

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Conference Call

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

ROMA Executive:

ROMA Chair Ron Eddy, Mayor, County of Brant (Zone 3)
Past Chair Bill Vrebosch, Mayor, Township of East Ferris (Zone 9)
First Vice-Chair Doug Thompson, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)
Second Vice-Chair Chris White, Warden, County of Wellington (Zone 2)

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Bill Bilton, Mayor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)
Bill Davis, Deputy Reeve, Township of Dysart et al (Zone 5)
Roy Hardy, CAO, Municipality of South Huron (AMO Rural Caucus)
Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (AMO Rural Caucus)
Jim Sheedy, Councillor, Township of Laurentian Valley (Zone 6)
Allan Thompson, Councillor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

Staff:

Nancy Plumridge, ROMA Executive-Treasurer
Monika Turner, AMO Director of Policy
Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor
Nicholas Ruder, AMO Policy Advisor
Lorna Ruder, AMO Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Eleanor Renaud, Councillor, Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley (Zone 7)

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Eddy welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – none
- Early departure – none

3. Approval of November 14, 2013 ROMA Board Minutes

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Chris White

“That the minutes for November 14, 2013 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

- 3a. Business arising from minutes

Staff was asked to bring a report to the February ROMA meeting offering alternate dates for the May ROMA Board Meeting.

4. Executive-Treasurer’s Report – Nancy Plumridge

Nancy Plumridge reminded Board members that the deadline to submit 2014 expenses is January 31, 2014.

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5. ROMA/OGRA Conference

No report.

6. Director of Policy Update – Monika Turner

OPP Costing: Monika Turner provided an update on AMO’s work on policing costs.

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Bill Davis

“That ROMA request a meeting to discuss policing costs with Minister Meilleur, MCSCS, during the ROMA/OGRA conference.”

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

7. i) Human Wildlife Conflict Group

No report.

ii) Drainage Working Groups

Bill Bilton provided an update, noting that the Drains Action Working Group would reconvene.

ii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)

Chris White provided an update on the Trillium Grant for case studies on transportation.

iii) Bobolink Working Group

Allan Thompson provided an update.

iv) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group

Allan Thompson provided an update, discussed challenges with the aggregates industry, and the greenbelt consultations in Peel Region.

v) 911 Ontario Advisory Board

No report.

vi) Other

No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS (8 – 18)

Allan Thompson discussed concerns with the letter from The Town of Grand Valley regarding road use practices for mobile farm equipment. He will follow up and the item will be discussed at the February ROMA Board meeting.

Moved by: Chris White
Seconded by: Ron Holman

“That, with the exception of the letter from the Town of Grand Valley on road use practices, the Information Items be received.”

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

19. Other business brought forward by members

Board members discussed the recent ice storm and what municipalities qualify for disaster relief compensation from ODRAP.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Next meeting: Sunday, February 23, 2014, 11:00 a.m., ROMA/OGRA Conference, The Boardroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.
21. Adjournment

Chair Ron Eddy declared the meeting adjourned.