

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:30 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
Second Vice-Chair Liz Danielsen, Deputy Mayor, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)
First Vice-Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)

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)
Mark Wales, Councillor, Township of Malahide (AMO Rural Caucus)
Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)
Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Executive Treasurer Afshin Majidi
Senior Advisor Cathie Brown

Regrets:

Bill Bilton, Councillor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)
Ric Bresee, Councillor, County of Lennox and Addington (Zone 6)
Bill Vrebosch, Mayor, Township of East Ferris (Zone 9)

1. Chair's Welcome
Chair Ron Holman welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. Chair Holman advised that AMO staff who worked on the ROMA Conference would join the Board for lunch, as a thank you for their hard work.
2. Declaration
 - Pecuniary interest - none
 - Early departure – Mark Wales, 10:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of the December 15, 2017 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ron Eddy
Seconded by Liz Huff

"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on December 15, 2017 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report

ROMA Conference Financial Update

Afshin Majidi provided an update.

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Liz Danielsen

"That the Conference Financial Update be received."

CARRIED

ROMA Conference 2022 – 2026 Request for Proposals

Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Ron Eddy

"That ROMA Executive-Treasurer Afshin Majidi and AMO staff work on an RFP for the 2022 – 2026 ROMA Annual Conference."

CARRIED

ROMA Investment Policy

Moved by Chris Wray
Seconded by Liz Danielsen

"That the Executive Treasurer create an Investment Policy for ROMA."

CARRIED

5. Strategic Plan

Chris Wray provided an update.

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6. ROMA Standing Committees

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Eli El-Chantiry

"That the terms of reference for the Communications and Outreach Committee, the Conference Committee and the Governance Committee be accepted as presentation;

That Ric Bresee, Eli El-Chantiry, Liz Huff, Robert Pasuta and Mark Wales be appointed to the Communications and Outreach Committee;

That Liz Danielsen, Liz Huff, Allen Thompson, Chris White and Chris Wray be appointed to the Conference Committee;

That Ric Bresee, Liz Danielsen, Allen Thompson, Mark Wales and Chris Wray be appointed to the Governance Committee; and

That the ROMA Chair be appointed as an Ex-Officio member of the three committees."

CARRIED

7. ROMA Mid-Term Update

Chris Wray provided an update.

Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Chris White

"That the update be received."

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TIMED ITEMS

8. Round Two Drinking Water Source Protection

Heather Malcolmson, Director, Source Protection Programs Branch, Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change provided an update on Source Protection Status and proposed new regulation and regulation amendment.

**Moved by Robert Pasuta
Seconded by Liz Danielsen**

"That the report be received."

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9. ROMA Conference Evaluation

ROMA Conference Co-ordinator Victoria Van Veen provided an update on conference participation and program evaluation responses.

**Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Robert Pasuta**

"That the report be received."

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POLICY ITEMS

10. Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) Fire Regulations

AMO Director of Policy Monika Turner advised that the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) has released three proposed regulations under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA):

- Mandatory Training and Certification for Firefighters;
- Community Risk Assessments; and,
- Public Reporting for Fire Department Response Times.

The deadline for Mandatory Training and Certification, and Community Risk Assessments is March 11, 2018, and the Public Reporting regulation comments are due March 18, 2018.

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

"That ROMA submit written comments to MCSCS on the draft regulations in alignment with AMO's briefing material from January 30 and February 20, 2018; and

That ROMA's submission should request the Province provide new funding for any needed volunteer training hours, extend the effective date to January 1, 2020, and provide the indemnification needed to protect municipal governments from legal action if they comply with these regulations."

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11. Policy Update

Cathie Brown provided updates on:

- Changes to the *Planning Act*
- Private member's bill re: municipal support of landfill sites
- Draft guidelines for watershed planning in Ontario
- Main Street Revitalization

Moved by Chris White
Seconded by Chris Wray

"That the Policy Update be received."

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

12. Discussion Items:

- i. Broadband: Pole Attachment Charges – Ron Holman

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- ii. Conference Board of Canada Infrastructure Conference marketing/ sponsorship request

As the event was over no action required.

- iii. OGRA Requests Support for MCEA Process Reform

Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Chris White

"That ROMA write a letter of support."

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- iv. MOECC Draft Guideline Community Emissions Reduction Planning

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- v. Michipocoten Island Caribou

Moved by Chris White
Seconded by Liz Huff

"That ROMA write a letter of support."

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REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

13. Committee Reports:

- i. AMO Board of Directors, Rural Caucus Update - Ron Holman & AMO Rural Caucus

No report.

- ii. Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) – Chris White

Chris White advised that ROI CEO Rob Black was appointed to the Senate of Canada.

- iii. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Liz Huff

No report.

- iv. Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group – Allan Thompson

No report

- v. Drainage Working Groups – Bill Bilton

No report

- vi. Agricultural Wildlife Conflict Working Group

Mark Wales advised that there was no new information to report.

- vii. Minister of Education's Reference Group – Mark Wales

Mark Wales will provide an update at a later meeting.

viii. AMO Indigenous Relations Task Force – Ric Bresee

No report.

ix. Other

No report.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 14 – 26)

**Moved by Ron Eddy
Seconded by Chris Wray**

“That the Information Items be received.”

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OTHER BUSINESS

27. Other business brought forward by members

No further business.

28. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

i. High Speed Rail

ii. Cemetery Policy Update

ADJOURNMENT

29. Next meeting: 9:30 – 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

30. Adjournment

**Moved by Chris Wray
Seconded by Eli El-Chantiry**

“That we do now adjourn to meet again.”

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