

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Agenda

**Thursday, July 13, 2023
1:00 p.m.**

**Northumberland County
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON**

1. Call Meeting to Order / Welcome / Land Acknowledgement

On behalf of the members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), I would like to formally recognize the traditional keepers of this land. The EOWC recognizes that our work and the work of municipal governments takes place on traditional Indigenous territories. We recognize and respect the history, languages, and cultures of all Indigenous peoples on this land whose presence continues to enrich our communities.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion

"That the Agenda of the July 13, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated."

4. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Motion

"That the Minutes from the EOWC Inc. meeting of May 11, 2023 be approved as presented."

5. Delegations

6. Ongoing Activities

6.1 EOWC Letter to Minister Lecce re: Childcare – Connor Dorey

- Letter (attached)

Recommended Motion

"That the EOWC approve staff to send a letter to Minister Lecce regarding the concerns, struggles and opportunities of the Ontario child care system."

6.2 EOWC Letter to Federal Minister LeBlanc re: Federal-Provincial Infrastructure Funding Program for Municipalities – Chair Emon / Meredith Staveley-Watson

- Letter (attached)
- [OBCM Sends Letter to Minister Leblanc on Infrastructure Funding - Ontario Big City Mayors](#)

Recommended Motion

“That the EOWC approve staff to send a letter regarding support of the Ontario Government’s request for a Federal-Provincial infrastructure funding program for municipalities in Ontario.”

6.3 FCM Municipal Finance Tool – Meredith Staveley-Watson

Recommended Motion

“Whereas, Municipalities are constrained in their ability to generate revenue to fund their capital and operating expenses, with property taxes being an unsuitable and unsustainable tool for Canadian municipalities to support essential services, maintain critical infrastructure, accommodate growing populations and contribute to economic growth; and

Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted municipal revenue, especially transit fare revenue in the bigger cities, creating multi-year budgeting challenges and laying bare the inadequacy of the current municipal fiscal framework, including the limited powers that municipalities currently have to raise their own revenue; and

Whereas, The post-pandemic recovery has led to growth in provincial and federal revenue through sales and income taxes while municipal revenue, namely property taxes, has either stagnated or declined over the last five years when adjusted for inflation; and

Whereas, Canada’s population grew by over one million in 2022—the highest annual growth rate since 1957; and

Whereas, Municipalities own and operate around 60 per cent of Canada’s core public infrastructure and are responsible for the full lifecycle cost of operating, maintaining and replacing capital assets, while federal and provincial/territorial governments typically only contribute to the upfront capital costs; and

Whereas, Municipalities are generally responsible for operating costs, including large and growing budget lines for police and protective services and public transit, and municipalities are limited in their ability to borrow for operating costs and are prohibited from running deficits; and

Whereas, The role of local governments has evolved significantly in recent decades, with municipalities taking on new responsibilities with respect to health

and social services, housing and economic development; and longstanding responsibilities like policing, waste management and water and wastewater services becoming more complex due to societal issues like mental health, homelessness and climate change; and

Whereas, Municipalities are critical to solving national policy challenges and political priorities like housing affordability, homelessness, mental health and the opioid and addiction crisis, adapting to climate change, reducing GHG emissions, economic development, and, ultimately, achieving a high quality of life for Canadians; now therefore be it resolved

That Canada needs a modernized fiscal framework for municipalities; and be it further resolved

That the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) supports the Federation of Canadian municipalities (FCM) to lead the development of a new municipal growth framework that results in municipal financial capacity being more accurately linked to items such as national population growth, inflation, economic growth and the role of Canadian municipalities in the 21st century; and be it further resolved

That the EOWC calls upon the federal government and provincial and territorial governments to engage FCM and provincial territorial associations in the development of a Municipal Growth Framework through a process by which new sources of municipal revenue — including predictable intergovernmental transfers and new direct taxation powers — are proposed, evaluated and implemented.

6.4 Federal Bill C-295: An Act to Amend the Criminal Code around Long-Term Care – All

- [C-295 \(44-1\) - LEGISinfo - Parliament of Canada](#)

Recommended Motion:

“Whereas *Bill C-295: An Act to Amend the Criminal Code* has received second reading; and

Whereas the Bill appears to criminalize certain matters related to the operation of long-term care facilities in Ontario and across Canada; and

Whereas owners and operators of long-term care facilities are subject to the provisions of the Bill; and

Whereas if convicted of an offense individuals covered by the Bill face up to four years in federal prison; now

Therefore the EOWC directs staff to undertake a fulsome review of the draft Bill including any legal review as required, to assess the implications of the Bill on long-term care operations on EOWC members; and

That staff reach out to the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their input and advice; and

That staff report back to the EOWC at the next regular meeting.”

6.5 EOWC ‘7 in 7’ Regional Housing Plan Update – Craig Kelley / Jim Pine / Jason St.Pierre

Recommended Motion:

“**That** the EOWC authorize the Chair/Secretary-Treasurer to enter into an Agreement with EORN for the project management of the Eastern Ontario Regional Housing Initiative (EORHI/’7 in 7’), and to do or cause to be done all such manner or act or thing as may be required to give full force and effect to further the ‘7 in 7’ Business Case and to complete same; and

That the funding to complete the entire said Agreement, including monetary consideration, incidental expenses, applicable taxes and other costs related thereto, shall be taken from the Special Projects Reserve; and

That EORN staff report back to the Caucus with a work plan and related budget estimates at the virtual EOWC August meeting.”

Recommended Motion:

“**That** the EOWC direct staff to send a letter to Minister Hussen regarding housing accelerator fund (HAF) funding being open to the EOWC and applicable to the EOWC regional housing initiative.”

6.6 AMO Briefing Notes –Meredith Staveley-Watson

- Housing
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Ministry of Finance
- Paramedic Services
 - Principles and Enabling Factors Guiding Paramedicine in Canada (attached for information only)
- Long-Term Care

6.7 High Frequency Rail (HRF) Update – Chair Peter Emon

- Email from Jacques Fauteux, Director of Strategic Engagement

6.8 Transportation Planning Study – Maureen Adams

- Transportation Planning Study Presentation (attached)

- 6.9 Rural Education Funding – Maureen Adams**
 - EOWC resolution of support (draft attached)
- 6.10 Website and Branding Refresh Update – Heather Wrightly**
- 6.11 EOWC 2023 Inaugural Internship Program Update – Mary Farvolden**
- 6.12 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC) Update – Vice Chair**
Bonnie Clark / Kelly Pender / Sheridan Graham
- 6.13 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Update – Jason St.Pierre /**
Lisa Severson / Jim Pine
 - EORN Cell Gap Project Dashboard (attached)
- 6.14 Manager of Government Relations and Policy Update – Meredith**
Staveley-Watson
- 7. New Business / Announcements**
 - EOWC Chair and Vice Chair Update, May – June, 2023
 - EOWC members are encouraged to share items of regional interest
- 8. Closed Session – N/A**
- 9. Correspondence**
 - 9.1. Outgoing**
 - 9.1.1** EOWC letter to the Honourable Vic Fedeli regarding support for the NuBuild Project in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, dated May 23, 2023
 - 9.1.2** EOWC letter to the Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, regarding support for the NuBuild Project in the United counties of Prescott and Russell, dated May 23, 2023
 - 9.1.3** EOWC press release regarding Paramedic Study Partial Refresh, dated May 24, 2023
 - 9.1.4** EOWC letter to Honourable Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing, dated May 25, 2023
 - 9.1.5** EOWC letter to all eastern Ontario Members of Parliament regarding support for South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, dated May 26, 2023 (example included)

- 9.1.6** EOWC letter to all eastern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament regarding support for South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, dated May 26, 2023 (example included)
- 9.1.7** EOWC letter to EOWC Wardens and Mayors regarding support for South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, dated May 26, 2023 (example included)
- 9.1.8** EOWC Spring 2023 Newsletter
- 9.1.9** EOWC letter to Hon. Steve Clark regarding Homeless Prevention Program funding, dated June 28, 2023
- 9.1.10** EOWC letter to Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk regarding Regional Paramedic Services Report and Recommendations, dated July 4, 2023
- 9.1.11** EOWC letter to CMHC President Romy Bowers regarding rental market data and use of RHIS, dated July 7, 2023

9.2 Incoming

- 9.2.1** AMO Ending Homelessness Symposium 2023: [Summary of Proceedings](#)
- 9.2.2** Resolution from United Counties of Prescott and Russell in support of the '7 in 7' Regional Housing Plan, dated April 26, 2023
- 9.2.3** Resolution from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills regarding rural education funding, dated May 9, 2023
- 9.2.4** Resolution from Prince Edward County regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), dated May 10, 2023
- 9.2.5** Letter from Lanark County to M.P.P John Jordan regarding long-term care staffing, dated May 10, 2023
- 9.2.6** Letter and resolution from United Counties of Prescott and Russell regarding support for the NuBuild Project, dated May 10, 2023
- 9.2.7** Resolution from United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry regarding proposed Provincial Policy Statement changes, dated May 15, 2023
- 9.2.8** Letter from Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, regarding support for the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, received May 18, 2023

- 9.2.9** Resolution from Kawartha Lakes regarding Cannabis Act Support, dated May 23, 2023
- 9.2.10** Resolution from the Township of Cramahe regarding proposed Provincial Policy Statement changes, dated May 25, 2023
- 9.2.11** Resolution from Northumberland County regarding proposed Provincial Policy Statement Changes, dated May 26, 2023
- 9.2.12** Letter from EOWC GIS Sub-Group regarding MPAC's Data Sharing and Services Agreement (DSSA), dated May 26, 2023
- 9.2.13** Resolution from Peterborough County regarding support for South East Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), dated May 26, 2023
- 9.2.14** Letter from MPP John Jordan to Minister Lumsden regarding support for SEOPAF, dated May 29, 2023
- 9.2.15** Resolution from the Township of South Stormont regarding proposed Provincial Policy Statement changes, dated May 31, 2023
- 9.2.16** Letter from Honourable Nina Tangri, Associate Minister – Housing, regarding meeting for EOWC regional housing plan, dated June 1, 2023
- 9.2.17** Resolution from Peterborough County regarding support for the '7 in 7' regional housing plan, received June 2, 2023
- 9.2.18** Resolution from the Township of South Stormont regarding support for rural education funding, dated June 14, 2023
- 9.2.19** Resolution from City of Quinte West regarding support for the '7 in 7' regional housing plan, dated June 14, 2023
- 9.2.20** Resolution from United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry regarding support for the '7 in 7' regional housing plan, dated June 19, 2023
- 9.2.21** Resolution from Northumberland County regarding support for the '7 in 7' regional housing plan, dated June 21, 2023
- 9.2.22** Letter of Support from Township of Addington Highlands regarding rural education funding, dated June 22, 2023
- 9.2.23** Letter from the Town of Fort Erie to Premier Doug Ford regarding support for City of Quinte West resolution regarding renovations, dated June 27, 2023

- 9.2.24** Resolution from the Township of Cramahe regarding proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, dated June 27, 2023
- 9.2.25** Resolution from the County of Prescott Russell regarding support for the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund, dated June 28, 2023
- 9.2.26** Resolution from the Township of Champlain supporting City of Quinte West resolution regarding renovations, received July 4, 2023
- 9.2.27** Resolution from City of Pickering regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), dated July 4, 2023

10. By-laws

11. Notice of Motions

12. Confirmation By-law #23-07

“That the Board of Directors of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus hereby enacts as follows:

1. **That** the action of the Board of Directors at its meeting held the 13th day of July, 2023 in respect of each motion, resolution, by-law and other action passed and taken by the Board of Directors at its said meeting, except where prior approval of any other body or agency is required, is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.

2. **That** the Chair and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. are hereby authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain any approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary, and the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.”

13. Adjournment

14. Next Meeting

- Thursday, August 10, 2023
Virtual Participation