



Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus MINUTES

**County of Lennox and Addington
Museum and Archives Room
97 Thomas Street East
Napanee ON**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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	Warden Rick Phillips	
City of Kawartha Lakes	Mayor Andy Letham, Chair	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	
United Counties of Prescott and Russell	Warden Robert Kirby	Stéphane P. Parisien, CAO
County of Prince Edward	Mayor Steve Ferguson	
County of Renfrew	Warden Jennifer Murphy	Paul Moreau, CAO
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry	Warden Jamie MacDonald	Tim Simpson, CAO

Regrets		
County of Hastings		Jim Pine, CAO
County of Peterborough		Troy Speck, CAO
County of Prince Edward		James Hepburn, CAO

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
Maddison Ellis	Deputy Clerk / Executive Assistant to CAO, Northumberland County / Recording Secretary, EOWC
Meredith Staveley-Watson	Recording Secretary, EOWC

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 an EORN update at item 6.4 in open session and item 8 was changed from "Reports from Wardens" to "Announcements and New Business".

Moved by Ron Higgins
Seconded by Eric Smith

THAT the Agenda of the March 22, 2019 meeting be adopted, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of January 27, 2019 were presented.

Moved by John Logel
Seconded by Rick Phillips

THAT the Minutes of the EOWC Inc. meeting of January 27, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations (n/a)

6. Reports for Review/Discussion

6.1 EOWC Review of Red Tape/Regulatory Burdens

Ron Taylor explained the proposal for the EOWC's forthcoming review of red tape and regulatory burdens and outlined the main topics. The four priorities include Affordable Housing, Long-Term Care, Paramedic Service Delivery, and the Ontario Health Overhaul. Mr. Taylor explained that the EOWC CAOs would further analyze these topics over the coming months and bring recommendations back to the Wardens at the next meeting. Working groups will be established to further review each topic, and briefing notes will be prepared ahead of the AMO Conference.

Warden Murphy expressed concerns with the proposed Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) planning exercise assigned to municipalities. Members discussed how CSWB Planning places an unnecessary planning burden on municipalities and agreed to send a letter to the Ministry outlining their concerns.

Moved by Liz Danielsen

Seconded by Jennifer Murphy

THAT the EOWC Board of Directors approve the proposed 2019 priority issues for addressing provincial red tape and regulatory burdens, and that the CAOs continue to address each topic through working groups.

CARRIED

Moved by Jennifer Murphy

Seconded by J. Murray Jones

THAT the EOWC send correspondence to Minister Sylvia Jones, Minister Steve Clark and Premier Doug Ford to express its concerns regarding the municipal responsibility for Community Safety and Well-Being Plans.

CARRIED

6.2 MP and MPP Lunch Meetings

The Chair questioned whether the MP Lunch Meeting should move ahead as scheduled on Thursday, April 18. Justin Bromberg noted that four MPs have confirmed their attendance and four have declined. Members provided feedback and agreed to defer this decision until after the EORN closed session item.

6.3 EOWC Recording Secretary Mentorship Program

Chair Letham and Ron Taylor outlined the EOWC Mentorship Program and introduced Maddison Ellis and Meredith Staveley-Watson, who will assist the EOWC with communications, administrative and policy work.

6.4 Nomination of EOWC Members to the EORN Board

Chair Letham explained the composition of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) board of directors and declared the nomination process open for the three remaining EOWC nominee positions.

Moved by Rick Phillips

Seconded by Pat Sayeau

THAT the five candidates who have expressed an interest in the EORN board of directors be nominated for the three remaining EOWC nominee positions.

CARRIED

The candidates agreed to stand for nomination. The five candidates introduced themselves and each addressed the EOWC for five minutes.

Chair Letham asked Stephane P. Parisien and Mike Rutter as EORN CAO Co-Leads to manage the election process. Ballots were distributed and members were instructed to select three candidates. Mr. Parisien and Mr. Rutter tallied the votes.

Chair Letham declared Warden John Logel, Mayor Brent Devolin and Mayor Frances Smith as duly nominated by the EOWC as EORN board representatives. The members congratulated the successful nominees and thanked the other candidates for their expression of interest.

Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Ron Higgins

THAT Warden Logel, Mayor Devolin and Mayor Smith be nominated to the EORN board of directors to fill the three remaining EOWC nominee positions.

CARRIED

Moved by Jennifer Murphy
Seconded by Ron Higgins

THAT the election ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

7. Closed Session

7.1 EORN Cellular Network and Mobile Broadband Project Update

Chair Letham informed the members of the need to move into closed session to discuss an update regarding the EORN Cellular Network and Mobile Broadband Improvement Project.

Moved by Eric Smith
Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the EOWC Inc. move into Closed Session to receive an update on the EORN Cellular Network and Mobile Broadband Improvement Project.

CARRIED

An update was provided in closed session.

Moved by J. Murray Jones
Seconded by Liz Danielsen

THAT the EOWC Inc. move out of Closed Session.

CARRIED

Moved by Rick Phillips
Seconded by J. Murray Jones

THAT the EOWC Inc. adopt the recommendations, definitions, goals and objectives, and the business case that were presented in Closed Session.

CARRIED

6.5 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN)

Lisa Severson explained that Bell is rolling out a wireless program that will begin in 2019. Chair Letham raised the issue of the MPs meeting. The Wardens decided that the meeting would move forward as planned; however, the primary focus would be on EORN.

6.6 EOWC Social Media Support Proposal

Ron Taylor and Justin Bromberg explained that Redbrick Communications has compiled a social media proposal to support the EOWC's ongoing communications work. The CAOs have endorsed the proposal.

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Rick Phillips

THAT the EOWC approve the proposal to hire Redbrick Communications to provide social media support.

CARRIED

The Wardens noted that it would be important to send out press releases and letters regarding the federal and provincial funding support for rural municipalities. This will be done following the upcoming meetings with the MPs and MPPs.

6.7 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC)

Kelly Pender provided an update on the EOLC and distributed copies of the *Refreshed Eastern Ontario Regional Economic Development Strategy*. Mr. Pender highlighted the major differences between the 2014 strategy and the 2019 refreshed strategy, discussed key takeaways from the refresh process, and outlined the implementation plan. He will provide another update at the Wardens' meeting in May.

Moved by Richard Kidd

Seconded by John Logel

THAT the EOWC Inc. receive the EOLC update as presented.

CARRIED

8. Announcements and New Business

Members agreed to share announcements that are of regional interest. Chair Letham encouraged Members to bring forward ideas for future EOWC advocacy work under “New Business”. The EOWC congratulated Justin Bromberg on his nomination to the AMO Board County Caucus.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Outgoing

9.1.1 Pre-Budget Submission to the Provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, dated January 29, 2019

9.1.2 Letters to Provincial Ministers regarding the Multi-Ministers Delegation at the ROMA Conference, dated February 15, 2019

9.2 Incoming

9.2.1 Resolution from the County of Northumberland regarding Internet connectivity issues, dated January 30, 2019

9.2.2 Letter from Minister Steve Clark regarding the Multi-Ministers Delegation at the ROMA Conference, dated March 1, 2019

9.2.3 Letter from Minister Monte McNaughton regarding Multi-Ministers Delegation at the ROMA Conference, dated March 4, 2019

Moved by Jennifer Murphy

Seconded by Eric Smith

THAT the outgoing and incoming correspondence be received.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #19-05

Moved by Liz Danielsen

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 22nd day of March, 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


13. Adjournment

Moved by J. Murray Jones

Seconded by Jamie MacDonald

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

CARRIED



Andy Letham, Chair



Ron Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer