

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

Liz Danielsen, Deputy Reeve, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)
Eli El-Chantiry, Councillor, City of Ottawa, West Carlton-March Ward (Zone 8)
Liz Huff, Councillor, Township of Leeds & the Thousand Islands (AMO Rural Caucus)
Robert Pasuta, Councillor, Ward 14, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)
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
Lorna Ruder, AMO Executive Assistant
Jessica Schmidt, AMO Policy Advisor

Regrets:

Bill Bilton, Councillor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)
Jim Sheedy, Councillor, Township of Laurentian Valley (Zone 6)

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Holman welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting and to the conference.

2. Declaration
 - Pecuniary interest – none
 - Early departure – Bill Vrebosch

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of April 7 & 22, 2016 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Liz Huff
Seconded by: Liz Danielsen

“That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meetings held April 7 and April 22, 2016 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer’s Report

Report on Communications of Audit Strategy and Results: Dale Varney of Grant Thornton LLP reviewed the report.

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Liz Huff

“That the report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

2015 Year-End Financial Statements: Nancy Plumridge reviewed the report.

Moved by: Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by: Liz Danielsen

“That the report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

March 2016 Financial Statements: Nancy Plumridge reviewed the Financial Statements.

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

“That the report be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

Community Schools Alliance request for ROMA membership

Moved by: Liz Huff
Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

"That the Community Schools Alliance proposal be reconsidered in 2017."

CARRIED

5. Septage Spreading

Mahdu Malhotra, Manager (Acting), Strategic Analysis, Land and Water Policy Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change gave a presentation on the Ministry's Hauled Sewage Policy and Program Review Update.

6. Conference Roles and Responsibilities Framework / Next Steps

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Liz Danielsen

"That the ROMA conference budget be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Liz Huff

"That the ROMA board hire Victoria Van Veen as the ROMA Conference coordinator."

CARRIED

Moved by: Robert Pasuta
Seconded by: Allan Thompson

"That Eli El-Chantiry, Chris Wray, Liz Huff, Robert Pasuta, Ron Eddy and the ROMA Chair be appointed as the ROMA communications subcommittee to make recommendations to the ROMA Board; and

"That Liz Danielsen, Chris White, Allan Thompson, Bill Vrebosch and the ROMA Chair be appointed as the ROMA conference planning subcommittee to make recommendations to the ROMA Board."

CARRIED

7. Communications Plan

Brian Lambie, Farah Tayabali, and Teri Clark of Redbrick Communications discussed longer term communications plans and provided feedback on short term communications efforts.

Moved by: Liz Huff
Seconded by: Liz Danielsen

"That the 2017 ROMA Conference theme be 'Rural Matters'."

CARRIED

8. Brainstorming to Identify Possible Key Activities for 2016 – 2017

The ROMA Board discussed the topic, and agreed to identify and send Jessica Schmidt each member's top five issues that ROMA should focus on, as well as any issues that should be monitored, and those that should be dropped, by May 23, 2016.

9. Properties and OPP Billing

Carla Nell, Vice-President, Municipal & Stakeholder Relations, MPAC; Superintendent Marc Bedard, Commander, OPP Municipal Policing Bureau; Inspector T.A. (Bert) McDonald, Manager, OPP Municipal Policing Bureau attended the meeting to give presentations on MPAC's provision of data to the OPP, and the OPP Municipal Billing Model.

10. Policy Updates

Cathie Brown provided an update.

Moved by: Allan Thompson
Seconded by: Liz Danielsen

"That the policy update be received."

CARRIED

11. Other Business

No further business.

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 12 – 19)

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

"That the Information Items be received."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

13. Next meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Chaffey's Lock Community Centre, Township of Rideau Lakes, ROMA Mid-Term Meeting.

14. Adjournment

Chair Holman declared the meeting adjourned.