

**Meeting of the ROMA Board  
AMO Office  
200 University Avenue, Suite 801  
Toronto, Ontario**

**November 15, 2019  
9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

**Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives**

Dennis Crevits, Councillor, Municipality of Central Elgin (Zone 1)

Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

Jan O'Neill, Mayor, Municipality of Marmora and Lake (AMO Rural Caucus)

Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)

Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)

Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)

Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus)

**Staff:**

Director, Membership Centre, Petra Wolfbeiss

Administrative Assistant, Brittany Ardiel

Executive Treasurer, Afshin Majidi

Victoria Van Veen, Conference Coordinator

Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor

Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick

**Guests:**

Rick Kester, President, OGRA

Rick Harms, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, OGRA

Dave Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, OGRA

Paul Schoppmann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, OGRA

Chris Traini, Immediate Past President, OGRA

Joe Tiernay, Executive Director, OGRA

Scott Butler, Manager, Policy & Research, OGRA

Cathy Houston, Manager, Administration & Finance, OGRA

**Early Departures:**

Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)

Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

**Regrets:**

Executive Director, Brian Rosborough

Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)

Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk, Township of Johnson (AMO Rural Caucus)

1. Chair's Welcome – Allan Thompson

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board Members and for those Board Members. Chair Thompson acknowledged the scheduled discussion with staff and Board members of the Ontario Good Roads Association regarding collaboration on matter of shared interest.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest
- Early departure

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

3. Approval of October 11, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson**

**Seconded by: Peter Emon**

*"That the Minutes of October 11, 2019 be approved as amended."*

**CARRIED**

4. Approval of the ROMA Board 2020 Meeting dates

**Moved by: Peter Emon**

**Seconded by: Kim Love**

*"That the ROMA Board 2020 meeting dates be revised and re-circulated."*

**CARRIED**

**TIMED ITEMS**

5. 10:00am ROMA and OGRA Discussion with Rick Kester, President, Rick Harms, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dave Burton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Paul Schoppmann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Chris Traini, Immediate Past President, Joe Tiernay, Executive Director, Scott Butler, Manager, Policy & Research, Cathy Houston, Manager, Administration & Finance

OGRA and ROMA Board members agreed that opportunities exist to collaborate on policy issues and to reconsider future collaboration on events recognizing that current contractual obligations of both Associations make doing so in the short term difficult.

Chair Thompson invited President Kessler to deliver remarks at the 2020 ROMA Conference.

6. 11:00 am Conference Update – Victoria Van Veen

Victoria Van Veen reviewed the following on the ROMA Conference:

- Registration update – 510 registrations to date compared to 210 at the same time in 2018. Exhibitors are also being confirmed with a total of 40 at the time of discussion. Traditionally 58 exhibitors are on display with this number or higher anticipated for 2020.
- Political Presence – invitations to Ministers have been extended, the Board discussed delegations to Ministers and will work with staff to confirm best approach and issues to bring forward.
- Program update – session development is well under way with most speakers confirmed. The Board discussed an interest in a number of areas including diversity and equity, climate change and conservation authorities
- Board member accommodations and contributions and contributions to prize draws – Board members were asked to confirm accommodations as well as were invited to donate to the prize draw. Board Roles and Responsibilities will be reviewed on site Saturday or Sunday of the Conference.

**Moved by: Peter Emon**

**Seconded by: Robin Jones**

*“That the Conference report be received.”*

**CARRIED**

*12:30pm Lunch*

## **POLICY**

### 7. Policy Update – Cathie Brown

Cathie Brown, Senior AMO Advisor reviewed the following policy issues with the Board:

- The Provincial Fall Economic Statement was reviewed including the stating provincial fiscal forecast. The Board was advised that discussions on rural economic development will occur at the upcoming ROMA conference.
- Bill 132 (Omnibus bill): a number of policy issues were reviewed including the move to Administrative Monetary Penalties, introduction of the Aggregates and repeal of the Line Fences Acts as well as changes to many matters dealing with agriculture, agricultural organizations, food, medicines, and the *Nutrient Management Act* and removing matters associated with motor vehicles out of the *Environmental Protection Act*, matters dealing with mining and northern service boards.
- Waste Management Update: AMO staff have been conducting a number of workshops across the province advising Municipal governments who operate blue box programs on the need to prepare for the transition to full producer responsibility and that Councils will need to make a number of key decisions in the next year on the transition process for their program. AMO staff will continue to work with the Municipal Resource Recovery and Research Collaborative (M3RC) to develop and communicate advice to municipal governments through the transition process.

#### Additional Discussion Items:

- The Board discussed bio security concerns including the importance of rural communities having tools to manage and address trespassing.
- A number of questions were raised regarding the pilot on escooters. Staff will keep the Board apprised as the matter evolves.
- Support for the reintroduction of photo radar in community safety zones was raised. Similar to bio security matters, rural communities need tools to deal with safety issues in their communities.
- The Board inquired into process regarding ROMA Pengagement on health review.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

8. ROMA LTR for submission to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re. Additional housing in rural areas

The letter was reviewed.

#### **REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES**

9. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch
- ii. Other

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS (Pages 16-184)**

No Information items pulled for discussion

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

10. Other business brought forward by members

11. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

- i. Canada Post
- ii. Ontario Building Officials Association
- iii. FCM
- iv. Canadian Broadband Telecom (CBTel)
- v. Cannabis

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

12. Next meeting: December 11, 2019, 9:30pm – 1:30pm, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

13. Adjournment