



## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Sunday, January 27, 2019  
Sheraton Centre Hotel  
VIP Room  
Toronto ON  
10:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 Liz Danielsen	Mike Rutter, CAO
County of Hastings	Warden Rick Phillips	Jim Pine, CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham, <b>Chair</b>	Ron Taylor, CAO
County of Lanark	Warden Richard Kidd	Kurt Greaves, CAO
United Counties of Leeds and Grenville	Warden Pat Sayeau Past-Chair Robin Jones	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	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Steve Ferguson	James Hepburn, CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald	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
Cathy Bradley	Deputy Clerk and Communications Officer, Hastings County

**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 a Closed Session regarding an EORN Project Update at item 7.

**Moved by Liz Danielsen**

**Seconded by John Logel**

THAT the Agenda of the January 27, 2019 meeting be adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of January 10 and 11, 2019 were presented.

**Moved by J. Murray Jones**

**Seconded by Jennifer Murphy**

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of January 10 and 11, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

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

### **6.1 Nomination of EOWC Members to the EORN Board**

Chair Letham declared the nomination process open for the two vacancies on the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) board of directors.

**Moved by Ron Higgins**

**Seconded by Jennifer Murphy**

THAT Warden Rick Phillips of the County of Hastings be nominated to the EORN board of directors, as one of the two EOWC representatives.

**CARRIED**

Warden Phillips accepted the nomination.

**Moved by Rick Phillips**

**Seconded by Jamie MacDonald**

THAT Warden J. Murray Jones of the County of Peterborough be nominated to the EORN board of directors, as one of the two EOWC representatives.

**CARRIED**

Warden Jones 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.

**Moved by Eric Smith**

**Seconded by Ron Higgins**

THAT the nomination process be closed.

**CARRIED**

Chair Letham declared Warden Phillips and Warden Jones as duly nominated by the EOWC as EORN board representatives. The members congratulated both. Warden Phillips thanked the Caucus for its support.

## **6.2 EOWC Schedule for ROMA 2019 Conference**

The Chair presented the schedule, including two delegations.

## **6.3 EOWC Priorities and Briefing Notes for Delegations**

The Chair reviewed the speaking notes for the delegation. Discussion ensued on the EORN cell gap project. Jim Pine presented the updated PowerPoint on the cell gap project and the spreadsheet on the OMPF reductions. He distributed copies of both.

## **6.4 EOWC Review of Red Tape/Regulatory Burdens**

Chair Letham suggested placing the red tape issues into working groups, sending the issue to the CAOs, and then having them bring back recommendations at the next Wardens' meeting. Several ideas were suggested, including Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

## **6.5 EOWC Submission on Housing Consultations**

Chair Letham informed the Wardens that a written submission was provided to the Ministry's consultations.

## **6.6 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC)**

Warden Higgins presented the slide deck for the delegation with Minister Todd Smith on Tuesday. Members provided feedback.

**Moved by Liz Danielsen**

**Seconded by John Logel**

THAT the EOWC Inc. accept the above reports for review.

**CARRIED**

## **7. Closed Session**

### **7.1 EOWC Submission on Housing Consultations**

Rick Phillips and J. Murray Jones to move into closed. David Fell presented update, noting that project costs have increased significantly, from \$213 million to \$480 million. Members discussed the plan. Credibility of the EOWC. Being honest with our partners, the costs have continued to increase, and situation has gotten worse. David Fell said EORN will return with an update and recommendation at the next meeting. Members agreed to continue asking for commitment for \$213 million.

## **7.2 AMO Update**

Past-Chair Robin Jones provided an update from AMO, regarding a message to the Provincial government. Tough times ahead for SWIFT.

Higgins and Murphy to leave closed.

Motion to receive two updates: Kidd and Logel

## **8. Updates from Wardens**

### **8.1 Chair's Report (n/a)**

### **8.2 Wardens' Reports (n/a)**

## **9. Correspondence**

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

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

## **10. By-laws**

## **11. Notice of Motions**

## **12. Confirmation By-law #19-04**

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**Moved by John Logel**

**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 27th 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.


**13. Adjournment**


**Moved by Jamie MacDonald**

**Seconded by Ron Higgins**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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Andy Letham, Chair

  
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Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer