

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Sunday, February 22, 2015

OGRA/ROMA conference

**The Boardroom
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Toronto, Ontario**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.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)

Second Vice-Chair Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Bill Bilton, Councillor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)

Eli El-Chantiry, Councillor, City of Ottawa, West Carlton-March Ward (Zone 8)

Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (AMO Rural Caucus)

Liz Huff, Councillor, Township of Leeds & the Thousand Islands (AMO Rural Caucus)

Jim Sheedy, Councillor, Township of Laurentian Valley (Zone 6)

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

Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Pat Vanini, AMO Executive Director

Nancy Plumridge, ROMA Executive-Treasurer

Monika Turner, AMO Director of Policy

Lorna Ruder, AMO Executive Assistant

Also in attendance:

AMO President Gary McNamara, Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Mayor, Township of Southgate

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Eddy welcomed members to the ROMA Board meeting. He extended a special welcome to Liz Huff, Councillor, Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands, who was recently appointed to the AMO Rural Caucus and ROMA Board.

Chair Ron Eddy thanked the ROMA Board and said it was a tremendous privilege to serve as Chair.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest - none
- Early departure - none

3. ROMA/OGRA Joint Conference Audit and Agreement

Dale Varney, Grant Thornton LLP, auditor for AMO and ROMA, discussed the need to audit the joint ROMA/OGRA conference revenue and expenses, and the procedures required to complete the audit.

Moved by: Chris White
Seconded by: Chris Wray

"That the procedures required of OGRA's auditors by Grant Thornton LLP be approved."

CARRIED

4. OGRA President Tom Bateman and Executive Director Joe Tiernay

OGRA President Tom Bateman and Executive Director Joe Tiernay welcomed the ROMA Board to the conference. President Bateman presented Chair Eddy with a cheque from the conference proceeds. Executive Director Joe Tiernay provided a conference update.

5. Approval of January 15, 2015 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Chris White

"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board Meeting held Thursday, January 15, 2015 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

6. Executive-Treasurer's Report

Unaudited Financial Statements: Nancy Plumridge reviewed the unaudited Financial Statements.

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Allan Thompson

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

ROMA Twitter Account and Social Media Policy: Staff will review ROMA'S Twitter account for three months, and bring an analysis back to the ROMA Board for their review, including a hard copy of the tweets. Nancy Plumridge reviewed AMO's Social Media Policy.

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Eli El-Chantiry

"That the Social Media Policies and Procedures be approved."

CARRIED

7. Director of Policy Update

Monika Turner provided an update on the recent road salt court decision in Lambton County. She advised that AMO is monitoring the Great Lakes initiative's multiple municipal impacts, and will bring updates to the ROMA Board.

8. Briefing on Key Issues

Pat Vanini briefed the ROMA Board on key issues and messaging for the conference.

Moved by: Ron Holman
Seconded by: Chris Wray

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

9.
 - ii) Drainage Working Groups
 - ii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)
 - iv) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group
 - v) 911 Ontario Advisory Board
 - vi) Other

No reports.

INFORMATION ITEMS (10 – 14)

Moved by: Liz Huff
Seconded by: Bill Bilton

"That the Information Items be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

15. Other business brought forward by members

Election of ROMA Chair and Officers: Chair Ron Eddy advised that the election would be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24. At least two and possibly more ROMA Board members would be unable to attend in person, and wished to participate by telephone. The ROMA Rules and Procedures are silent on the matter.

Moved by: Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by: Ron Holman

"That those ROMA Board members who are unable to participate in person be allowed to participate by telephone."

CARRIED

Chris Wray provided an update on OPP Section 10.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Next meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto

17. Adjournment

Chair Ron Eddy declared the meeting adjourned.