

# Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Agenda

Thursday, May 11, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

Viamede Resort  
County of Peterborough  
595 Mount Julian Viamede Road, Woodview, Ontario

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## 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 May 11, 2023 meeting be approved as circulated."

## 4. Approval of Minutes

### Recommended Motion

"That the Minutes from the EOWC Inc. meeting of March 9 and 10, 2023 be approved as presented."

## 5. Delegations

### 5.1 Final Report on the Paramedic Services Partial Refresh – Marvin Rubinstein

- Final report (attached)
- Appendices (attached)

## 6. Ongoing Activities

### 6.1 High Speed Rail – Warden Bob Mullin / Jim Pine

- Letter from Government of Canada to Warden Bob Mullin (attached)

Recommended Motion

“**That** the EOWC direct staff to invite HFR representatives to provide an update at a future EOWC delegation.”

**6.2 Support to Lift Moratorium on Pupil Accommodation Review and School Closures** – Warden Tony Fraser / Maureen Adams

- Resolution from Township of Bonfield (attached)
- Resolution from the Township of South Glengarry (attached)

Recommended Motion

“**That** the EOWC direct staff to draft a resolution of support regarding the pupil accommodation review and rural education funding.”

**6.3 Cross-border Paramedic Funding** – Warden Nancy Peckford

- Letter from Warden Nancy Peckford (attached)

**6.4 Rural Housing Information System (RHIS)** – Sheridan Graham / Meredith Staveley-Watson

- Communications between Prince Edward County Mayor Steve Ferguson and CMHC (attached)

**6.5 EOWC ‘7 in 7’ Regional Housing Plan** – Chair Peter Emon / Jim Pine

**6.6 AMO 2023 Delegations** – All

- EOWC-WOWC Joint meeting on Sunday
  - Request to support WOWC in advocacy for school bus cameras
- Speakers for each [Strategic Priority](#)
- Delegation requests / strategy
  - Minister of Long-Term Care
  - Minister of Health
  - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
  - Liberal Caucus
  - NDP Caucus

Recommended Motion

“**That** the EOWC direct EOWC staff to submit delegation requests for the AMO 2023 Conference around 2023 strategic priorities, including three single delegation requests to the Minister of Long-Term Care, Minister of Health and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.”

**6.7 EOWC Procurement Policy** – Meredith Staveley-Watson

Recommended Motion

“**That** the EOWC establishes a procurement policy that follows the Peterborough County procurement policy.

- 6.8 Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC) Meeting** – Chair Peter Emon
- 6.9 Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (EOLC) Update** – Vice Chair  
Bonnie Clark / Kelly Pender / Sheridan Graham
- 6.10 Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Update** – Jason St.Pierre /  
Lisa Severson / Jim Pine
- EORN Cell Gap Project Dashboard (attached)
- 6.11 Manager of Government Relations and Policy Update** – Meredith  
Staveley-Watson
- Manager Workplan Dashboard (attached)
- 7. New Business / Announcements**
- EOWC Chair and Vice Chair Update, March 3 – May 3, 2023 (attached)
  - EOWC members are encouraged to share items of regional interest
- 8. Closed Session – N/A**
- 9. Correspondence**
- 9.1. Outgoing**
- 9.1.1** EOWC Resolution, *a Call to the Provincial Government to End Homelessness*, sent to Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health and Associate Minister Michael Parsa, dated March 14, 2023.
- 9.1.2** [EOWC News Release regarding 2023 Priorities, dated March 20, 2023 \(linked\)](#)
- 9.1.3** Congratulatory letter to Parliamentary Assistant Matthew Rae, dated March 23, 2023
- 9.1.4** Letter to Member of Parliament Ryan Williams regarding the EOWC application to the Canada Summer Jobs fund, dated March 23, 2023
- 9.1.5** EOWC Resolution in support of South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), dated March 24, 2023
- 9.1.6** EOWC Letter to Premier Doug Ford in support of the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), dated April 28, 2023

**9.1.7** EOWC Letter to Jacques Fauteux, Director of Strategic Engagement, VIA High Frequency Rail Project, dated April 26, 2023

## **9.2 Incoming**

**9.2.1** Email from Heather Haldane, Co-Chair, South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), regarding presentation to EOWC, received March 29, 2023

**9.2.2** Rural Ontario Institute letter regarding transfer of Rural Housing Information System (RHIS) ownership to ROI, dated March 31, 2023

**9.2.3** Letter of Support to Premier Doug Ford from Renfrew County, regarding South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), dated April 3, 2023

**9.2.4** Letter from Warden Nancy Peckford, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, regarding Paramedic Service Delivery Outside of Service Area, dated April 6, 2023

**9.2.5** Letter from Government of Canada to Warden Bob Mullin, Hastings County, regarding high speed rail network, dated April 11, 2023

**9.2.6** Invitation to present at FCM conference, received April 20, 2023

**9.2.7** Email from Premier Doug Ford regarding South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund (SEOPAF), dated May 5, 2023

## **10. By-laws**

## **11. Notice of Motions**

### **Natural Heritage and water-related policies – Warden Ron Vandewal**

Whereas Bill 23 – More Homes Built Faster Act under Ontario Regulation 596/22 has removed the ability for Conservation Authorities to provide municipalities with review and commenting services as part of the planning approval process on natural heritage and water-related policies;

Whereas the municipalities of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus region are committed to providing reliable and timely planning application process support for applicants;

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus feels strongly that this current legislation change is not in the best interest of rural municipalities or its residents;

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus feels that these services are best provided by the local conservation authority due to the existing working relationship, historical knowledge of the covered geographic area, and technical expertise provided by Conservation Authority staff on matters related to natural heritage and water-related plan review services; and

Whereas the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus feels that municipalities benefit from leveraging the expertise of their local conservation authority. The current wording in Bill 23 forces municipalities to contract this work out to the private sector where there is already limited expertise and capacity to take on this expanded role;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus request that the province reconsider the current wording in Bill 23; and

That the ability to provide review and commenting services as part of the planning approval process on natural heritage and water-related policies be reinstated with the addition of language that would require Conservation Authorities to process applications within a legislated time frame; and

That the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus direct staff to send this motion to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's).

## **12. Confirmation By-law #23-06**

**“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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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, July 13, 2023  
Northumberland County