

VIRTUAL MEETING

August 15, 2021
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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 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

Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO

Lianne Sauter, Policy Advisor, AMO

Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications

Megan Abraham, Redbrick Communications

Guests:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Kathryn Wood, President and CEO, Pivotal Momentum Inc

Early Departures:

None

Regrets;

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

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. 2:05pm- 2:35pm 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 August 15, 2021 ROMA Board Meeting Agenda

"Motion to approve the August 15, 2021 ROMA Board Meeting Agenda."

Moved by: Peter Emon

Seconded by: Allan Thompson

CARRIED

5. Approval of June 11, 2021 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

"That the minutes of the June 11, 2021 meeting of the ROMA Board be approved."

Moved by: Kim Love

Seconded by: Lloyd Ferguson

CARRIED

6. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- i. Quarter End Financial Statements

Afshin presented to the Board the Quarter End Financial Statements and noted that the 2021 ROMA Virtual Conference was highly successful resulting in overall higher revenue and lower expenditures than planned.

“That Quarter End Financial Statements be approved as presented.”

Moved by: Eli El Chantry
Seconded by: Sandra Datars Bere

CARRIED

POLICY

7. Policy Update – Amber Crawford

i. Projection Methodology Guidelines and the Regional Planning Process

Amber Crawford, AMO Senior Policy Advisor, walked the Board through a number of planning matters including the Projection Methodology Guideline (pertaining to municipalities outside of the Greater Golden Horseshoe) and the Ontario Energy Board’s Regional Energy Planning Process.

“That the Projection Methodology Guidelines and the Regional Planning Process update be received.”

Moved by: Christa Lowry
Seconded by: Christine Robinson

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

8. 2:00pm – The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is scheduled to stop in.

The ROMA Board welcomed The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the meeting.

9. 2:35pm – 3:05pm – Proposed Direction of ROMA Paper on Economic Recovery and Sustainability – Kathryn Wood, CEO Pivotal Momentum

The Board welcomed Kathy Woods to present the proposed direction and focus of the ROMA paper: *Opportunities for Growth in Rural Ontario in a Post Covid World*. The key areas of focus and deliverables are reflective of the conversation Kathy carried out with the Board in June.

“That the Proposed Direction of ROMA Paper “Opportunities for Growth in Rural Ontario be approved by the Board.”

Moved by: Peter Emon
Seconded by: Allan Thompson

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. ROMA Governance Review – Survey Results – Adam Garcia, Program Coordinator & Advisor

Adam walked the Board through the ROMA Governance Review survey results and proposed actions in preparation for the 2022 ROMA Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that no changes were required to current governance structure and the ROMA Rules and Procedures will remain unchanged other than updating the current Zone structure of 10.

“That the ROMA Board approve the proposed next steps in the Governance Review as outlined.”

Moved by: Peter Emon
Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

11. ROMA 2022 Annual Conference and General Meeting Format – Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO

Brian Rosborough reviewed current considerations on the format for the 2022 ROMA Annual General Meeting and Conference based on information available at this time. Final decision on the 2022 format, whether the Conference will be held virtually or a hybrid event, will be made by the Board at the October 1st meeting.

“That the ROMA Board direct AMO staff to implement the next steps in planning for the 2022 ROMA Annual Conference and General Meeting as outlined.”

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

12. Teeny Tiny Summits Update – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre

Petra Wolfbeiss and ROMA Board member Pam Sayne updated the Board on the Teeny Tiny Summits and work underway to revitalize activities. Three Summits will be held over the fall and early 2022.

“That the Board receive the update on Teeny Tiny Summits.”

Moved by: Pam Sayne

Seconded by: Kim Love

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)

No update provided at this time.

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

This update was covered under item #12.

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

Allan Thompson provided an update to the Board related to the Municipal Drainage issue along national railways. The issue will be brought forward for future discussion.

- iv. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items #14)

No information items were selected for further discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Other business brought forward by members

16. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

ADJOURNMENT

17. Next meeting: Friday October 1, 2021, 9:00pm – 1:30pm, Virtual Meeting

18. Adjournment

“That there being no further business the Board move to adjourn.”

Moved by: Christa Lowry
Seconded by: Peter Emon

CARRIED