

Meeting of the ROMA Board

Friday, December 15, 2017

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 Danielsen, Deputy Reeve, Township of Algonquin Highlands (Zone 5)
Eli El-Chantiry, Councillor, City of Ottawa, West Carlton-March Ward (Zone 8)
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 Wray, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Municipality of Wawa (AMO Rural Caucus)

Staff:

Executive Treasurer Afshin Majidi
Senior Advisor Cathie Brown

Regrets:

Chris White, Mayor, Township of Guelph-Eramosa (Zone 2)

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed the Board members and staff to the meeting, established quorum and added the following items to the agenda:

- #4 Executive Treasurer's Report: add Coordinator Contract
- #4a new Item – Outreach 2018
- #7a new item – "What's Next" Eli El-Chantiry and then Bill Vrebosch for a \$1,000 expense to deliver.
- #9a Discussion item Septic Re-inspection Case Studies – Liz Huff

Cathie Brown advised that there may be a date conflict with the April 12, 2018 ROMA Board meeting and the Memorandum of Understanding Meeting. The Board will advise of their availability on April 5 and April 19, 2018.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of November 9, 2017 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Chris Wray
Seconded by Mark Wales

“That the Minutes of the November 9, 2017 ROMA Board meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

4. Executive-Treasurer’s Report

2018 ROMA Budget:

Moved by Robert Pasuta
Seconded by Eli El-Chantiry

“That the proposed 2018 ROMA Budget be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

Redbrick Quote for ROMA Conference:

Moved by Allan Thompson
Seconded by Eli El-Chantiry

“That the quote from Redbrick be approved.”

CARRIED

ROMA Conference Coordinator Contract:

Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Chris Wray

“That Afshin Majidi and Chris Wray negotiate a new two-year contract with the Conference Coordinator.”

CARRIED

4a. Outreach 2018

Cathie Brown was asked to follow up with RedBrick to ensure their proposal included a template press release.

5. ROMA Conference Update

Ron Holman provided an update on conference planning and reviewed the Rural Ontario Institute survey results, to be presented at the ROMA conference.

RECEIVED

6. Proposed ROMA Committees

Moved by Ric Bresee
Seconded by Liz Huff

“That the following committees be adopted with changes to the proposed terms of reference as amended:

- *Constitutional Committee*
- *Conference Committee*
- *Communications and Outreach Committee.”*

CARRIED

7. Strategic Plan Actions

Chris Wray provided an update.

Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Mark Wales

“That the report be received.”

CARRIED

7a. What’s Next Ontario?

Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Bill Vrebosch

"That that the What's Next Ontario presentation by AMO Senior Advisor Matthew Wilson to the City of Brockville be sponsored by ROMA for up to \$1,000."

CARRIED

It was clarified that these monies were to be used to offset the facilitation costs (food) at the local municipality that hosted the event.

POLICY ITEMS

8. Policy Update

Cathie Brown provided an update on the following policy items:

- Waste Free Ontario Act
- Bill 148 – *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*
- Extension of Two Way Radio Exemption

Moved by Chris Wray

Seconded by Allan Thompson

"That ROMA write to the Minister of Transportation asking the Ministry to publicize that two way radios may be mounted to comply with the regulation."

CARRIED

Moved by Allan Thompson

Seconded by Ric Bresee

"That the report be received."

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Moved by Chris Wray

Seconded by Robert Pasuta

"That ROMA write to the Minister of Finance requesting further clarity and information on the OMPF program."

CARRIED

9a. FOCA Research Proposal: Septic Re-Inspection Case Studies

**Moved by Liz Danielsen
Seconded by Ric Bresee**

"That ROMA write to FOCA requesting the results of the FOCA research, and lessons learned on septic and septic re-inspection."

CARRIED

REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES

10. i) AMO Board of Directors, Rural Caucus Update - Ron Holman & AMO Rural Caucus
ii) Rural Ontario Institute (ROI) – Chris White
iii) Nuclear Waste Management Ontario (NWMO) Municipal Forum – Liz Huff
iv) Greenbelt Consolidation Policy Group – Allan Thompson
v) Drainage Working Groups – Bill Bilton
vi) Indigenous Relations Task Force – Ric Bresee
vii) Other

**Moved by Mark Wales
Seconded by Bill Vrebosch**

"That the Committee Reports be received."

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS (Items 11 – 20)

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

"That the Information Items be received."

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

21. Other business brought forward by members

No further business.

22. Agenda items for future ROMA Board meetings
 - High Speed Rail
 - Cemetery Policy Update
 - OPP Update

ADJOURNMENT

23. Next meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2017, 9:30 – 1:30 p.m., AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario
24. Adjournment

Moved by Eli El-Chantiry
Seconded by Mark Wales

“That we do now adjourn to meet again.”

CARRIED