

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Thursday, April 10, 2014

**AMO Office
200 University Avenue, Suite 801
Toronto, Ontario**

And by Conference Call

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

ROMA Executive:

ROMA Chair Ron Eddy, Mayor, County of Brant (Zone 3)
First Vice-Chair Doug Thompson, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)
Second Vice-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)
Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (AMO Rural Caucus)
Eleanor Renaud, Councillor, Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley (Zone 7)
Jim Sheedy, Councillor, Township of Laurentian Valley (Zone 6)
Allan Thompson, Councillor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

Staff:

Pat Vanini, AMO Executive Director
Nancy Plumridge, ROMA Executive-Treasurer
Cathie Brown, AMO Senior Advisor
Lorna Ruder, AMO Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Past Chair Bill Vrebosch, Mayor, Township of East Ferris (Zone 9)
Roy Hardy, CAO, Municipality of South Huron (AMO Rural Caucus)

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Eddy welcomed Board members to the meeting. He noted that Roy Hardy had resigned from the Municipality of South Huron, to take a new position as City Manager, Humboldt, Saskatchewan. The ROMA Board wished him success in his new position.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – none
- Early departure – Bill Davis

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of February 23, 2014 ROMA Board Minutes

Moved by: Doug Thompson
Seconded by: Bill Bilton

"That the minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held February 23, 2014 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report

Nancy Plumridge reviewed the financial statements for the two months ending February 28, 2014.

Moved by: Ron Holman
Seconded by: Eleanor Renaud

"That the report of the Executive-Treasurer be received."

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

5. ROMA/OGRA Conference Update

OGRA Executive Director Joe Tiernay reviewed the 2014 Combined Conference Demographics and Evaluation Report. The ROMA Board agreed that conference planning should begin in June. They discussed the need to set strategic priorities, which should be reflected in the conference sessions, and how to effectively communicate these priorities during the conference, via the media. Further discussion on this to be held at the June 12, 2014 ROMA Board meeting.

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Eleanor Renaud

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

POLICY ITEMS

6. Provincial Policy Statement

Cathie Brown provided an overview of the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement.

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6a. OPP Billing

Pat Vanini reviewed the highlights of the OPP Billing Steering Committee Report which was the result of a facilitated discussion of representative municipalities with different impacts that the OPP proposed billing reform would generate. It was noted that the Report is not an AMO policy position. It was an attempt to identify what other options could be possible, and their impacts. Members were encouraged to read the entire report.

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7. Policy Update

No further report.

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

10. i) Human Wildlife Conflict Group

No report.

ii) Drainage Working Groups

Bill Bilton noted that the Drainage Action Working Group met earlier in April to update its terms of reference, required because of the amendments to the Fisheries Act.

ii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)

Chris White said that the ROI had started a rural transportation study.

iii) Bobolink Working Group

Allan Thompson said that there had been a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

iv) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group

Allan Thompson said that the group had met with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. He will forward information to Senior Advisor Cathie Brown.

v) 911 Ontario Advisory Board

No report.

vi) Other

Jim Sheedy said that there had been meetings with OMEX on the ROMA Insurance Board. It should be wound up by the end of June.

INFORMATION ITEMS (9 – 23)

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Doug Thompson

“That the Information Items be received.”

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OTHER BUSINESS

24. Other business brought forward by members

The ROMA Board agreed to circulate Bill Vrebosch’s request to attend the OSUM conference by email for a decision.

ADJOURNMENT

23. Next meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto.

24. Adjournment

Chair Eddy declared the meeting adjourned.