

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Friday April 8, 2022
9:00 am – 1:30 pm

FINAL 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) – Partial
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)
Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake (Zone 10)
Sandra Datars Bere, City Manager, City of St. Thomas (AMO Rural Caucus)
Christa Lowry, Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills (AMO Rural Caucus)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)
Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO
Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer, AMO
Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO
Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, AMO
Brittany Ardiel, Administrative Assistant, 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, Consultant, Redbrick

Guests:

None Identified

Early Departures:

Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)
Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)

Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)
Sandra Datars Bere, CAO, Corporation of the County of Bruce (AMO Rural Caucus)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

Regrets:

None Identified

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

"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. Cross Province Check-In – ROMA Board/All

Zone Representatives and AMO Rural Caucus members report on items of concern and interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of Friday April 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda

"That the ROMA Board approve the Agenda for the April 8, 2022 Meeting".

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry

Seconded by: Kim Love

CARRIED

5. Approval of March 11, 2022 ROMA Meeting Minutes

"That the ROMA Board approve the March 11, 2022 Meeting minutes."

Moved by: Cameron Wales

Seconded by: Janet Hager

CARRIED

6. Updated 2022-2023 ROMA Board Directory

The Board was advised that an updated Board directory was distributed in the meeting package.

7. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- Financial Statements – March 31, 2022

The ROMA Secretary Treasurer, Afshin Majidi, provided an update on year-to-date financials advising the budget position remains positive with conference expenses coming in at or below budget and indicating no areas of note or concern.

“That the ROMA Board receive the financial statements as presented.”

Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson
Seconded by: Dennis Crevits

CARRIED

8. ROMA Board Retreat – ROMA Chair, Robin Jones

Chair Jones confirmed with members that the annual Board Retreat is scheduled for June 9 – 10 in Caledon with preliminary arrangements being made for the Millcroft Inn. Additional details will be provided in lead up to the meeting. Chair Jones, thanked Mayor Thompson for hosting the event.

“That the ROMA Board receive for information the update on the Board retreat scheduled for June 9-10th 2022.”

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry
Seconded by: Peter Emon

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

9. 11:30 am – 12:00 pm – Communications Update and Report – Farah Tayabali, Vice President, and Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick

Megan Abraham reviewed Redbrick’s continued implementation of the 2022 ROMA communications plan. Highlights on key data on social media usage for February and part of March 2022 were provided and confirming ongoing strong social media engagement.

“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

10. Implementing *“Rural Opportunities”* recommendations – ROMA Chair, Robin Jones

- i. Zone Briefings
- ii. Next steps

Chair Jones and Peter Emon, through a report back from the Communications Committee, shared the planned approach to the Zone joint briefings on the Rural Opportunities paper. Zone members will be advised through targeted communications as well as broader ROMA promotions highlighting that members can join any briefing as needed.

Board Zone representatives agreed to their participation.

“That the ROMA Board receive as information the update on actions and communications on implementing the ROMA “Rural Opportunities” action plan.”

Moved by: Peter Emon

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

11. Report on *The More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*. – Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO, Michael Jacek, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO, Lianne Sauter, Policy Advisor, AMO Daniela Spagnuolo, Policy Advisor, AMO

Amber Crawford, AMO Senior Policy Advisor provided a briefing and discussion on the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, which includes a newly created tool.

AMO policy staffed provided an overview of the numerous legislative and regulatory changes contained in the government’s More Homes for Everyone Plan and Bill 109. The intent of these efforts by the government is to make it easier for Ontarians to buy a home by increasing housing supply in the province.

“That the ROMA Board receive as information Amber Crawford’s briefing on the “More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022.”

Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson

Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

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

Amber Crawford, reviewed recent activity on broadband and waste diversion.

- Broadband
- Waste Diversion

“That the ROMA Board receive as information Amber Crawford’s AMO policy update.”

Moved by: Kim Love
Seconded by: Peter Emon

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

13. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)
- ii. Teeny Tiny Summits – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
- iii. Other

No updates were provided.

INFORMATION ITEMS (#14-16)

Information items #15 and #16 were selected for further discussion.

15. CEMETARIES

- i. Resolution 079-22 Call for Action re Abandoned Cemeteries

16. OTHER

- i. Black River Matheson ROMA re Physicians Nov 2 2021

“That the ROMA Board of Directors receive as information the Board package information items.”; and

“That the ROMA Board respond to item #15 Resolution 079-22 Call for Action re Abandoned Cemeteries and item #16 Black River Matheson ROMA re Physicians Nov 2 2021.”

Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere
Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Other business brought forward by members

18. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

19. Next meeting: Friday May 10, 2022, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

20. Adjournment

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

Moved by: Christa Lowry
Seconded by: Janet Hager

CARRIED