

## ROMA BOARD MEETING

Friday June 11, 2021  
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

### DRAFT 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, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)  
Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)  
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, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)  
Sandra Datars Bere, CAO, Corporation of the County of Bruce (AMO Rural Caucus)  
Christa Lowry, Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills (AMO Rural Caucus)  
Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)  
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

#### **Staff:**

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO  
Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer, AMO  
Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO  
Brittany Ardiel, Administrative Assistant, AMO  
Adam Garcia, Program Coordinator & Advisor, AMO  
Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO  
Dave Gordon, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO  
Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO  
Lianne Sauter, Policy Advisor, AMO  
Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications  
Victoria van Veen, ROMA Conference Coordinator  
Christine Gallagher, Training and Events Coordinator, AMO

#### **Guests:**

Kathryn Wood, President and CEO, Pivotal Momentum Inc

Melanie Borho-Persechini, Partner, BDO Canada LLP  
Cathie Brown

**Early Departures:**

Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)  
Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)  
Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)

**Regrets;**

None

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

**ROMA Chair Robin Jones welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting.**

**Chair Robin Jones read the Land Acknowledgment:**

*"We recognize that our work as the ROMA Board, and the work of our members, takes place on traditional Indigenous territories across Ontario. We recognize and respect the history, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit and all Indigenous peoples whose presence continues to enrich our communities."*

2. Declaration
  - Pecuniary interest – None Identified
  - Early departure – Identified Above
3. 9:05 am – 9:45 am Cross Province Check-In – ROMA Board/All

Zone Representatives and AMO Rural Caucus members provided updates on local matters of interest.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

4. Approval of Agenda

*"That the Board approve the Agenda."*

**Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson**  
**Seconded by: Kim Love**

**CARRIED**

5. Approval of April 16, 2021 ROMA Meeting Minutes

*"That the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting of the ROMA Board be approved."*

AMO staff will be following up with the Solicitor General and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Ministry of Infrastructure to discuss the following respective items with the Board:

- Community Services Boards – One Board One Detachment, POA Courts
- Drainage Act
- Broadband and Investment Ontario

**Moved by: Eli-El Chantry**

**Seconded by: Cameron Wales**

**CARRIED**

6. Communication Committee Report Back – Peter Emon, ROMA Communications Committee Chair

Peter Emon provided an update to the Board on the recent meeting of the Communication Committee.

*“That the Board approve the Communication Committee update.”*

**Moved by: Peter Emon**

**Seconded by: Christa Lowry**

**CARRIED**

7. ROMA 2022 Conference Preliminary Planning Review – Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO

Brian reviewed the briefing slides included in the Board package outlining key assumptions and risks related to conference panning in the midst of uncertainty related to evolving COVID-19 public health restrictions. Brian confirmed with the Board that staff should explore a variety of hybrid options including an assessment of the relative costs and risks. He also confirmed with the Board that the success of the 2022 ROMO conference will be measured by the extent to which it meets the needs and expectation of delegates, rather than by financial results. AMO staff will report back to the ROMA Board in August to confirm direction on the implementation of the 2022 ROMA Conference.

*“That the Board receive the ROMA 2022 Conference Preliminary Planning Review Report.”*

**Moved by: Eli El-Chantry**

**Seconded by: Allan Thompson**

**CARRIED**

8. Executive-Treasurer Report– Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- Auditors Final Report to The ROMA Board of Directors – Melanie Borho-Persechini, Partner, BDO Canada LLP

Melanie Borho-Persechini, Partner, BDO Canada LLP, tabled and reviewed the final auditor's report.

*"That Auditor's Final Report to The ROMA Board of Directors be received."*

**Moved by: Allan Thompson**  
**Seconded by: Eli-El Chantry**

#### **CARRIED**

- 2020 Year End Draft Financial Statements

Afshin presented the 2020 Year End Draft Financial Statements as well as the April 30, 2021 ROMA Financial Statements.

*"That the 2020 Year End Draft Financial Statements be approved as presented."*

**Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson**  
**Seconded by: Christine Robinson**

#### **CARRIED**

- April 30, 2021 ROMA Financial Statements

*"That the April 30, 2021 ROMA Financial Statements be approved as presented."*

**Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere**  
**Seconded by: Kim Love**

#### **CARRIED**

#### **TIMED ITEMS**

9. 9:45 am ROMA Economic Growth Recovery Paper: Overview and Feedback – Kathryn Wood, President and CEO, Pivotal Momentum Inc

Kathryn Wood reviewed the proposed objectives, scope and direction of the Economic Growth and Recovery project.

Each section was reviewed and discussed. Board direction and input was captured.

*"That the Board approve the scope and deliverables of the economic growth and recovery paper as discussed."*

**Moved by: Peter Emon**  
**Seconded by: Christa Lowry**

## **CARRIED**

10. 11:30 am Redbrick Communications Update – Brian Lambie, President, Redbrick and Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick

Farah Tayabali updated the Board on social media activity noting that activity is increasing consistently at a moderate rate. Farah also reviewed the content of the upcoming edition of the ROMA Board Insider quarterly newsletter.

*“That the Board receive the Redbrick Communication update as information.”*

**Moved by: Peter Emon**  
**Seconded by: Pam Sayne**

## **CARRIED**

*12:00 pm – 12:15 pm Break*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

11. ROMA Post-Secondary Award – Adam Garcia, Program Coordinator & Advisor

The proposed post-secondary award program was presented by Adam Garcia. This included the targeted institutions, amount of each award and timelines. Suggestions on additional institutions were tabled for consideration.

*“That the ROMA Board approve the proposed budget and timelines and that the Board direct AMO staff to negotiate agreements with proposed post-secondary institutions in support of a planned future announcement.”*

**Moved by: Peter Emon**  
**Seconded by: Sandra Datars Bere**

## **CARRIED**

12. Policy Update – Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO

Amber updated the Board on the following issues:

- Conservation Authority Modernization
- Strengthening Environmental Compliance
- Broadband
- Blue Box

A number of motions were tabled for considerations.

- Conservation Authority (CA) Modernization

*“That the ROMA Board submit comments to the Environmental Registry posting in alignment with those submitted by the AMO Board.”*

**Moved by: Chris White**  
**Seconded by: Dennis Crevits**

**CARRIED**

- Strengthening Environmental Compliance

*“That the ROMA Board submit comments to the Environmental Registry posting that are aligned with those expected to be submitted by the AMO Board.”*

**Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere**  
**Seconded by: Kim Love**

- Broadband

*“That the Board receive the Broadband Update for information”*

**Moved by: Christa Lowry**  
**Seconded by: Dennis Crevits**

**CARRIED**

- Blue Box

*“That the Board receive the Blue Box Update for information”*

**Moved by: Christa Lowry**  
**Seconded by: Dennis Crevits**

**CARRIED**

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

### 13. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)
- ii. Teeny Tiny Summits – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
- iii. Ministry of Natural Resources Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group – Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)
- iv. Other

There were no Committee Reports.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS (Items #14-17)**

No information items were selected for further discussion.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

18. Other business brought forward by members

Review items added to the agenda.

19. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

Invitations to the Solicitor General, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Infrastructure to attend future Board meetings to discuss items of interest will be extended by AMO staff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

20. Next meeting: Friday August 15, 2021, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

21. Adjournment

*“That there being no further business the Board move to adjourn at 1:38pm.”*

**Moved by: Peter Emon**

**Seconded by: Christa Lowry**

**CARRIED**