



AGENDA

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Friday, December 9, 2022
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

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

Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)
Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)
Janet Hager, Councillor, Municipality of Red Lake (Zone 10)
Sandra Datars Bere, City Manager, City of St. Thomas (AMO Rural Caucus)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)
Rainey Weisler, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Bayham (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer, AMO
Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO
Adam Garcia, Manager, Executive Office, AMO
Lindsay Jones, Director of Policy, AMO
Amber Crawford, Senior Policy Advisor, AMO
Farah Tayabali, Vice President, Redbrick Communications
Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick
Victoria Van Veen, Conference Coordinator
Lora Tigno, Administrative Assistant, Membership Centre

Guests:

None Identified

Early Departures:

None Identified

Regrets:

None Identified

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

Chair, Robin Jones, welcomed Board members and staff.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – None declared
- Early departure - None

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

Nominations for the ROMA Board election will close on December 23rd. The election will be held on Monday, January 23rd, 2023. Chair Jones recognized those members not seeking re-election. Cameron Wales and Chris White were recognized for their contributions, professionalism, and friendship and thanked by all.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of Friday, December 9, 2022, Meeting Agenda (*Pages 1-2*)

Chair Jones advised members that item 8 has been deferred to the first meeting of the New Year. It is important that the new Board have the opportunity to determine the priorities of the Board for 2023. This is as ROI will table their work plan to support the Board's support of \$8500.

Motion:

That the Board approve the agenda for December 9th with the change of item 8 being deferred to the first meeting of 2023"

Moved: Chris White

Seconded: Pam Sayne

5. Approval of October 14, 2022, ROMA Meeting Minutes (*Pages 3-10*)

Motion:

That the Board approve the minutes from the October 14, 2022, meeting of the Board."

Moved: Pam Sayne

Seconded: Rainey Weisler

6. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

- Financial Statements – September 2022 (*Pages 11-17*)
- 2023 ROMA Budget (*Supplemental Package*)

Afshin Majidi reviewed Financial Statements and presented the 2023 ROMA budget. Chair Jones acknowledged Afshin's great work in keeping the status of their financials.

Motion:

"That the September 2022 financial statements be accepted as presented."

Moved: Sandra Datars-Bere

Seconded: Janet Hager

Motion:

"That the budget of \$10,000 be accepted and granted to both NOMA and FONOM to use towards their 2022 Conference."

Moved: Rainey Weisler

Seconded: Janet Hager

Motion:

"That the 2023 ROMA budget be accepted as presented."

Moved: Cameron Wales

Seconded: Sandra Datars-Bere

7. Approval of 2023 Board Meeting Dates – All (*Pages 18*)

Chair Jones and the Board reviewed the proposed 2023 meeting dates found on page 18. February 17th and March 17th will both be hybrid meetings. June 7th and 8th are scheduled for the Board's retreat. Location and planning to begin following discussion at the first meeting in 2023.

Motion

"That the Board approve the 2023 ROMA Board meeting dates".

Moved: Janet Hager

Seconded: Pam Sayne

TIMED ITEMS

8. 11:00am – 11:30am – Discussion with Rural Ontario Institute on MOU Deliverables – Ellen Sinclair, Executive Director (*Pages 19-32*)

As indicated above, this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

9. 11:30am – 12:00pm – Update on ROMA 2023- Breaking New Ground – Victoria Van Veen, Conference Consultant (*Supplemental Package*)

Victoria Van Veen provided the Board with a program update on the 2023 ROMA Conference.

Motion

“That the Board receive as information the update on the 2023 ROMA Annual Conference and General Meeting.”

Moved: Peter Emon

Seconded: Sandra Datars-Bere

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. ROMA Board ERO Submission – Bill 23, Chair Robin Jones (Verbal)

Chair Jones reviewed with the Board the ERO purpose, timelines and ROMA’s opportunity to provide a submission. It was recommended that Kathy Wood be engaged to support the development of ROMA’s submission.

Motion

“That the Board approve contracting Kathy Wood in the amount of no more than \$5,500 to prepare ROMA’s ERO submission by no later than December 23rd, 2022.”

Moved: Peter Emon

Seconded: Pam Sayne

11. ROMA Communications Update – Redbrick Communications (*Pages 33-34*)

Meghan Abraham reviewed highlights of key data on social media usage from September 1st to November 29th. The Board expressed its appreciation for the work by Redbrick in profiling ROMA and rural issues and opportunities.

Motion

“That the Board approve the communication update on social media usage from Redbrick for the period of September 1 to November 29.”

Moved: Janet Hager

Seconded: Peter Emon

POLICY

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

- Update on Rural Impacts of the More Homes Built Faster Plan (*Pages 35-39*)

Amber Crawford provided the Board with an update on a number of policy issues including AMO’s initial reaction to Bill 23 and the rural impacts of Bill 23.

Motion

"That the Board receive, for information, the AMO policy update on the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022."

Moved: Cameron Wales

Seconded: Chris White

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

13. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Sandra Datars Bere, City Manager, City of St. Thomas

Sandra Datars Bere advised that there was no update since the last meeting of the Board.

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

Pam Sayne shared with the Board, highlights from the Teeny Tiny Economic Development Summit held on November 30th. 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 the Committee Reports for information"

Moved: Pam Sayne

Seconded: Sandra Datars-Bere

INFORMATION ITEMS

14.

- i. Laurentian Hills LTR of Support - Grey Highlands Municipal Resolution 2022-571, October 20, 2022 *(Pages 40-41)*
- ii. Woodstock City LTR of Support - Grey Highlands Municipal Resolution 2022-571, October 6, 2022 *(Pages 42)*
- iii. Township of Addington Highlands LTR of Support - Grey Highlands Municipal Resolution 2022-57, October 31, 2022 *(Pages 43)*
- iv. Municipality of East Ferris LTR of Support to Bill 23, November 24, 2022 *(Pages 44-46)*
- v. Township of Zorra LTR of support to Kingsville Resolution opposing Bill 3, October

26, 2022 (Pages 47-50)

- vi. Oxford County Resolution re Better Municipal Governance Act 2022_11_23,
November 23, 2022 (Pages 51)

Motion

"That the Board receive the Information Items."

Moved: Rainey Weisley

Seconded: Janet Hager

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Other business brought forward by members

None

16. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

None

ADJOURNMENT

17. Next meeting: February 17th, 2023

18. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM.