

Meeting of the ROMA Board

**August 18, 2019
2:00 pm – 4:00pm**

**The Westin Hotel Ottawa
11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 9H4
Saskatchewan Room, 3rd floor**

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)
Chris White, 1st Vice Chair, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)
Lloyd Ferguson, Councillor, City of Hamilton (Zone 3)
Pam Sayne, Councillor, Township of Minden Hills (Zone 5)
Kim Love, Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley (Zone 6)
Eli El-Chantiry, 2nd Vice Chair, Councillor, City of Ottawa (Zone 8)
Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)
Peter Emon, Reeve, Town of Renfrew (AMO Rural Caucus)
Jan O'Neill, Mayor, Municipality of Marmora and Lake (AMO Rural Caucus)
Chris Wray, CAO/Clerk, Township of Johnson (AMO Rural Caucus)
Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Executive Treasurer, Afshin Majidi
Director, Membership Centre, Brian Rosborough
Administrative Assistant, Brittany Ardiel
Senior Advisor, Cathie Brown
Policy Intern, Sabika Zaidi

Regrets:

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

Guests:

Honourable, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Early Departures: None

1. Chair's Welcome – Allan Thompson

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board Members to the ROMA Board Meeting at the AMO Conference and also noted changes to the agenda. Chair Thompson thanked Minister Clark for joining the Board for a brief discussion in advance of the meeting.

Moved by: Robin Jones
Seconded by: Chris Wray

“That agenda changes be approved.”

CARRIED

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest
- Early departure

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of June 13, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Jan O’Neill
Seconded by: Chris White

“That the Minutes of June 13, 2019 be approved as amended.”

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer’s Report – Afshin Majidi

- i. June 2019 Financial Statements

Afshin Majidi presented the June 2019 Financial Statements.

Moved by: Chris White
Seconded by: Peter Emon

“That the June 2019 Financial Statements be received.”

CARRIED

Afshin presented options for setting the rates for the ROMA Conference 2020. The Board agreed to a 3% rate increase for the 2020 Conference.

Moved by: Chris White
Seconded by: Robin Jones

“That the 3% rate increase for the 2020 ROMA Conference as proposed by the Secretary Treasurer be approved.”

CARRIED

5. Special General Meeting Re. New Zone 9 & Zone 10

Brian Rosborough briefed the Board of the background and procedures related to the Special General Meeting planned for later in the day (at 5:00 pm in the Canada Hall 1 in the Shaw Centre). Chair Allan Thompson emphasized the importance of Board members attending this meeting,

Chair Thompson asked First Vice-President Chris White to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

6. Follow up on Strategic Planning – Slide Deck from Brian Rosborough

Brian Rosborough presented a discussion on strategic planning. The discussion that followed reflected on the need for additional consultation in advance of proposing changes to the ROMA’s Rules and Procedures document. There was consensus that no changes would be proposed for the 2020 AGM and that further planning would occur together with plans to review zone configuration prior to the next Board election.

Staff was directed to return with a revised work plan that includes meaningful pre-consultation with rural municipalities for both the Zone review and any procedural changes in advance of the ROMA elections in 2023.

7. Communication Planning – Note from Brian Rosborough

Brian Rosborough briefed the Board on communication planning underway including plans to have future mews letter delivered by Zone reflecting Zone representation and noted the Redbrick would be invited to join the October Board for further discussion on communication planning.

POLICY

8. Policy Update – Cathie Brown (Verbal)

Cathie Brown provided a briefing on a broad array of policy matters.

Moved by: Kim Love

Seconded by: Bill Vrebosch

“That the Policy update be received.”

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

9. Committee Reports

i. Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) – Chris White

Chris White reported he is no longer on the ROI Board as the result of ROI Term Limits. Staff will reach out to ROI to discuss ROMA role on ROI Board.

ii. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch

First meeting scheduled for September, will bring items to Board in the October meeting.

iii. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS (items 11-18)

RECEIVED

OTHER BUSINESS

19. Other business brought forward by members

Staff reported that preparations are Underway for ROMA to have a Booth at the International Plowing Match.

Broadband was discussed in terms of ROMA Conference planning.

There was a discussion of the potential implications for rural communities of proposed changes in Public Health and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the need for ROMA to engage with the Ministry on these matters.

The was a discussion about illegal sub pump connections and the impact of rural water/wastewater systems and services.

20. 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

21. Next meeting: October 11, 2019, 9:30pm – 1:30pm, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

22. Adjournment

Moved by: Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by: Jan O'Neill

"That we do now adjourn to meet again."

CARRIED