

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Friday April 16, 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

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 Mississipi Mills (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
Cathie Brown, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO
Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO
Zachary Dark, AMO Policy Intern
Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications

Guests:

Nicole McNeill, President and CAO, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President and COO, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
Jason Hagan, Regional Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
John Dungavell, Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Jennifer McKay, Coordinator, Water Resources Section, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Early Departures:

Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)
Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)

Regrets;

Dennis Crevits, Councillor, Municipality of Central Elgin (Zone 1)
Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)

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

Chair Robin Jones welcomed the Board and staff and opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

2. Declaration

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

3. 9:05 am – 10:00 am Cross Province Check-In – ROMA Board/All

Board members engaged in a round table update.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

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

Moved by: Peter Emon

Seconded by: Christa Lowry

5. Approval of March 12, 2021 ROMA Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

"That the minutes of the March 12, 2021 meeting of the ROMA Board be approved."

Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere

Seconded by: Christa Lowry

6. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- Q1 Financial Statements

Afshin Majidi reviewed the Q1 Statement with the Board. The information was approved as presented with acknowledgement that the 2021 Conference exceeded budget expectations.

“That the presentation from the Executive Treasurer on the Q1 Financial Statements be approved as presented.”

Moved by: Kim Love

Seconded by: Sandra Datars Bere

TIMED ITEMS

7. 11:00 am Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – Nicole McNeill, President and CAO, Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President and COO, Jason Hagan, Regional Manager

Representatives of MPAC updated the Board on recent activities.

“That the Board receive the presentation by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation as information.”

Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson

Seconded by: Eli El-Chantry

8. 11:30 am Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – John Dungavell, Manager, and Jennifer McKay, Coordinator, Water Resources Section, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Board was provided with an update on work underway regarding flooding. It was agreed that an additional meeting would be set for members to engage in a more comprehensive discussion with Ministry representatives.

“That the Board receive the update by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as information and request an additional meeting to engage in a more comprehensive discussion with Ministry representatives.”

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

12:00 pm – 12:15 pm Break

9. 12:15 pm Redbrick Update – Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick

The Communication Plan was reviewed including: social media activity, Board communications and other ROMA outreach. Engagement with ROMA social media posts indicates increasing interest across the various platforms.

“That the Board receive the Redbrick Communication Update as information”.

Moved by: Peter Emon

Seconded by: Cameron Wales

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Governance Review: Draft Zone Survey Approach and Questions – Adam Garcia, Program Coordinator & Advisor

Adam Garcia walked the Board through the proposed survey process, scope and timing.

“That the Board approve the approach and timing to launch and finalize the Zone survey and;

“That the Board approve the survey questions and direct staff to launch the survey”.

Moved by: Cameron Wales

Seconded by: Peter Emon

11. Update on ROI and ROMA Economic Recovery Paper – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre

The Board was advised that ROI’s role in the ROMA research project would be amended due to staffing changes. ROI will subcontract Kathy Woods of Pivotal Momentum Inc. as the lead researcher. The Board will be engaged on the scope of the work at an upcoming meeting.

“That the Update on ROI and ROMA Economic Recovery Paper be received.”

Moved by: Allan Thompson

Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

12. Professor Wayne Caldwell, University of Guelph Project Funding Request – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre

It was agreed that the proposed research project by Professor Caldwell was not aligned with the 2021 strategic objectives and that the Board will be prioritizing funding and efforts on these at this time. Staff will follow up with Professor Caldwell to discuss.

“That the ROMA Board not approve the funding request of \$30,000 by Professor Caldwell for his “Municipal Capacity-A Greenbelt Focus”; and that staff be directed to advise Professor Caldwell of this decision.”

Moved by: Allan Thompson

Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

13. Policy Update – Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO (Verbal)

- Provincial Budget 2021

- Bill 257 - Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021
- Waste Management
- Bill 276

An update on the above policy areas was provided to the Board.

“That the Board receive the policy update as information.”

Moved by: Cameron Wales
Seconded by: Allan Thompson

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

14. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)

No report

- ii. Teeny Tiny Summits – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)

No report.

- iii. Ministry of Natural Resources Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group – Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

Allan Thompson provided a high level update on the work of the Aggregate Fees and Royalties Group.

“That the ROMA Board receive the update on Teeny Tiny Summits and The Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group.”

Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere
Seconded by: Peter Emon

- iv. Other

No additional issues were tabled for discussion.

INFORMATION ITEMS (#'s 15 – 20)

“That Information Items be received.”

Moved by: Cameron Wales
Seconded by: Eli El-Chantry

OTHER BUSINESS

20. Other business brought forward by members

Robin Jones shared with the Board, FONOM's request to support the letter by the OFIA on the California State Introduction of the *Bill to Limit Procurement from Ontario Boreal Forests*.

"That ROMA provide written support to the Ontario Forest Industry Association (OFIA) request in relation to California State Introduction of Bill to Limit Procurement from Ontario Boreal Forests."

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Peter Emon

Monika Turner, Director of Policy updated the Board of the timelines and work being done to date in support of AMO's advocacy regarding the review of the OPP Detachment Boards. Monika tabled a motion on work and AMO's position.

"That the ROMA Board support AMO's advocacy regarding the review of OPP Detachment Boards recognizing the diversity of municipal governments and that one size does not fit all, and that working with Ontario's First Nations on this issue be respected and considered in terms of timelines and decision making."

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

21. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

The Board requested participation of the Solicitor General and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at a future meeting.

"That ROMA Request individual delegations to the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure and the Attorney General, and;"

"That ROMA Request a delegation from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in regards to the Drainage Act."

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry
Seconded by: Christa Lowry

ADJOURNMENT

22. Next meeting: Friday June 11, 2021, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm, Virtual Meeting

23. Adjournment

"That there being no further business the Board move to adjourn at 12:59 pm."