

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday February 17, 2021
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Dennis Crevits, Councillor, Municipality of Central Elgin (Zone 1)
Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)
Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)
Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)
Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)
Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)
Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)
Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)
Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)
Sandra Datars Bere, CAO, Corporation of the County of Bruce (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director
Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer
Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre
Brittany Ardiel, Administrative Assistant
Adam Garcia, Program Coordinator & Advisor
Monika Turner, Director of Policy
Michael Jacek, Senior Policy Advisor
Cathie Brown, Senior Policy Advisor
Brian Lambie, President, Redbrick Communications
Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications

Guests:

Doug Reycraft, Chair, Community Schools Alliance
Marcus Ryan, Mayor, Township of Zorra
Leith Deacon, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph

Early Departures:

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

Regrets;

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

Christa Lowry, Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills (AMO Rural Caucus)

1. Chair’s Welcome and Introductions – ROMA Chair, Robin Jones

Chair Robin Jones, in her first meeting as Chair, welcomed the Board and new member Sandra Datars Bere to the meeting. Chair Jones discussed revisions to the structure of the agenda for meetings going forward.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – None declared
- Early departure – Identified above

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of December 11, 2020 ROMA Meeting Minutes

“That the Minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting be approved.”

Moved by: Kevin Holland

Seconded by: Dennis Crevits

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- Financial update
- Expense Reimbursement Policy

Afshin Majidi provided an overview of the 2021 Conference. With over 1100 attendees, the conference revenues were in a positive position.

“That the Board receive the Financial Update.”

Moved by: Kim Love

Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

Afshin reviewed the Reimbursement Policy with the Board as requested. The current expense form will be re-shared with the Board.

“That the Board receive the Reimbursement Policy review for information.”

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry

Seconded by: Kevin Holland

CARRIED

5. Update on Governance Review Work Plan – Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO

Brian Rosborough presented the final, updated Governance Review Work Plan. The Board directed staff to implement the Plan as presented.

“That the update on the Governance Review Work Plan be received by the Board and that staff commence implementation.”

Moved by: Allan Thompson

Seconded by: Christine Robinson

CARRIED

6. Terms of Reference – ROMA Communications Committee – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director of Membership, AMO

As required under the Rules and Procedures *Section 8 (b) Special Committees*, a Terms of Reference stating the purpose, function, membership and term of the Board Communications Committee was tabled for Board review and approval.

“That the Board approve the Terms of Reference – ROMA Communications Committee.”

Moved by: Peter Emon

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

7. Appointment of ROMA Board representatives/leads to other organizations – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director of Membership, AMO

- Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum
- Teeny Tiny Summits
- Other committees Item #14

The ROMA Board will be looking for volunteers to support engagement with Nuclear Waste Management Organization and the ROMA sponsored Teeny Tiny Summits.

Pam Sayne was appointed as the Board liaison for Teeny Tiny Summits. The Board appointee to the Nuclear Waste Management Ontario Forum will be determined.

Allan Thompson was appointed as the ROMA representative to the Ministry of Natural Resources Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group.

The Board agreed all future invitations to working groups, committees etc. will come to the Board for discussion and decision.

“That the Board approve Pam Sayne as the Board lead on Teeny Tiny Summits and;

“That a lead for NWMO be approved at the next meeting of the Board, and;

“That the ROMA Board appoint Allan Thompson to the Ministry of Natural Resources Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group.”

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

Timed Items

8. 9:30 am Community School Alliance Presentation – Doug Reycraft, Chair, Community Schools Alliance and Marcus Ryan, Mayor, Township of Zorra

Doug Reycraft and Marcus Ryan presented to the Board on current efforts regarding the Community School Alliance.

“That the Board share the Community School Alliance information with members as an important resource/tool kit for rural and northern communities, and;”

“That the Board direct staff to inquire into membership requirements including fees.”

Moved by: Christine Robinson

Seconded by: Kim Love

CARRIED

9. 11:00am University of Guelph, Rural Response to COVID 19 Project – Leith Deacon, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph

Assistant Professor, Leith Deacon, presented his research on the impact of COVID 19 on individual well-being in a number of rural communities.

Staff in discussion with ROI, will explore whether there is alignment with this research on the White Paper.

“That the University of Guelph, Rural Response to COVID 19 Project Presentation be received and be considered in supporting ROMA’s White Paper on economic recovery.”

Moved by: Dennis Crevits

Seconded by: Allan Thompson

CARRIED

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm Break

10. 12:15 pm Redbrick ROMA Conference Communications Update – Brian Lambie, President Redbrick and Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick

Farah Tayabali briefed the Board on the 2021 Conference communication activities on social media and other platforms.

“That the Board receive the ROMA Conference Communications Update.”

Moved by: Kevin Holland

Seconded by: Sandra Datars Bere

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. ROMA University Scholarship Fund – Robin Jones, ROMA Chair

A subcommittee will be formed to analyze and propose implementing the University Scholarship Fund. The Chair asked for Board members to indicate their interest to her.

“That a sub-committee be formed to work with AMO staff to develop the scholarship program and that the implementation be subject to ROMA Board approval.”

Moved by: Kim Love

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

12. ROI Engagement – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director of Membership, AMO

ROI engagement to support the development of an economic recovery White Paper was reviewed, including approved cost for this work. Staff will work with ROI to develop the scope and timelines to complete the paper.

“That the Board approve engagement with ROI and AMO staff be directed to develop the terms and scope of work for Board approval up to \$25,000.00, and;”

“That once approved, AMO staff commence work with ROI on the direction of the Board.”

Moved by: Allan Thompson

Seconded by: Peter Emon

CARRIED

13. Policy Update – Cathie Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO

Cathie advised the Board of the current deadlines and processes related to Community Safety Plans. Cathie also reviewed the OREA position paper.

- Community Safety Plans
- Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA)

“That the Board receive the Policy Update.”

Moved by: Dennis Crevits

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

14. ROMA appointment to Ministry of Natural Resources Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group – Cathie Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO /All

Discussed under item#7.

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

15. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch, Zone 9
- ii. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS (#16-17)

“That the Information Items be received.”

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry

Seconded by: Kevin Holland

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

18. Other business brought forward by members

- i. In Memoriam:
The Board approved providing a donation in memory of Christa Lowry's father. Memoriams are made on behalf of the ROMA Board specific to Board members.
- ii. Zone Meet Ups:
Holding a number of Zone meetings per year was tabled for consideration.

19. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

ADJOURNMENT

20. Next meeting: Friday March 12, 2021, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm, Virtual Meeting

21. Adjournment

“There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.”

Moved by: Pam Sayne

Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED