

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2022
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus)

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

Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4) – Partial

Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)

Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)

Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake (Zone 10)

Sandra Datars Bere, CAO, Corporation of the County of Bruce (AMO Rural Caucus)

Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)

Rainey Weisler, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Bayham

Staff:

Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer, AMO

Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO

Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, AMO

Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO

Michael Jacek, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO – partial

Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO

Lianne Sauter, Policy Advisor, AMO

Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications

Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick

Victoria Van Veen, Conference Coordinator

Guests:

None Identified

Early Departures:

Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)

Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

Regrets:

Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)

Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)

Christine Robinson, Mayor, Municipality of West Grey (AMO Rural Caucus)

Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)

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

Chair, Robin Jones, welcomed Board members and staff.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – non-declared
- Early departure – Eli El Chantiry and Peter Emon identified their early departure.

3. 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.

Chair Jones recognized those members note seeking re-election. Lloyd Ferguson, Allan Thompson, and Eli El Chantiry were recognized for their contributions, professionalism and friendship and thanked by all.

Eli El Chantiry and Allan Thompson shared their thoughts and gratitude.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of Friday October 14, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Item 13 was moved under discussion items to number 7.

Motion

“That the Board approve the agenda for Friday October 14, 2022”

Moved: Eli El Chantiry

Seconded: Allan Thompson

5. Approval of August 14, 2022 ROMA Meeting Minutes

Motion

“That the Board approve the minutes from the August 14, 2022 meeting”.

Moved: Sandra Datars Bere

Seconded: Janet Hagar

6. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer (Pages 9 - 20)

6.1. ROMA – Financial statements

6.2. ROMA – Conference Financial Plan

Afshin reviewed Financial Statements and presented the proposed financial plan for the 2023 annual conference.

Motion

“That the Board approve the August 2022 Financial Statements”

Moved: Peter Emon

Seconded: Pam Sayne

Motion

“That the Board approve the ROMA 2023 Conference Financial Plan as presented”

Moved: Eli El Chantiry

Seconded: Peter Emon

TIMED ITEMS

7. 11:00am – 11:30am – 2023 ROMA Conference – Victoria van Veen

Victoria Van Veen presented the proposed conference programming to the Board. Board members provided feedback on concurrent sessions, keynote speakers and the focus of the Zone lunches scheduled for Sunday of the Conference. Board members were reminded that Zone lunches will not be sponsored during an election year.

Motion

“That the Board receive the information and approve programming for the 2023 Conference.”

Moved: Pam Sayne

Seconded: Rainey Weisler

8. 11:30am – 12:00pm – Partnership Opportunities with MISA – Harry Turnbull, Director, Municipal Modernization and Partnerships

The Municipal Information Services Association (MISA) provided the ROMA Board with background on who they are, the work they are undertaking, what they can offer, and their interest in gathering feedback from the Board on how they can support small, rural municipal governments with IT related issues.

Motion

“That the Board receive as information, the discussion with representatives from MISA.”

Moved: Peter Emon

Seconded: Rainey Weisler

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. 2023 ROMA Board Election – Confirmation of Policy – Petra Wolfbeiss

Adam Garcia provided an overview of the processes that need to be executed to open the nominations for the 2023 ROMA Board elections.

Motions

“That the Board approve that Peter Fay, Clerk, City of Brampton, be appointed to provide Returning Officer services for the ROMA Board election; and that:

The Board approve that Peter Fay and his election team’s costs related to preparing and conducting the election be covered as a conference expense; and

That the Board confirm that eligible candidates must submit a completed nomination form including a supporting resolution of the elected official’s municipal council (or Committee of the Whole) to be received by the nomination deadline, and that:

The Board confirm that eligible voters are elected municipal officials registered for the conference; and that:

The Board direct AMO staff to prepare the nomination form and related information to issue the call for nomination on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.”

Moved: Allan Thompson

Seconded: Janet Hager

10. ROMA Communications Update – Redbrick Communications (Pages 31 – 33)

Megan Abraham reviewed highlights of key data on social media usage from July 1 to August 31. Peter Emon expressed his appreciation for the materials that were developed to support the ROMA booth at the AMO Conference. Engagement at the booth was extremely successful with the promotional materials assisting tremendously in knowledge and relationship building.

Materials were also distributed at the International Plowing Match held in September.

Motion

“That the Board receive as information the Redbrick Communications update.”

Moved: Peter Emon

Seconded: Pam Sayne

POLICY

11. Policy Update – Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO (verbal)

- Housing Update
- Survey on Drainage Act and Railways

- Energy

The Board received an update on a number of policy issues including the province-wide efforts to expand electricity capacity. Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) launched an RFP process in March. Given the municipal role in this, AMO and ROMA will stay apprised and engaged with the process.

Motion

"That the Board receive as information the AMO policy update."

Moved: Chris White

Seconded: Janet Hager

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)

Sandra Datars Bere advised Board members that the decision on the location for the nuclear waste site is focused on Ignace and South Bruce. Once this decision is final it is likely the Municipal Forum will wrap up with two more meetings scheduled in 2022 and 2023.

Considerations such as housing for the workforce to support the site development were discussed.

An update will be provided with the minutes at the next meeting. *(Attached page 9 of package)*

Motion

"That the Board receive as information the update on the NWMO Municipal Forum."

Moved: Chris White

Seconded: Rainey Weisler

- ii. Teeny Tiny Summits – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills

Pam Sayne shared with the Board, highlights from the first of 3 2022 – 2023 Teeny Tiny Summits held October 5th. The Summit focused on strategies to attract, retain, and inspire a local volunteer sector. Well over 100 municipal representatives participated.

Motion

"That the Board receive as information the update on the October 5, 2022 Teeny Tiny Summit."

Moved: Allan Thompson

Seconded: Sandra Datars Bere

iii. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. 2023 ROMA Conference – Victoria van Veen

14. Grey Highlands Municipal Resolution 2022-571 re: Increased Speeding Fines (Page 43)

Motion

“That the Board receive the Information Items.”

Moved: Dennis Crevits

Seconded: Lloyd Ferguson

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Other business brought forward by members

None

16. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

None

ADJOURNMENT

17. Next meeting: Friday November 4, 2022 – 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

18. Adjournment - *the meeting adjourned at 12:26pm.*