2017, in partnership with private, not-for-profit, educational, municipal and indigenous partners," and "include strategies for addressing economic challenges specific to each region." The EOWC's message is that the EOLC, through its five regional partner organizations, has already achieved this work and needs Provincial funding support – through two existing applications to OMAFRA and MEDG – to move forward with implementation and become the first plan across Ontario.

### **6.3 EOWC Submission for *Police Services Act* (Bill 175)**

Justin Bromberg presented an overview of the AMO Policy Update from on the new policing legislation introduced at Queen's Park in November 2017. The legislation includes would have significant impacts on municipal operations, including the mandatory development of Community Safety and Well-Being Plans. Municipal committees would be required to develop a plan to mitigate crime, prioritize risk factors, provide new services, and set outcomes related to public safety services. Members agreed that this legislation was another burden imposed by the Province and agreed to support AMO in its efforts, and request a presentation before the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, along with a written submission.

**Moved by Warden Murphy**

**Seconded by Warden St-Amour**

THAT the EOWC Inc. support AMO in its position on Bill 175, prepare a written submission supporting that position, and request a presentation before the Standing Committee on Justice Policy.

**CARRIED**

#### **6.4 EOWC 2018 Pre-Budget Submission / Presentation**

Mayor Robert Quaiff presented the EOWC's Pre-Budget Submission last week to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. The submission focused entirely on the funding request for the EORN cell gap and public safety broadband network project. The presentation generated significant interest, questions, and support, including from MP Lou Rinaldi.

#### **6.5 EOWC Draft Communications Plan**

Chair Jones explained that Warden Higgins and Warden Fenik inquired about an EOWC Communications Plan during the Inaugural Meeting, to distribute the messaging more broadly, including to the lower-tier level. She inquired about the creation of a sub-committee. Warden Cooney requested that the CAOs discuss the matter and bring a recommendation to the next Wardens meeting. Warden Fenik explained the purpose of his request, noting that while County Councils are aware of the EOWC's work, the local level is not. He would like to see a news bulletin distributed to County Councils, which every Warden could then distribute to the local municipalities to raise awareness about the EOWC's work and advocacy.

**Moved by Warden Cooney**

**Seconded by Warden St-Amour**

THAT the draft communications plan be brought to the next EOWC CAOs meeting for discussion, and that the CAOs provide a recommendation to the Wardens at the next meeting, for further discussion.

**CARRIED**

#### **7. Closed Session (n/a)**

#### **8. Reports from Wardens**

##### **8.1 Chair's Report**

Chair Jones will provide a report at the next meeting.

## **8.2 Reports from Wardens**

Warden Taylor thanked the members for their responses to his e-mail inquiry about signage by-laws. Warden Cooney invited members to his hospitality suite in room 3229.

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Outgoing (n/a)**

### **9.2 Incoming (n/a)**

## **10. By-laws**

## **11. Notice of Motions**

## **12. Confirmation By-law #18-04**

**Moved by Mayor Quaiff**

**Seconded by Warden Cooney**

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 21st 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**

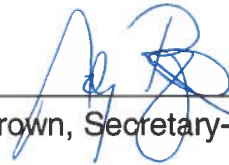
**Moved by Warden Higgins  
Seconded by Warden Cooney**

**THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:59 p.m.**



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Robin Jones, Chair



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Andy Brown, Secretary-Treasurer