



Minutes

ROMA BOARD MEETING

Sunday, August 20, 2023
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Delta Hotels London Armouries
Salon C, 1st Floor
325 Dundas St.
London, ON N6B 1T9

PRESENT:

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

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives:

Jamie McGrail, Councillor, Municipality of Chatham-Kent (Zone 1)
Dave Beres, Deputy Mayor, Township of Tillsonburg (Zone 3)
Christina Early, Councillor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)
Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
Jennifer Murphy, Councillor, County of Renfrew (Zone 6)
Christa Lowry, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills (Zone 8)
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)
Paul Latam, Councillor, Town of Grand Valley (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
Megan Abraham, Consultant, Redbrick
Lora Tigno, Administrative Assistant, Membership Centre, AMO

Guests:

Scott Butler, Executive Director, Good Roads

Early Departures:

None Identified

Regrets:

Steve McCabe, Councillor, Township of Wellington North (Zone 2)
Carma Williams, Deputy Mayor, Township of North Glengarry (Zone 7)
Mark Wilson, Councillor, City of Temiskaming Shores (Zone 9)

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

Chair Jones welcomed the Board to the meeting and AMO Conference.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – None declared
- Early departure – None declared

3. Cross Province Check-In – ROMA Board/All (*Verbal*)

This item was deferred.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of Sunday, August 20, 2023, Meeting Agenda (*Pages 1-3*)

Motion

“That the Board approve the agenda for Sunday, August 20, 2023.”

CARRIED

Moved: Dave Beres

Seconded: Peter Emon

5. Approval of Thursday/Friday, June 8/9, 2023, ROMA Meeting Minutes (*Pages 4-12*)

It was requested that the matter of rural education be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Motion

“That the Board approve the minutes from the June 8 & 9, 2023 meetings”.

Moved: Paul Latam

Seconded: Peter Emon

CARRIED

6. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

a. Conference Venue Update (*Supplementary Package*)

Afshin Majidi advised that negotiations with the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto on contracts for the 2027 and 2028 OMA Conferences have progressed positively. This included fair meeting and accommodation room rentals and by and large meeting the ROMA Board requirements for the event.

Motion

“That the ROMA board approves the offer by the Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto and direct staff to finalize contracts and secure the venue for 2027 and 2028”.

Moved: Paul Latam

Seconded: Peter Emon

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

7. 2:40 PM – 3:00 PM– A Plan to Build Safer Roads and Address Municipal Liability – Scott Butler, President, Executive Director, Good Roads (*Supplementary Package*)

Scott Butler presented to the Board, the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) research, analysis, and recommendations to build safer roads and address municipal liability. This commissioned work will be presented to the provincial government as a strategy to be funded. There was no direct ask of the ROMA Board at this time. The Board advised that an update be provided in the future as the strategy progresses.

Motion

“That the Board receive the presentation of Good Roads as information.”

Moved: Jennifer Murphy

Seconded: Jamie McGrail

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Update on Access to Services Policy Development – Robin Jones, Chair (*Verbal*)

Chair Jones provided an update on the work on access to services. This included a number of subject matter expert interviews as well as the release of a member survey.

An update on responses and key finding will be provided by Kathy Wood at the September meeting of the Board.

Motion

“That the Board receive the update on Access to Services Policy Development as information”.

Moved: Janet Hager

Seconded: Christa Lowry

CARRIED

9. Strategic Planning Update – Robin Jones, Chair (*Verbal*)

The approval of the final contract for the development of the Strategic Plan was tabled. The Board agreed

that the contract, through a motion, is to be approved for up to \$10,000.00

Chair Jones briefed members on the process underway including 1 on 1 meetings with Board members and key ROMA stakeholders.

The Board will engage in strategic discussions with consultant, Pat Vanini at the September, October and November meetings of the Board. The timing is for the plan to be released at the 2024 Conference.

Motion

“That the Board receive the update on the strategic planning as information.” and;

Moved: Rainey Weisler

Seconded: Janet Hager

“That the Board approve the up to \$10,000.00 to the consultant for the development of the Strategic Plan.

Moved: Sandra Datars Bere

Seconded: Jennifer Murphy

CARRIED

10. September 2023 ROMA Board Meeting – Robin Jones, Chair *(Verbal)*

The September Board meeting has been confirmed for September 14-15, in Waterloo. The Board will be meeting with local elected officials and service providers on strategies undertaken to address managing encampments and homelessness through downtown revitalization and other tactics.

The meeting will also include focused engagement on the strategic plan with Pat Vanini.

Motion

“That the Board receive the update on the September 2023 ROMA Board Meeting as information.”

Moved: Christa Lowry

Seconded: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

11. 2024 ROMA Board Meeting Dates Planning – Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre, AMO *(Verbal)*

This item has been deferred and will be carried out in the September meeting.

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

12. Committee Reports

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

No updates.

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

Pam Sayne shared with the Board the upcoming Teeny Tiny Summit on September 26th, 2023. This will be the first session for 2023-2024.

Motion:

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

Moved: Christa Lowry

Seconded: Janet Hager

CARRIED

- iii. Other
None brought forward.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Housing

- a. 21 - County of Lennox & Addington A 7' in 7' Housing Plan *(Pages 13-14)*
- b. 2023-05-29 TOL Resolution RE Mental Health Addiction Housing Affordability *(Pages 15-18)*
- c. EOWC Letter - Minister Sean Fraser - Congratulations on appointment, HAF barriers and collaboration on mutual housing priority - August 3, 2023 *(Pages 19-20)*
- d. FONOM Housing Resolution, June 15, 2023 (1) *(Pages 21-24)*
- e. Kawartha Lakes_ 7 in 7 EOWC – PM *(Pages 25-26)*
- f. Northumberland County Resolution Support 'EOWC Council Support for '7 in 7' Regional Housing Plan *(Pages 27-28)*
- g. Quinte West Council Support - Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) '7 in 7' *(Pages 29-31)*
- h. SDG Resolution - EOWC '7 in 7' *(Pages 32-33)*

14. Opioid Crisis

- a. Blandford-Blenheim Township_Opioid Crisis *(Pages 34)*
- b. FORT FRANCIS - OPIOID CRISIS JUNE 2023 *(Pages 35)*
- c. Oxford County resolution re opioid crisis 2023 06 14 *(Pages 36)*
- d. Resolution 23-203_Municipality of Killarney *(Pages 37-40)*
- e. Town of Ingersoll _Letter Opioid Crisis – ROMA *(Pages 41-42)*
- f. Township of Addington Highlands Letter of Support - Town of Fort Frances_Opioid Crisis *(Pages 43)*
- g. Township of Southwest Oxford Ltr to Premier - Opioid Crisis in Ontario - June 15, 2023 *(Pages 44-45)*
- h. Township of Zorra 23-030 MAH - Opioid Crisis Resolution *(Pages 46-47)*

15. Rural Education Funding

- a. 2023-324 TOWNSHIP OF CHAMPLAIN Support resolution Twp of South Glengarry - Rural Education Funding *(Pages 48-49)*
- b. EOWC Resolution - EOWC support for rural education funding - July 31, 2023 *(Pages 50)*

- c. Municipality of Mississippi Mills_Support Rural Education Funding *(Pages 51)*
- d. South Glengarry Resolution 119-2023 *(Pages 52-53)*
- e. South Stormont Resolution - Support For Rural Education Funding *(Pages 54)*
- f. Township of Addington Highlands Letter of Support - Township of South Glengarry_ Update on Rural Education Funding *(Pages 55)*
- g. Township of Hornepayne_Res. 2023-219 - Support South Glengarry - Rural Education Funding *(Pages 56)*

16. Other

- a. 2023 06 20 - Letter to Premier Ford re. Staff Report 2023-0327 - Illegal Land Use Enforcement Update *(Pages 57-69)*
- b. 20230801 - Proposed PPS OFVGA Consultation Response *(Pages 70-73)*
- c. City of Thorold Resolution - Food Security *(Pages 74-77)*
- d. EA Modernization_Letter_Amended Regulations and Updated Guides_August 2023 *(Pages 78-80)*
- e. EOWC Resolution - EOWC support for FCM Municipal Finance Tool - July 31, 2023 *(Pages 81-82)*
- f. Ltr from Hon. Lisa Thompson OMAFRA *(Pages 83-84)*
- g. Ltr to Minister Smith from Eganville Generations_Small Hydro Program *(Pages 85-87)*
- h. MNRF_PLA_RegulatoryAmendments_2023 *(Pages 88-89)*
- i. MRNF_LTP_Modificationsreglementaires_2023 *(Pages 90-91)*
- j. Municipality of North Perth Resolution - Proposed New PPS (June 5, 2023) *(Pages 92-105)*
- k. Municipality of North Perth Support Resolution - Proposed New PPS (May 15, 2023) *(Pages 106-109)*
- l. OSCIA AGM Resolution 4 2023 - Disaster Assistance *(Pages 110-111)*
- m. Resident Petition re. Enhancing Municipal By-law Enforcement Authority *(Pages 112-113)*
- n. RESOLUTION NO 2023-0160_Conmee Township *(Pages 114)*
- o. Resolution No. 2023-249 from the City of North Bay's City Council response to Bill 60 *(Pages 115-116)*
- p. Village of Merrickville-Wolford Resolution 236-23 - Proposed Provincial Planning Statement *(Pages 117-118)*

Motion

"That the Board receive the Information Items."

Moved: Dave Beres

Seconded: Sandra Datars Bere

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Other business brought forward by members

18. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

ADJOURNMENT

19. Next meeting: September 15, 2023 – Hybrid, Location: *Delta Hotels by Marriott Waterloo (110 Erb Street West, Waterloo ON N2L 0C6)*

20. Adjournment