

VIRTUAL MEETING

June 12, 2020
9:30 am – 1:30 pm

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)

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

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)

Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)

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:

Brian Rosborough, Executive Director

Afshin Majidi, Executive Treasurer

Petra Wolfbeiss, Director, Membership Centre

Brittany Ardiel, Administrative Assistant

Cathie Brown, Senior Advisor

Amber Crawford, Policy Advisor

Craig Reid, Senior Advisor

Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor

Victoria Van Veen, Conference Consultant

Farah Tayabali, Redbrick Communications

Guests:

Melanie Borho-Persechini, Partner, BDO Canada LLP

Stephanie Landers Manager, Community Relations and Public Outreach, Ontario Water Power Association

Early Departures:

Bill Vrebosch, Councillor, City of North Bay (Zone 9 and AMO Rural Caucus)

Kevin Holland, Mayor, Township of Conmee (Zone 10)

Regrets:

None

1. Chair's Welcome and Introductions – ROMA Chair, Allan Thompson

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

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest – None Declared
- Early departure – Bill Vrebosch & Kevin Holland

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of April 17, 2020 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

“That the Minutes of the April 17, 2020 ROMA Board Meeting be approved.”

Moved By: Lloyd Ferguson

Seconded By: Chris Wray

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer's Report – Afshin Majidi

Afshin Majidi presented the Executive-Treasurers Report for the Board's review and approval and introduced Melanie Borho-Persechini from BDO to review the Final Report to the Board.

- Final Report to the Board of Directors – Melanie Borho-Persechini, Partner, BDO Canada LLP

“That the Final Report to the Board of Directors be received.”

Moved By: Floyd Ferguson

Seconded By: Eli El-Chantry

CARRIED

- 2019 Year End Draft Audited Financial Statements – Afshin Majidi

Afshin reviewed the end of year statements with the members of the Board.

“That the 2019 Year End Draft Audited Financial Statements be received.”

Moved By: Eli El-Chantry

Seconded By: Chris White

CARRIED

- April 2020 Financial Statements – Afshin Majidi

The 2020 Financial Statements were reviewed with the members of the Board.

“That the April 2020 Financial Statements be received.”

Moved By: Robin Jones

Seconded By: Dennis Crevits

CARRIED

OTHER

5. Update from AMO Executive Director – Brian Rosborough

The AMO Executive Director provided an update on AMO’s key policy and advocacy efforts through COVID-19.

“That the update from AMO Executive Director, Brian Rosborough be received.”

Moved By: Pam Sayne

Seconded By: Cameron Wales

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

6. 10:30 am Policy Briefing
 - i. Ontario Water Power Association – Craig Reid, Cathie Brown

Craig Reid and Cathie Brown briefed the Board on the work and advocacy of the Ontario Water Power Association. Considerations regarding ROMA’s work and that of the organization was discussed.

7. 10:45 am Ontario Water Power Association – Presentation, Stephanie Landers Manager, Community Relations and Public Outreach

Stephanie Landers provided an overview of the Associations mandate, objectives and key strategies. Closer engagement with the ROMA Board was raised, specifically joining the Association’s membership.

“That the ROMA Board move to join as a member of the Ontario Water Power Association for a fee of \$100.00 and review membership going forward.”

Moved By: Peter Emon

Seconded By: Pam Sayne

CARRIED

8. 11:15 am Federal & Provincial Broadband Update – Amber Crawford, Craig Reid

Craig Reid and Amber Crawford discussed with the Board a proposed Connectivity Resource Guide for elected officials to navigate the current broadband context. The Connectivity Resource Guide was reviewed including the recommendation that the Guide be a ROMA product.

“That the ROMA Board move to accept the ROMA Broadband Connectivity Resource Guide for elected officials to better navigate broadband development and that ROMA support the request which was that ROMA agree to provide up to \$10,000 for production of the resource including design and graphics/communications.”

Moved By: Kim Love

Seconded By: Chris Wray

CARRIED

9. 11:45 am Conference Update – Victoria Van Veen, Petra Wolfbeiss

A preliminary discussion on the ROMA 2021 conversation within the context of COVID-19 was had including the possibility of the conference moving to a virtual offering. A decision was pushed to the next meeting of the Board.

“That the ROMA Board move to reconvene in July and have an open discussion in terms of what staff responsibility will look like and to look at keynote speakers.”

Moved By: Peter Emon

Seconded By: Robin Jones

CARRIED

POLICY

10. 12:15pm AMO Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance; Matthew Wilson

Matthew Wilson presented to the ROMA Board AMO’s proposed framework for better policing governance. Noting that government has launched a consultation with municipalities on re-constituting OPP Detachment Boards and it remains valuable for municipalities to consider what the future of police governance will look like.

“That AMO’s proposed framework for better policing governance be accepted.”

Moved By: Kevin Holland

Seconded By: Robin Jones

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

11. 12:40 pm Redbrick Communications - Farah Tayabali, Vice President Redbrick Communications

Farah Tayabali provided a communications update and opened the floor for discussion with the ROMA Board for new ideas the Board would like to see on the ROMA website and social platforms along with solutions to gain a wider audience.

"That the ROMA Board approve the Communications update."

Moved By: Cameron Wales
Seconded By: Jan O'Neill

CARRIED

"That the ROMA Board move to closed meeting for the ROMA Web and Social Media Committee discussion."

Moved By: Cameron Wales
Seconded By: Jan O'Neill

CARRIED

12. 1:00 pm ROMA's Web and Social Media Committee – Robin Jones

"That the ROMA Board move out of closed meeting and that the ROMA Board accept the update from the ROMA Web and Social Media Committee."

Moved By: Peter Emon
Seconded By: Kim Love

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

13. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Bill Vrebosch
No report
- ii. Other

INFORMATION ITEMS (15-22)

"That the Information items be received."

Moved By: Kim Love
Seconded By: Robin Jones

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

23. Other business brought forward by members

24. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

25. Next meeting: Friday August 16, 2020, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

26. Adjournment

“That we move to adjourn.”

Moved By: Kim Love

Seconded By: Robin Jones

CARRIED

Action Items:

Considerations for ROMA Support.