

Meeting of the ROMA Board

AMO Annual Conference

Sunday, August 16, 2020

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Video Conference Call

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT:

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

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

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

Zone and AMO Rural Caucus Representatives:

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

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

Pam Sayne, Councillor, Municipality of Minden Hills (Zone 5)

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

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

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

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

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

Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (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)

Staff:

Executive Director, Brian Rosborough

Executive Treasurer, Afshin Majidi

Director, Membership Centre, Petra Wolfbeiss

Senior Advisor, Cathie Brown

Policy Advisor, Masi Naserie

Executive Assistant, Lorna Ruder

Ashley Parkes, Mayor's Office, Town of Caledon

1. Chair's Welcome

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board members and staff to the meeting and to the 2020 AMO Annual Conference. He noted that the new ROMA Facebook site is up and running.

2. Declaration
 - Pecuniary interest – none
 - Early departure – none

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of June 12, 2020 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Chris White
Seconded by Kim Love

“That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on June 12, 2020 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

4. Approval of July 24, 2020 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Cameron Wales
Seconded by Robin Jones

“That the Minutes of the ROMA Board meeting held on July 24, 2020 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

5. Executive-Treasurer’s Report

Afshin Majidi delivered high level information regarding the 2021 ROMA Annual Conference for board consideration and feedback in preparing a conference financial plan to be presented at the next ROMA board meeting in October 2020.

ROMA board also directed staff to explore options with the venue, in case an in-person event cannot be held due to COVID-19. The Board further authorized staff to offer the venue 2025 conference contract in exchange for 2021 contract cancellation at no penalties.

Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Chris Wray

“That the Treasurer’s Report be received.”

CARRIED

POLICY ITEMS

6. Policy Update

Cathie Brown briefed the Board on key points for discussion with federal Minister Maryam Monsef, Ministry for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development.

She briefed the Board on key discussion points with Ontario Minister Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Moved by Jan O'Neill
Seconded by Peter Emon

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

TIMED ITEMS

7. The Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development

Key points discussed included:

- Broadband
- Infrastructure
- Streamlining Environmental Assessment Process for municipal drains
- High quality flood/shoreline mapping
- The importance of child care for rural economic development

8. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Key discussion points included:

- Broadband
- The key role municipalities will play in the economic recovery from COVID-19
- Challenges re: public health – need for sustained and reliable funding
- Housing and homelessness

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Association Française des Municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO) Letter, Opportunity to Help Alleviate the Workforce Shortage

Petra Wolfbeiss reviewed a letter requesting assistance in funding a project which the Association Française des Municipalités de l'Ontario is creating in conjunction with the Government of Canada in order to counter the workforce shortage, in participating municipalities. This funding would be a four-way split between AFMO, the Federal Government (through Destination Canada), AMO and ROMA.

Moved by Chris Wray
Seconded by Pam Sayne

"That the request from AFMO be approved."

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

10. Committee Reports

- i. Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum
 - Bill Vrebosch said that the next NWMO meeting is in September. NWMO has two possible hosts.

- ii. Other

No further reports.

RECEIVED

INFORMATION ITEMS (11 – 14)

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OTHER BUSINESS

15. Other business brought forward by members

Chris Wray expressed his appreciation to the ROMA Board.

16. 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

17. Next meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2020, 9:30am – 1:30pm, Virtual Meeting

18. Adjournment

Moved by Bill Vrebosch
Seconded by Jan O'Neill

"That we do now adjourn to meet again."

CARRIED