

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Wednesday, April 18, 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
First Vice-Chair Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon (Zone 4)
Second Vice-Chair Liz Danielsen, Deputy Mayor, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Bill Bilton, Councillor, Township of Dawn-Euphemia (Zone 1)
Ric Bresee, Councillor, County of Lennox and Addington (Zone 6)
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)
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:

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

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Ron Holman welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting. He provided an update on the AMO Board of Directors meeting held Friday, March 23, 2018.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest
- Early departure – Bill Bilton, Ron Eddy

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of the March 8, 2018 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Mark Wales.**

"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report

- i. Financial Statements

**Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Mark Wales**

"That that the February 2018 Financial Statements be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

- ii. Draft ROMA Investment Policy

**Moved by Allan Thompson
Seconded by Liz Danielsen**

"That that the draft ROMA Investment Policy be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

- iii. Conference Coordinator Contract and Performance Update

**Moved by Allan Thompson
Seconded by Liz Danielsen**

"That the additional payment of \$10,000 to the Conference Coordinator for 2018 ROMA Conference be approved; and

That the update be received."

CARRIED

5. Double Hatters

Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Chris Wray

"That ROMA commit a maximum of \$10,000 for the production of a double hatter video for release; and

That the funds be paid from ROMA's operational expenses."

CARRIED

6. Sponsorship: Teeny Tiny Summit Request

Moved by Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by Robert Pasuta

"That the partnership request from the Mayor of the Municipality of Tweed of up to \$5,000 in support of at 'Teeny Tiny Summit' on June 14, 2018 be approved."

CARRIED

6a. FONOM and NOMA Request for Support

Moved by Ron Holman
Seconded by Robert Pasuta

"That ROMA commit \$10,000 each to FONOM and NOMA in support of forestry policy work."

CARRIED

7. ROMA Standing Committees

- i. Communications and Outreach Committee
- ii. Conference Committee
- iii. Governance Committee

The committee membership was restated, and the need to select chairs identified. Chris Way will send out teleconference meeting times to the committee members with agendas, the committee Terms of Reference, and some supporting materials over the next few days.

Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Alan Thompson

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

TIMED ITEM

8. Bereavement Authority of Ontario

Michael D'Mello, Manager of Licensing, Bereavement Authority of Ontario, gave a presentation on changes to the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* and Ontario Regulations 30/11 and 184/12.

POLICY

9. Policy Update

Cathy Brown provided an update on MNRF watershed guidance recently released for comment, excess soils EBR posting, Agricultural Impact Assessment guidance recently released for comment (and the AMO Planning Task Force role in offering advice to the AMO Board), the improvements to the Inclusive Housing regulation. She also advised of the Indigenous Relations Task Force materials and to be aware of AMO election strategy information.

Moved by Mark Wales
Seconded by Ron Eddy

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Gun Ranges

Liz Huff discussed her email to OPP Superintendent Dwight Peter, Chief Firearms Officer, regarding the municipal role in applications for private gun ranges.

RECEIVED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

11. Committee Reports

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

Chris White said that the ROI is seeking a new Executive Director.

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

Liz Huff noted that this is a 24 Billion dollar project. There are five community sites left in consideration. The final site will be in operation by 2040

- iii. Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group – Allan Thompson

No report.

- iv. Drainage Working Groups – Bill Bilton

No report.

- v. Agriculture Wildlife Working Group – Mark Wales

Mark Wales said that the revised program is being revisited as participants have found several flaws in the program. Changes are underway.

- vi. Minister of Education’s Reference Group – Mark Wales

No report.

- vii. AMO Indigenous Relations Task Force – Ric Bresee

No report.

- viii. Other

**Moved by Robert Pasuta
Seconded by Mark Wales**

“That the Committee Reports be received.”

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 12 – 23)

**Moved by Liz Huff
Seconded by Mark Wales**

"That that letters of support regarding sustaining rural Canada Post, concerns for fines levied to county LTC facilities and support for the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Bilateral agreement be sent to the appropriate ministers; and

That the Information items be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

24. Other business brought forward by members

Moved by Bill Vrebosch

Seconded by Allan Thompson

"That the request to pay Mark Wales three per diem days in recovering the Board meeting hotel stay be approved."

CARRIED

25. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings
- i. Judy Dezell, Director, AMO Enterprise Centre re LAS (May meeting)
 - ii. Auditors' Report (May meeting)
 - iii. High Speed Rail (May meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

26. Next meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., NITGC Boardroom, 2 Maple Street, Wawa, Ontario
27. Adjournment

Moved by Alan Thompson

Seconded by Chris Wray

"That we do now adjourn to meet again."

CARRIED