

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 9, 2022
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Caledon Equestrian Park
200 Pine Avenue, Palgrave Ontario
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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)

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)

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)

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)

Staff:

Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO

Connie Ellison-Johnson, Administrative Assistant, AMO

Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO

Brian Lambie, President, Redbrick

Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick

Guests:

Chief Stacey Laforme

Early departure:

Chief Stacey Laforme

Regrets:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, AMO

Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer, AMO

Ian Dawson, Executive Assistant, AMO

Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, AMO

Lianne Sauter, Policy Advisor, AMO

Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO
Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications
Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)
Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake (Zone 10)
Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)
Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

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

2. Declaration

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

3. Chief Stacy Laforme – Land Acknowledgment

Chief Laforme delivered a Land Acknowledgement and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to meet with the Board.

4. Conversation with Stacey Laforme and Mayor Allan Thompson.

Mayor Thompson and Chief Laforme shared the journey of the restoration of the Wampum Belt reaffirming the commitment of Caledon and the First Nations Treaty people to work together.

5. Cross Province Check-In – Roma Board/All (Verbal)

Zone Representatives and AMO Rural Caucus members have the opportunity to report on items of concern and interest

Board members shared updates on local matters and issues arising.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

6. Approval of Thursday, June 9, 2022 Meeting Agenda

“That the ROMA Board approve the Agenda for the June 9, 2022 Meeting”.

Moved by: Dennis Crevits

Seconded by: Christa Lowry

CARRIED

7. Approval of April 8, 2022 ROMA Meeting Minutes

“That the ROMA Board approve the April 8, 2022 Meeting minutes.”

Moved by: Sandra Datars Bere
Seconded by: Eli El-Chantiry

CARRIED

8. Financial Statements – April 30, 2022

To support the implementation of the attainable housing recommendations in the *Rural Opportunities Paper*, Chair Jones advised additional funding in the amount of \$32,000.00 for Kathy Wood, President and CEO of Pivotal Momentum Inc. to guide and develop the recommendations will be required.

“That the ROMA Board approve the additional funding.”

Moved by: Mayor Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

9. 10:30 am – 11:15 am – Update on Attainable Housing Task Force, Robin Jones, Chair and Kathy Wood, President and CEO Pivotal Momentum Inc. (Delivered)

The Board was provided with an overview of the intended direction, focus and strategy to develop and deliver recommendations to support the implementation of the *Rural Opportunities* recommendations on improving access, availability and financing of attainable housing in rural Ontario.

“That the Board receive the Attainable Housing Task Force Update as information.”

Moved by: Cameron Wales
Seconded by: Christa Lowry

CARRIED

10. 11:15am -11:30am - Communications Update and Report – Farah Tayabali, Vice President, and Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick (Pages 18-20)

Megan Abraham shared recent social media strategies and engagement. The trend on engagement remains positive with new hits and followers on a weekly basis.

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

Moved by: Peter Emon
Seconded by: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

POLICY

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

i. National Adaptation Strategy

Canada's First NAS was announced on May 13, 2022, which requires a completion date of July 15th for the online survey which Amber will provide. All orders of government will have an opportunity to unite through the following:

- Public Engagement (Spring/Summer)
- Final Strategy Development (Late Summer/Fall)
- Release of NAS (End of 2022)

ii. Federal Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program

The Blue Box regulation was passed in June 2021, with an amendment in April. Contract terms were published for those who wish to receive blue box collection. The deadline for municipal councils to decide whether they wish to participate is July 15, 2022. A webinar will be held on June 22, 2022 in conjunction with Conservation Ontario to discuss CA Phase II Regulations

iii. Housing

Bill 109 - passed on April 14th, ERO comments were due April 29. AMO is working post-writ with MMAH to send out additional information. A site plan control delegation by-law is required by July 1, 2022 and will apply by January 1, 2023, which no longer allows bump up provisions to Council Rental Housing Strategy – AMO staff working to develop one alongside Housing and Planning Forces and non-profit providers and are seeking input along with endorsement with new government.

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

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

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

12. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

Mayor Thompson requested (I.) to be brought forward to the upcoming September 22, 2022 meeting

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

No new information was provided. Some discussion as had on whether future Summits would be virtual or hybrid.

- iii. Other

“That the Board receive the Nuclear Waste Management Ontario Update as information.”

“That the Board receive the Teeny Tiny Summits Update as information.”

INFORMATION ITEMS

13.

- i. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Regulations and Policy under the Conservation Authorities Act
- ii. Ministry of Transportation Safety Program Development Branch – New Pilot for electric-assisted large quadricycles
- iii. Ministry of Transportation Safety Program Development Branch – Administrative Penalties (Aps) for Vehicle-Based Infractions Captured by Automated Cameras
- iv. Letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Funding Supports for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge

Moved by: Allan Thompson

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Other business brought forward by members

Eli and Allan brought up the need for Craig Reid and Amber Crawford to provide ROMA with key messages to use with Minister Hutchings at her meeting with ROMA at the AMO Conference.

Both Eli El-Chantiry and Allan Thompson are concerned that the fed-prov ‘finger pointing’ of where the federal funding for UBF is hurting municipalities who also don’t have results from

the Ontario Connects program. Amber is aware this is something to focus on for the new MOI in our first letter but flagging as well in case this is brought up at the AMO meeting.

15. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

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

Moved by: Pam Sayne
Seconded by: Eli El Chantiry

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

16. Next meeting: Sunday August 14, 2022 – AMO Conference, City of Ottawa

17. Adjournment