

Meeting of the ROMA Board

April 12, 2019

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

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

MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives

Dennis Crevits, Councillor, Municipality of Central Elgin (Zone 1)

Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)

Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7)

Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)

Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus) (via teleconference)

Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)

Jan O'Neill, Mayor, Municipality of Marmora and Lake (AMO Rural Caucus)

Chris Wray

Staff:

Executive Director, Pat Vanini

Executive Treasurer, Afshin Majidi

Director, Membership Centre, Brian Rosborough

Conference Coordinator, Victoria Van Veen

Administrative Assistant, Brittany Ardiel

Director of Policy, Monika Turner

VP, Redbrick Communications, Farah Tayabali

Regrets:

Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)

Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9)

Early Departures:

Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest
- Early departure

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of March 14, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Chris Wray
Seconded by: Chris White

"That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on March 14, 2019 be approved as circulated."

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report – Afshin Majidi

- Financials for February 2019
- Draft Reserve Policy
- Conference Hotel contract highlights

Afshin Majidi presented the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2019. He also presented a draft reserve policy which was contained in the Board package. Afshin also presented information on ROMA contract arrangements with the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto for future ROMA Conferences.

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry
Seconded by: Robin Jones

"That the Treasurer's Report be received, and the draft reserve policy be approved."

CARRIED

Moved by: Eli El-Chantry
Seconded by: Lloyd Ferguson

"That the Treasurer's Report on conference hotel contract highlights be received."

CARRIED

5. Appointment for Zone 5 Vacancy – closed session

The Board determined a process for the selection of a new Board member for Zone 5 from among 11 applications – a majority vote. The Board considered the profile and expressions of interest of all applicants and, after extensive deliberation, the Board elected and appointed Pam Sayne, Councillor from the Township of Mindon Hills as the Zone 5 representative for the term of the current Board. The Chair requested that all applicants receive letters of thanks for their interest in the association.

TIMED ITEMS

6. 10:00 am Infrastructure Briefing & 2019 Ontario Budget

Monika Turner briefed the Board on infrastructure programs, issues and the 2019 Budget announcements.

Moved by: Denis Crevits

Seconded by: Lloyd Ferguson

“That the briefing be received.”

CARRIED

7. 10:45 am Strategic Planning, ROMA Rules and Procedures

Pat Vanini facilitated a preliminary strategic planning discussion that included a path to bringing forward proposed revisions to ROMA rules and procedures for consideration by the membership at the 2020 AGM.

The discussion included a review of Board members’ expectations for the organization. The Board concluded that an additional strategic planning session should be organized in conjunction with the June meeting.

Moved by: Chris Wray

Seconded by: Chris White

“That the strategic planning session be received.”

CARRIED

8. 12:00 am Conference Update

Victoria Van Veen provided an update on conference planning. The Board confirmed Rural Ontario: Moving Forward as the theme for the 2020 AGM. The Board provided direction on Key Note Speakers and other conference topics as set out in the note. The disposition of surplus soils was added as a topic for consideration.

12:30 – Lunch

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. AgScape Annual General Meeting & Sponsorship

The Board discussed AgScape's request for sponsorship of its AGM in Guelph on May 2, 2019. Discussion included the importance of ROMA being recognized as a supporter of AgScape's work in education.

Moved by: Chris Wray
Seconded by: Peter Emon

"That the AgScape sponsorship of up to \$2000.00 be supported."

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

10. Committee Reports

- i. Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) – Chris White
- ii. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch
- iii. Other

The Chair indicated that Chris White's term as ROMA representative with the ROI has ended and the board will need to appoint someone else.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by: Peter Emon
Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

"That the Information Items be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Other business brought forward by members

The Board considered a request from FONOM for financial support and agreed to provide support for 2019 of \$10,000.00

Moved by: Peter Emon
Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

"That the Board agree to the request from FONOM to provide support for 2019 of \$10,000.00"

CARRIED

12. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

- i. Canada Post
- ii. Ontario Building Officials Association
- iii. FCM
- iv. Canadian Broadband Telecom (CBTel)
- v. Cannabis

ADJOURNMENT

13. Next meeting: Friday June 14, 2019, 9:30am – 1:30pm, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Lloyd Ferguson
Seconded by: Cameron Wales

"That we do now adjourn to meet again."

CARRIED