

## **Meeting of the ROMA Board**

### **AMO Annual Conference**

**Sunday, August 16, 2015**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Ontario Room  
Marriott Gateway Hotel  
Niagara Falls, Ontario**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Chair Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (Zone 7)  
Past Chair Ron Eddy, Mayor, County of Brant (Zone 3)  
First Vice-Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)  
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)  
Liz Danielsen, Deputy Reeve, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)  
Liz Huff, Councillor, Township of Leeds & the Thousand Islands (AMO Rural Caucus)  
Robert Pasuta, Councillor, Ward 14, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)  
Jim Sheedy, Councillor, Township of Laurentian Valley (Zone 6)  
Bill Vrebosch, Mayor, Township of East Ferris (Zone 9)  
Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa (AMO Rural Caucus)

#### **Staff:**

Nancy Plumridge, ROMA Executive-Treasurer  
Cathie Brown, AMO Senior Advisor  
Nicholas Ruder, AMO Policy Advisor

#### **Regrets:**

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

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#### 1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Holman welcomed ROMA Board members to the meeting.

#### 2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – none
- Early departure – none

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

3. Approval of June 11, 2015 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by:** Ron Eddy  
**Seconded by:** Liz Huff

***"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on June 11, 2015 be approved as circulated."***

**CARRIED**

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report

Nancy Plumridge reviewed the June 2015 financial statements.

**Moved by:** Chris Wray  
**Seconded by:** Bill Vrebosch

***"That the Executive Treasurer's Report be approved."***

**CARRIED**

## **TIMED ITEMS**

5. The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

There was a robust discussion on municipal issues raised by ROMA between the Board and the Honourable Ted McMeekin. The Minister responded favourably to ROMA's requests to look into the priority matters of rural municipal governments.

## **POLICY ITEMS**

6. Briefing for Minister McMeekin's visit

Board members discussed an overview of key rural concerns and the strategy for the meeting.

7. ROMA Video

ROMA appointed a committee to review the draft ROMA video and provide further insights to Redbrick prior to its final approval at a future Board meeting.

**Moved by:** Allan Thompson  
**Seconded by:** Robert Pasuta

***"That Ron Holman, Liz Huff, Bill Vrebosch and Cathie Brown be appointed to the ROMA Video Committee."***

## **CARRIED**

### 8. What's Next Ontario Update

Staff provided an overview of the current status of the project as well as the key feedback from AMO members and the recommendation from the AMO Board to pursue bold action

**Moved by: Allan Thompson**  
**Seconded by: Chris White**

*"That the report be received."*

## **CARRIED**

### 9. Policy Updates

A number of provincial EBR postings on wetlands, large renewable energy, and intercity bus modernization were discussed. The new AMO Conservation Authority Task Force, MPAC progress on power dams, distribution of ROMA's Rural and Northern Lens at the AMO Conference, and FCM's federal election materials were presented. In addition, Bill Bilton gave the drainage working group report and rural caucus outcomes from the AMO Board meeting were presented as they connected to the content in the Policy Updates.

## **REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES**

### 8. i) AMO Rural Caucus Report

See item 9.

### ii) ROMA/OGRA Conference Committee Report

Ron Holman indicated that a number of requests for information are being sent to OGRA. Progress has been slow.

### ii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)

ROI's Survey to elected officials – what are your key priorities for the federal election, how to organize an all candidates meeting in your community and raise key issues. The issue of half load exemptions is being explored as it impacts transporting crops to mills.

### iv) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group

Ron Holman and Allan Thompson provided a deputation to the Province on its Coordinated Land Use Planning Review (Greenbelt, Golden Horseshoe, Oak

Ridges Moraine, Niagara Escarpment). The province is exploring harmonization of these plans.

v) Drainage Working Groups

Bill Bilton advised that the drainage group is watching the wetland review and the Conservation Authorities Act review. AMO has formed a Conservation Act Review Task Force to provide input to the review.

vi) Other

No further report.

**RECEIVED**

**INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 11 – 20)**

**Moved by: Bill Bilton**  
**Seconded by: Allan Thompson**

***“That the Information Items be received.”***

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

21. Other business brought forward by members

No further business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

22. Next meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9:30 – 1:30 p.m., AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario.

23. Adjournment

**Moved by: Jim Sheedy**  
**Seconded by: Chris White**

***“That we do now adjourn to meet again.”***

**CARRIED**