



## Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**Thursday, July 18, 2019  
11:00 a.m.**

**County of Frontenac  
2069 Battersea Road  
Fairmount Auditorium  
Glenburnie ON**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 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	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	Robert McAuley, Acting CAO
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Shelley Sheedy, Acting CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald	Tim Simpson, CAO

<b>Regrets</b>		
County of Renfrew		Paul Moreau, CAO

<b>Others Present</b>	
<b>Delegation/Guests</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Justin Bromberg	Manager of Government Relations, EOWC
Maddison Ellis	Administration and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Administration and Policy Coordinator, EOWC
David Fell	Chief Executive Officer, EORN
Lisa Severson	Communications Stakeholder and Relations Officer, EORN
Brandon Forrest	Manager, Local Government and Housing, MMAH
John Matheson	Partner and General Counsel, StrategyCorp
Bryan Paterson	Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
Dennis Doyle	Chair, Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington Public Health
Darby Wheeler	Management Intern, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Holly Wilson	Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Kingston

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

The meeting was called to order and Chair Andy Letham welcomed everyone. EOWC Members and guests briefly introduced themselves.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – NIL**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by Jennifer Murphy**

**Seconded by Rick Phillips**

THAT the Agenda of the July 18, 2019 meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Presentations / Delegations**

**4.1 John Matheson, StrategyCorp – Provincial Policy Discussion (11 a.m.)**

John Matheson and EOWC members discussed inter-governmental relations and EOWC priority areas in preparation for the 2019 AMO Conference.

#### **4.2 Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade – Redesign of Regional Development Funding Programs (1:45 p.m.)**

Nadia Cornacchia, Assistant Deputy Minister, Business Partnerships and Programs, shared information on the redesign of Regional Development Funding Programs. She added that feedback from EOWC members would be appreciated in order to ensure that regional priorities are reflected.

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

#### **5.1 Next Steps and Preparation for AMO Conference**

Chair Letham brought forward a suggestion on how to frame EOWC objectives. Further discussion regarding the EOWC priority areas occurred after agenda items 5.2 and 5.3.

After the working group updates, EOWC Members discussed topics for the Multi-Ministerial Delegation at the 2019 AMO Conference. Topics will include:

- Eastern Ontario Regional Network;
- Affordable Housing;
- Ontario Health Transformation;
- Eastern Ontario Leadership Council; and
- Joint and Several Liability.

Chair Latham committed to sending out a communication to Wardens prior to the AMO Conference to confirm messaging and indicated that a formal recommendation regarding the Ontario Health Transformation would be presented at the next EOWC Wardens' Meeting.

#### **5.2 Working Group Updates**

##### Ontario Health Teams / Local Health Service Delivery

Ron Taylor explained that the CAOs were working closely with Peter Fenwick, the Strategic Transformation Advisor leading the Province's health care reform portfolio; however, the Transformation Office in Cabinet was recently dissolved. Mr. Taylor explained that moving forward, the EOWC CAOs will work with the Deputy Minister of Health Care, Helen Angus.

#### Land Ambulance (Paramedic Services)

Ron Taylor shared information with EOWC members regarding the RFP to undertake a review of Eastern Ontario Paramedic Services. Phase 1 will take approximately eight to 10 weeks to complete and will consist of an environmental scan to gather key background information. Phase 2 will examine governance/operation models and still requires EOWC approval. Mr. Taylor explained that the RFP closing date was July 17, 2019 and that an evaluation committee has been formed. Eastern Ontario Paramedic Chiefs are meeting on July 24, 2019 to discuss the review of Eastern Ontario Paramedic Services in detail and have invited CAOs to attend.

#### Public Health Units

Dennis Doyle, Chair of the Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington Public Health, thanked the EOWC and EOMC members for their support. Brenda Orchard provided an update on the July 8, 2019 planning workshop with the Medical Officers of Health. Warden Higgins presented a proposal on public health boundaries in Eastern Ontario.

#### Long-Term Care

Kurt Greaves discussed recent Provincial announcements regarding Long-Term Care funding and explained that he is working to compile data that will highlight the total funding impact on EOWC members. Brandon Forrest suggested that the EOWC should send a letter directly to the Minister of Long-Term Care in order to receive feedback on the long-term care consultation in which the EOWC CAOs participated.

### **5.3 Affordable Housing Update**

Meredith Staveley-Watson indicated that on July 1, 2019, the EOWC submitted recommendations to the Province as part of its consultations on the Community Renewal Housing Strategy.

## **6. Other Business**

### **6.1 ROMA/OGRA Conference Reunification – Jamie MacDonald**

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of Warden McDonald.

## **6.2 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council – Ron Higgins**

Warden Higgins highlighted that the official launch of the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Strategy Refresh 2018-2019 will take place at the Ontario East Municipal Conference in September 2019.

## **7. By-laws**

## **8. Notice of Motions**

## **9. Confirmation By-law #19-07**

**Moved by Ron Higgins**

**Seconded Jennifer Murphy**

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 18th day of July, 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**

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by Jamie MacDonald**

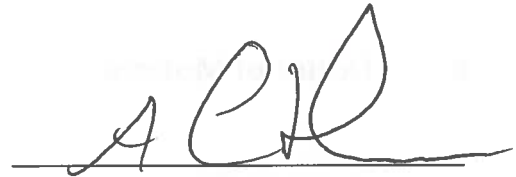
**Seconded by Ron Higgins**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**11. Next Meeting**

AMO Conference – Sunday, August 18, 2 p.m.



Andy Letham, Chair



Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer