

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Conference Call

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Chair Ronald Holman, Mayor, Township of Rideau Lakes (Zone 7)

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

Bill Vrebosch, Mayor, Township of East Ferris (Zone 9)

Mark Wales, Councillor, Township of Malahide (AMO Rural Caucus)

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

Staff:

Pat Vanini, AMO Executive Director

Afshin Majidi, ROMA Executive Treasurer

Cathie Brown, AMO Senior Advisor

Jessica Schmidt, AMO Policy Advisor

Regrets:

Past Chair Ron Eddy, Mayor, County of Brant (Zone 3)

Liz Danielsen, Deputy Reeve, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)

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

Robert Pasuta, Councillor, Ward 14, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)

First Vice-Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

1. Chair's Welcome

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

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest - none
- Early departure – Liz Huff, Bill Bilton

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of November 10, 2016 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Mark Wales

"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on November 10, 2016 be approved as amended."

CARRIED

The minutes were amended to show that Mark Wales was in attendance.

4. ROMA Conference Related Costs

Chair Holman reviewed the memo before the Board.

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Mark Wales

"That travel and accommodation for the conference covered for ROMA Board members at only travel costs and one per diem, as it has been in the past;

That registration and accommodation for conference be a municipality responsibility; and

That the dinner be hosted for Board members and companions."

CARRIED

5. Executive Treasurer's Report

Afshin Majidi presented a report on ROMA's finances. There was discussion about the cost of the audit, which Board members noted was high, but which Afshin Majidi indicated was typical for the size and activities of organizations of ROMA's size.

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Mark Wales

"That the Executive Treasurer's report be received."

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

6. Bill 39, *The Aggregates Resource and Mining Modernization Act, 2016*

Norm Cheesman, Executive Director of Ontario Stone Sand and Gravel Association, and Anne Guiot of Skelton Brumwell, an OSSGA member, gave a presentation on OSSGA's position on Bill 39.

7. ROMA Conference Update

ROMA Conference Coordinator Victoria Van Veen reviewed final conference details, including session chairs, dinner attendance and accommodation.

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POLICY ITEMS

Quorum lost.

8. Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Septage Policy Review

Jessica Schmidt advised that MOECC is undertaking a policy and program review of hauled sewage, including the following:

- 1) A policy review – MOECC will be forming a stakeholder committee (would like ROMA/AMO representation). They may consider a province-wide ban on septage spreading or a ban in certain areas. They will also do a jurisdictional scan to understand what is happening elsewhere.
- 2) A review of standards – this will be based on an evidence-informed policy approach. MOECC will be hiring a consultant to review how hauled sewage is undertaken in Ontario. Based on this, will be forming a technical committee (with some representation from the stakeholder committee) to develop changes.
- 3) The modernization of the land application/approvals process – this will focus on enhancing transparency. Environmental compliance approvals are now available through district offices on request. In 2017, the whole process will be modernized, including having approvals posted online. This will include an EBR posting in 2017.

Liz Danielsen will represent ROMA on the stakeholder committee.

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9. Policy Update

Cathie Brown advised that Bill 39, *The Aggregates Resource and Mining Modernization Act, 2016* is now at Legislative Committee on Justice Policy. The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) has contacted ROMA to propose a joint submission. Once OGRA's position is clear, ROMA will decide whether to pursue a joint submission. AMO submitted a letter to the Minister.

The Ontario Municipal Board review is ongoing. The Long-Term Energy Plan consultation is also progressing.

Cathie Brown outlined the proposed dates for the 2017 Board meetings and the facilitated session. Staff to send this information to ROMA Board members, for their calendars.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 10 – 19)

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OTHER BUSINESS

20. Other business brought forward by members

No further business.

ADJOURNMENT

21. Next meeting: ROMA Conference, Saturday, January 28, 2017, Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Details to be confirmed.

22. Adjournment

Chair Holman declared the meeting adjourned.