

Meeting of the ROMA Board

AMO Office
200 University Avenue, Suite 801
Toronto, Ontario

March 13, 2020
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Dennis Crevits, Councillor, Municipality of Central Elgin (Zone 1) Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2) – Via Teleconference

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) – Via Teleconference

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

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

Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)

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

Jan O'Neill, Mayor, Municipality of Marmora and Lake (AMO Rural Caucus)

Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk, Township of Johnson (AMO Rural Caucus)

Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus) – Via Teleconference

Staff:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director

Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre

Brittany Ardiel, Administrative Assistant

Monika Turner, Director of Policy

Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor

Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor

Craig Reid, Senior Advisor

Victoria Van Veen, Conference Consultant

Guests:

- Clare Dale, Senior Policy Advisor, Access & Privacy Strategy & Policy Unit, Information, Privacy and Archives, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
- Patrick Chan, Senior Policy Advisor, Access & Privacy Strategy & Policy Unit, Information, Privacy and Archives, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
- Soheil Milani, Policy Advisor, Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services
- Mathew Varsava, Manager of Operations, Stakeholder Relations & Appointments, Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

- Sophia Cadien-Wilmot, Senior Policy Advisor, Deputy Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Early Departures:

None

Regrets:

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

1. Chair's Welcome and Introductions – Allan Thompson

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting noting the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and the appreciation for Board and staff to be at the meeting.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest
- Early departure – None Identified

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of December 13, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed draft minutes of December 13, 2019. A number of corrections were noted.

“That the Minutes of the December 13, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting be approved as amended.”

Moved By: Pam Sayne

Seconded By: Jan O’Neill

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer – Afshin Majidi

- ROMA 2020 Conference Results

Afshin provided an update on the preliminary financial results of the 2019 Conference. The Board discussed support for FONOM and NOMA Annual General Meetings in 2020.

“Motion to support FONOM and NOMA for 2020.”

Let the minutes reflect that Kevin Holland declared a conflict of interest as a member of NOMA and did not vote on the motion.

Moved By: Chris Wray

Seconded By: Bill Vrebosch

CARRIED

- Future ROMA Conferences

Afshin provided a verbal update on considerations for future ROMA Conferences specific to venue space, contracts and insurance. The Board recommended several motions be passed.

“Motion to self-insure for future ROMA Conferences.”

Moved By: Kevin Holland
Seconded By: Peter Emon

CARRIED

“Motion to have staff submit Request for Proposal (RPF) for future ROMA Conference venues.”

Moved By: Eli El Chantry
Seconded By: Kevin Holland

CARRIED

“Motion to have staff contact Porter Airlines and West Jet to secure the best rates for staff and member travel.”

Moved By: Eli El Chantry
Seconded By: Kevin Holland

CARRIED

5. ROMA 2020 Board Meeting Dates – Final

The Board reviewed proposed 2020 meeting dates, approving all but the ROMA Spring retreat due to COVID-19.

“Motion to approve 2020 Board dates, amended to delay ROMA Spring Retreat until further notice due to COVID-19.”

Moved By: Dennis Crevits
Seconded By: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

6. ROMA Board Spring Retreat – May 20th -22nd 2020, Caledon, ON

The Board and staff discussed the evolving situation related to COVID-19 recognizing the potential cancelation of the ROMA Spring Board Retreat. The decision to delay until September or potentially another date in the fall was unanimous with the Board.

“Motion to delay the ROMA Board Spring Retreat until September due to COVID-19, and to reassess as the situation evolves.”

Moved By: Jan O'Neill
Seconded By: Bill Vrebosch

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

7. 9:45 am Policy Briefing

- i. Ontario Water Power – Craig Reid, Senior Advisor AMO and Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor, AMO
- ii. Ministry Government and Consumer Services – Consultation on Freedom of Information – Monika Turner, Director of Policy, AMO (hard copy provided)

Monika updated the ROMA Board that AMO has been involved in a technical working group on this issue and reviewed key issues and considerations to raise with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS). Monika reminded all in attendance that the matter is confidential under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding between AMO and the Province.

8. 10:00 am Ontario Water Power Association – Presentation, Stephanie Landers Manager, Community Relations and Public Outreach

The item was deferred as representatives from the Ontario Water Power Association did not attend due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19

9. 10:30 am Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, Freedom of Information (FOI) Modernization – **Clare Dale**, Senior Policy Advisor, Access & Privacy Strategy & Policy Unit, Information, Privacy and Archives, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, **Patrick Chan**, Senior Policy Advisor, Access & Privacy Strategy & Policy Unit, Information, Privacy and Archives, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, **Soheil Milani**, Policy Advisor, Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, **Mathew Varsava**, Manager of Operations, Stakeholder Relations & Appointments, Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, **Sophia Cadien-Wilmot**, Senior Policy Advisor, Deputy Minister's Office, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Confidential item under the auspices of the AMO-Ontario Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion not recorded in the Minutes.

10. 11:15 am Federal & Provincial Broadband Update – Amber Crawford, Craig Reid

Amber and Craig provided the Board with an update on a number of AMO advocacy initiatives including engagement to support FCM and ongoing discussions with the provincial government. AMO staff will represent AMO and ROMA's interests at the FCM technical working group and will engage with ROMA on issues and recommendations.

11. 11:30 am ROMA Conference Communications Report – Stef Lach, Redbrick Communications

Stef provided an update on communications and media activity at the 2020 ROMA Conference. As in 2019, there was a significant increase in media interest throughout the conference with very active participation including the use of the #ROMA2020 hashtag.

12. 12:00 pm Conference Update – Victoria Van Veen

The Board congratulated and thanked Victoria and AMO staff for a successful 2020 Conference.

Victoria shared that there was record participation at this year's Conference, including an overall high level of satisfaction expressed by conference participants, delegates, sponsors and exhibitors.

The conference app was also well received with a high number of participants downloading and using the app. The app will continue to be promoted for future events to support the move away from printed materials as much as reasonable.

12:45pm Lunch

POLICY

13. Policy Update – Cathie Brown

Cathie spoke to a wide range of policy matters. The following policy matters were discussed:

- Bill 156
- Draft Community Benefit Charge/Development Charge Regulatory Proposal and Provincial Policy Statement
- Conservation Authority Consultations
- Posting of Aggregates Resource Act posting
- Drainage Act
- Flood Advisors Report
- Public Health and EMS Consultations
- Poverty Reduction Strategy

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14. Light Pollution, By the Minden Hills Climate Change Advisory Committee – Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills and ROMA Board Member

The Township of Minden Hills has passed a Light Pollution Bylaw which Pam Sayne presented to the Board for information.

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

15. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay

Bill advised that NWMO has identified two locations that are now under consideration for the preferred future location for nuclear waste. A further update will be provided by NWMO later in the Spring.

- ii. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS (Pages 82-215)

No information items were selected for further discussion

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Other business brought forward by members

Board discussed renewal of ROMA's AgScape Membership of \$500.00.

Staff were asked to provide the Board with sponsorship options for future review and discussion.

"Motion to renew ROMA AgScape membership and future opportunities for sponsorship."

Moved By: Chris Wray

Seconded By: Dennis Crevits

CARRIED

17. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

- i. Canada Post
- ii. Ontario Building Officials Association
- iii. FCM – Climate Change
- iv. Canadian Broadband Telecom (CBTel)
- v. Cannabis

ADJOURNMENT

18. Next meeting: April 17, 2020, 9:30pm – 1:30pm, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

19. Adjournment

"That we do now adjourn to meet again."

Moved By: Chris Wray
Seconded By: Pam Sayne

CARRIED