

## **Meeting of the ROMA Board**

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

**2:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**AMO Annual Conference**

**Classic Club Room  
Forum Tower, 20th Floor  
Caesars Hotel Windsor**

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Chair Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (Zone 7)  
First Vice-Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)  
Second Vice-Chair Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)  
Past Chair Ron Eddy, Mayor, County of Brant (Zone 3)  
Liz Danielsen, Deputy Reeve, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)  
Bill Bilton, Councillor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)  
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  
Jessica Schmidt, AMO Policy Advisor

#### 1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Holman welcomed the Board and staff to the meeting.

#### 2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest - none
- Early departure - none

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of July 6, 2016 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by:** Chris Wray  
**Seconded by:** Liz Huff

*"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held July 6, 2016 be approved as circulated."*

**CARRIED**

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report – Nancy Plumridge

Nancy Plumridge presented the July 31, 2016 financial statements.

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

*"That the Board accept the July 31, 2016 financial statements as presented."*

**CARRIED**

Nancy Plumridge provided an update on the registration and hotel booking numbers for the ROMA conference. ROMA Board members were asked to send in sponsorship ideas. Board members suggested inviting the Prime Minister and other federal representatives.

**Moved by:** Bill Bilton  
**Seconded by:** Liz Danielson

*"That the report be received."*

**CARRIED**

The ROMA Board considered whether to pay the membership invoice received from Ontario Agrifood Education.

**Moved by:** Allan Thompson  
**Seconded by:** Ron Eddy

**"That the ROMA Board pay the membership invoice received from Ontario Agrifood Education."**

**CARRIED**

## **TIMED ITEMS**

5. The Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs

The ROMA Board greeted Minister Mauro and proposed that a meeting be arranged to discuss policy issues of importance to ROMA. Minister Mauro was in agreement.

6. Paramedics/Firefighters

Monika Turner made a presentation on the paramedics/firefighters policy issue.

**Moved by: Eli El-Chanitiry**  
**Seconded by: Allan Thompson**

*"That the report be received."*

**CARRIED**

## **POLICY ITEMS**

7. Review of Minister Mauro briefing note

Time did not permit for this item.

8. Strategic Planning Session

Cathie Brown advised that Pat Moyle would be the most appropriate person to lead the strategic planning session, and that once he has returned from vacation, a time will be established, with October 14, 2016 as the proposed date.

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

*"That the ROMA Board receive the report as presented."*

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

9. Municipal World Article

Chris Wray indicated he has written an article, which is now being reviewed by Red Brick, and will be finalized after the AMO conference. It will be circulated to Ron Holman, Chris Wray again, and then sent to Municipal World.

10. ROMA Governance Resolution

The ROMA Board discussed how to replace Jim Sheedy's vacant seat on the ROMA Board, and how to address the request received to add more northern representation on the Board. It was decided that Jim Sheedy's seat would be filled through an election at the ROMA conference in January for the remainder of the term (two years). The Board also discussed naming the ROMA zones in a more descriptive manner, which may be further discussed at the strategic planning session.

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

*"That the vacant ROMA Board seat be filled through an election at the January 2017 ROMA conference, with the elected individual to serve for the remaining two of the four-year term."*

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES**

11. i) AMO Board of Directors, Rural Caucus Update - Ron Holman & AMO Rural Caucus  
ii) ROMA Conference Committee Reports – Ron Holman  
iii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) – Chris White  
iv) Workforce Planning Board – Chris White  
v) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group – Allan Thompson  
vi) Drainage Working Groups – Bill Bilton  
vii) Other

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

*"That the ROMA Board receive the reports from AMO and ROMA committees."*

**CARRIED**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

12. AMO Conference Highlights

See item 4.

13. Other Business Brought Forward by Members

No further business.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 14 – 22)**

### **RECEIVED**

### **NEXT MEETING**

23. Next meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario
24. Agenda items to bring forward:
  - Update from Rural Ontario Institute
  - Rural Libraries presentation

The ROMA Board decided to have the General Motors letter be brought forward to the next meeting.

24. Adjournment

**Moved by: Liz Huff**  
**Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch**

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

**CARRIED**