

**Meeting of the ROMA Board  
AMO Office  
200 University Avenue, Suite 801  
Toronto, Ontario**

**October 11, 2019  
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)

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)

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

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

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

Cameron Wales, Councillor, City of Brockville (Zone 7) – Via Teleconference

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

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

Robin Jones, Mayor, Village of Westport (AMO Rural Caucus) – Via Teleconference

### **Staff:**

Executive Director, Brian Rosborough

Executive Treasurer, Afshin Majidi

Director, Membership Centre, Petra Wolfbeiss

Administrative Assistant, Brittany Ardiel

### **Guests:**

Dennis Prouse, Vice President, Government Affairs Crop Life Canada

Darell Pack, Director, Provincial Regulatory Affairs, Crop Life Canada

### **Early Departures:**

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

### **Regrets: None**

1. Chair's Welcome – Allan Thompson

Chair Allan Thompson welcomed Board Members and introduced the new AMO Director, Membership Centre, Petra Wolfbeiss with congratulations. Chair Thompson also noted that for the timed items we would welcome Dennis Prouse and Darell Pack of Crop Life Canada.

2. Declaration

- Pecuniary interest - none
- Early departure - none

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

3. Approval of August 18, 2019 ROMA Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Chris Wray**  
**Seconded by Peter Emon**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion to approve minutes of August 18, 2019”*

4. Approval of August 18, 2019 ROMA Special General Meeting Minutes

**Moved by Robin Jones**  
**Seconded by Ei El Chantry**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion to approve minutes of the ROMA Special General Meeting of August 18, 2019”*

5. Executive-Treasurer’s Report – Afshin Majidi

Afshin Majidi reviewed the 2019 Financial Statements.

**Moved by Ei El Chantry**  
**Seconded by Dennis**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion to receive Executive Treasurers Report “*

6. ROMA Zone 10 Election, Notice, Appointment of Returning Officer – Brian Rosborough

Brian Rosborough discussed with the Board that a call for Nominations for the Zone 10 election be issued to Zone 10 municipal councils consistent with ROMA’s Rule of Procedures and will include Zone map.

**Moved by Bill Vrebosch**

**Seconded by Peter Emon**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion that a call for Nominations for the Zone 10 Election be issued and that Brian Rosborough be appointed returning officer for the Zone 10 election to occur at the ROMA 2020 Conference.”*

7. Appointment to OMAFRA Agriculture-Wildlife Conflict Working Group - Cathie

The Board canvassed members interest in an appointment to the OMAFRA Wildlife Conflict Working Group. Dennis Crevits agreed to represent ROMA. ROMA will cover expenses for the representative to participate in meetings.

**Moved by Chris White**  
**Seconded by Cameron Wales**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion that Dennis Crevits be appointed to the OMAFRA Agriculture-Wildlife working group.”*

## **TIMED ITEMS**

8. 10:00am CropLife Canada Presentation from Dennis Prouse, Vice President, Government Affairs and Darell Pack, Director, Provincial Regulatory Affairs

Dennis Prouse and Darell Pack from Crop Life Canada provided an overview of their key initiatives and advocacy efforts related to pest management and sustainable farming.

The City of Hamilton’s report from its Medical Officer of Health examining local authority on pesticide use was discussed.

9. 11:00 am Conference Update – Victoria Van Veen

Victoria Van Veen provided an update on conference planning for ROMA 2020. Concurrent session ideas were reviewed with the following tabled for consideration:

- Conservation Authorities
- Bill 108 implications
- Funding constraints-emerging new reality of mandated versus discretionary service provision and municipal capacity
- Opioid crisis
- Mental Health-stigmatization in the municipal work place
- Hate crimes

- Health changes
- Bill 21
- Dams
- Infrastructure deficit
- Broad band

Key note/plenary presentations and invitations to Provincial leaders were also reviewed.

#### 10.11:30 am Communications Update – Farah Tayabali, Redbrick Communications

In preparation for the 2020 ROMA Conference, Farah Tayabali reviewed the media and social media analysis for 2019. A considerable uptake in tweets occurred at the 2019 Conference from previous years. Farah highlighted that there will again be interest from the French media and that timely access to French speaking representative will be important.

**Moved by Eli El Chantry**  
**Seconded by Chris Wray**

#### **CARRIED**

*“Motion to approve the proposed communication services plan.”*

*12:30pm Lunch*

#### **POLICY**

#### 11. Policy Update – Cathie Brown

Cathie Brown, Senior AMO Advisor reviewed the following policy issues with the Board:

1. Bill 108 – update on regulation process and advisement that consultation on the Provincial Policy Statement is underway. Anticipated impact on how development occurs was discussed.
2. Joint and Several Liability – advisement of AMO submission to the Attorney General and encouragement of endorsement from municipal councils.
3. New Police Services Act – advisement that Bill 68 received Royal Assent. Review of key municipal implications and expectation that further consultation with municipalities will take place.
4. Waste Management Policy – Highlighted August 15<sup>th</sup> announcement of full producer responsibility to occur between 2023-2025.
5. Social Assistance Reform – reviewed AMO’s ongoing engagement with provincial government on social assistance and employment program reform and AMO’s recommendation to reverse its decision on eliminating the Transitional Child Tax Benefit.
6. Childcare – Review of province’s reversal of in year funding changes to a 3-year phase in. AMO is working with province of developing a new Childcare and Early Years Strategy.

7. Community Housing Renewal – AMO has provided input to government’s regulations on enhancing public safety in community housing, simplifying administration of social housing wait list and rent-geared to income rules.
8. Employment Services Transformation – pilot on three new employment services models to get underway and who will be services system managers for employment in Peel Region, Muskoka-Kawartha’s and Hamilton Niagara.
9. Aggregates Reform – Proposed regulatory changes have been proposed with AMO working with the government on drinking water, nuisance issues and enforcement of haul routes.
10. Provincial Policy Statement – proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement were discussed. Land severance on farms was raised by the Board with a request to send the Minister a letter requesting clarification and outlining recommendations on severance of farm property to accommodate changing realities.

*AMO staff to work with Chair Thomson to draft letter addressing issues and recommendations related to severance of farm property.*

**Moved by**  
**Seconded by**

**CARRIED**

*“Motion that the Policy Report be received.”*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

12. Partnerships – Brian Rosborough

The Board acknowledged and welcomed the discussion scheduled with OGRA at the November 15, 2019 meeting of the ROMA Board.

13. International Ploughing Match Update – Allan Thompson

Chair Allan Thompson, Bill Vrebosch and Chris Wray reported to the Board that the International Ploughing match was a success and asked the Board to consider having a ROMA booth at next years event.

## **REPORTS OF AMO and ROMA COMMITTEES**

14. Committee Reports

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS (Pages 29 – 109)**

No Information items pulled for discussion

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

15. Other business brought forward by members

16. 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**

17. Next meeting: November 15, 2019, 9:30pm – 1:30pm, AMO Office, 200 University Avenue, Suite 801, Toronto, Ontario

18. Adjournment

**Moved by** Jan O'Neil

**Seconded by** Dennis Cervits

**CARRIED**