

MEETING OF
THE ONTARIO SMALL URBAN MUNICIPALITIES (OSUM)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Pillar and Post, Niagara-On-The-Lake

A G E N D A

1. Welcome

Jim Collard, Councillor	Niagara-On-The-Lake
Gail Campbell, Councillor	Town of Orangeville
Gail Ardiel, Councillor	Town of The Blue Mountains
Rick Milne, Councillor	Town of New Tecumseth
Paul Grenier, Councillor	City of Welland
Tom Clifford, Councillor	City of Stratford
Jamie McGarvey, Mayor	Town of Parry Sound
Rob Foster, Councillor	Town of Lincoln
Bob Kilger, Mayor	City of Cornwall
Lynn Dollin, Councillor	Town of Innisfil
Ron Elliott, Councillor	Town of Minto
Neil R. Ellis, Mayor	City of Belleville
Michelle Smibert, CAO	Middlesex Centre
Larry J. McCabe, CAO	Town of Goderich
Ted Blowes	Conference Coordinator
Gary McNamara	Honorary Member

2. Welcoming Remarks-Chair Jim Collard

Jim Collard welcomes the OSUM Executive Committee to the Pillar and Post Niagara-On-The-Lake.

3. Conflict of Interest

None

4. MINUTES:

- Approval of Executive Committee Minutes-October 20, 2012
- Receipt of OSUM Caucus Minutes of November 30, 2012

Moved by Larry McCabe

Seconded by Michelle Smibert

That the October 20, 2012 Executive Committee Minutes and the November 30, 2012 Caucus Minutes, be approved.

CARRIED

5. Delegations and Presentations

- a) Dawn McInnis, Communications Officer, NOTL, report regarding convention Improvement Ideas

Dawn McInnis from NOTL who helped organize the Conference two years ago is present and provides information to the Executive Committee concerning some of the matters that could be addressed to improve the Conference. Some of her input is as follows:

- Make sure that the costs of IT are clarified
- Address credit card fee
- Ensure the exact number of Exhibitor booths
- Consider a survey, i.e.; Survey Monkey following the Conference for input from delegates
- Endeavor to have local sponsors contribute to the Conference and be acknowledged
- Be aware of the staff resources that are required during the Conference and in the Conference planning
- Ensure there is sufficient accommodation
- Consider Municipal speakers not just Provincial speakers
- Make sure there is sufficient time to prepare for the night or evening functions and be cognoscente of various noise levels as a result of the Conference in relation to Conference sessions

Chair Collard thanks Dawn McInnis for being present and providing input on how to improve upcoming OSUM Conferences.

6. Letter and newsletter from Mayor's Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing (ASAP)

- a) update from OSUM liaison Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Appended to the Minutes is a copy of a report prepared by Mayor McGarvey concerning policing and also concerning low water levels. Following review of the policing portion of the memo;

Moved by Rob Foster

Seconded by Ron Elliott

That the OSUM Executive Committee receive the report from Jamie McGarvey concerning future of policing and the costs and the Committee that has been formed by the Mayors Coalition on policing.

CARRIED

Honorary Member Gary McNamara provides an AMO update concerning the policing matter to the OSUM Executive Committee.

With regards to the low water issue, a resolution has been prepared. The Town of Parry Sound and the Township of Archipelago will be hosting a workshop on low water levels in Georgian Bay due to the impact on residents cottages and businesses. There will be meetings held with Municipalities and the First Nations Community and he is asking for support with regards to both the Georgian Bay Coastal Community's concerns and the levels in the Great Lakes and the effect on water quality, recreational facilities, business and shoreline residents. Accordingly;

Moved by Jamie McGarvey
Mayor, Parry Sound

Seconded by Rick Milne
Deputy Mayor, Town of Tecumseh

Whereas the Town of Parry Sound and the Township of Archipelago are hosting workshops over concerns of low water levels in Georgian Bay;

And Whereas low water levels are having an impact on residents, cottages and businesses;

And Whereas there is an estimation of approximately 10,000 jobs that could be affected by the low water levels in this area;

And Whereas Municipalities need to prepare themselves for the work that will be needed as early as Spring concerning low water levels;

And Whereas consultation should occur between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Ministry of Natural Resources at the earliest possible date;

And Whereas there may be some Federal funding with regards to low water levels that must be clarified with the Federal Government;

Be It Therefore Resolved:

- 1) That the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Executive Committee supports the efforts of the Georgian Bay Coastal Communities to find ways of dealing with the low water levels in Georgian Bay and the impact that the low water levels will have on water quality, business, tourism and shoreline residents, whether seasonal or year round.
- 2) Given that the low water levels in the Great Lakes are affecting water quality, recreational facilities, businesses and shoreline residents, that the Ontario

Small Urban Municipalities Executive Committee recommend that the Provincial Government take into consideration the low water levels in the Great Lakes when developing water strategy and initiatives and that this resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, The Ad Hoc Council of Great Lakes Governor's Advisory Council, The Great Lakes Governor's Commission, the Provincial Government, the Federal Government and to the Local Member of Provincial Parliament.

CARRIED

7. Media Release-Town of Tecumseh concerning "Federal Packaging Rule Changes Threaten Canadian Food Packagers and Farmers"-see 9b) below

8. Letter from the City of Stratford, dated January 14, 2013 regarding an expression of interest in 2016 OSUM Conference

9. Updates from Members

- a) Lynn Dollin-Double Hatter-Volunteer Firefighters

Lynn Dollin provides an update with regards to the Double Hatter situation and Volunteer Firefighters.

Moved by Tom Clifford

Seconded Michelle Smibert

That the verbal report concerning Double Hatter-Volunteer Firefighters from Lynn Dollin, be received.

CARRIED

- b) Paul Grenier-Conservation Authorities

No further information at this time.

- c) Jamie McGarvey-Police Issues

Previously handled

- d) Gary McNamara-Challenges to Ontario's Cannery's

Member Gary McNamara explains the concern with regards to harmonizing can size and labeling between Canada and using the United States model. He is concerned that legislation has been passed and changes must occur if this is the case with regards to the Federal Government's approval of these changes. Such

changes will drastically affect the Cannery in Southwestern Ontario and throughout Canada he explains fully the concerns. He will also provide additional information that a resolution can be prepared to go to the appropriate Ministries concerning the harmonization and labeling issue. Following discussion;

Moved by Gail Ardiel

Seconded by Rick Milne

That Honorary Member Gary McNamara provides additional information concerning in the FCM resolution that had been passed and forwarded to the appropriate Ministries concerning harmonizing can size and labeling that affects the food processing industry and that this be provided to Administrative Officer McCabe of OSUM for a possible resolution out to Municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by Rick Milne

Seconded by Gail Campbell

That the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Executive Committee emphasize their support in the form of a possible resolution to be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and all Ontario Municipalities contained in the AMO Watch file concerning the harmonizing can size and labeling of products that affect the food processing industry subject to further information being provided to prepare such a resolution.

CARRIED

e) Ted Blowes-Future conferences

Discussion occurs with regards to future conferences and following discussion;

Moved by Gail Ardiel

Seconded by Rick Milne

That the OSUM Conferences for upcoming years be as follows: 2013 New Tecumseth, 2014 Parry Sound, 2015 Belleville, 2016 Stratford and 2017 Niagara Falls.

CARRIED

Is it noted that a letter will be forthcoming from Belleville and other letters have been received indicating their interest.

f) Larry J. McCabe-Received call from Tony Clement's office-unable to attend the conference

A number of letters have been sent out to various Ministers and confirmation from Minister Clements office has been received that he will be unable to attend the conference.

10. 2012 Budget to Actual Statement-Larry McCabe

- 2012 Expenditures to Date
- 2013 Proposed Budget

Moved by Bob Kilger

Seconded by Gail Campbell

That the 2012 Expenditures to Date be received and that the 2013 Budget be approved subject to additional revenues that may be recognized as a result of Conference Coordinator Ted Blowes making further contacts for donations in this regard.

CARRIED

11. 2013 Conference Update-Rick Milne

A detailed review of the Conference is undertaken by Rick Milne and Ted Blowes and various changes are made as suggested by the OSUM Executive Committee to the Conference Committee as a result. The Conference Committee will convene and update the program for the 2013 Conference at the Nottawasaga Inn in New Tecumseth.

a) Draft letter to Past Chairs-Larry McCabe

Administrative Officer McCabe provides a draft letter inviting the Past Chairs as a result of the 60th Anniversary of OSUM being held this year and he will forward this out in the next week or two to invite them at the cost of OSUM to attend the banquet on the Thursday evening. In addition, Honorary Member Bryan Baxter will be extended an invitation.

b) List of Past Chairs

A list of the Past Chairs is provided by Administrative Officer McCabe.

c) Copy of letters sent to Hon. Christian Paradis, Hon. Denis Lebel, Hon. James Flaherty, Hon. Rob Nicholson and Hon. Tony Clement

It is noted that these letters have been sent to the various Ministers.

Moved by Larry McCabe

Seconded by Bob Kilger

That the reports and information provided in Agenda item number 11, be received.

CARRIED

12. New Business

- a) The information contained in the website update should be provided perhaps in a different format and although it is noted that we do not have any professional staff to do the same, Member Rob Foster will look into the website and provide additional information at the next meeting.
- b) A brief discussion occurs with regards to the Expert Panel Report on Electricity Distribution Sector; Putting the Consumer First and concern is expressed as has AMO and other LDC's concerning the report and forced amalgamations. Further discussions will occur in the future concerning this matter.
- c) Ron Elliott advises the OSUM Executive of a concern his Municipality has with regards to absentee land owners in the commercial areas specifically in Minto Township and the concern that the buildings are being neglected. The Committee provide input that perhaps they could consider the following:
 - Property standards
 - CIP Policies for Incentives
 - Heritage Policies to be implemented
 - Brownfield considerations
- d) Paul Grenier provides some correspondence to Ted Blowes with regards to possible trade booths that could be considered at the upcoming conference.
- e) Administrative Officer McCabe advises that he will be talking to the Municipal Auditors concerning any processes that have to be followed concerning registration of OSUM as a non-profit charitable organization and he will bring further information back to the Committee at a later date.
- f) With regards to a room to be set aside at the Nottawasaga Inn for speakers to reside at and Executive Committee Members and those contributors to the Conference;

Moved by Paul Grenier

Seconded by Gail Ardiel

That Administration be allocated up to \$500.00 to prepare an area separate for speakers, exhibitors and members of the OSUM Executive Committee to meet at the 2013 Nottawasaga Inn OSUM Conference.

CARRIED

13. To Do List

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 30, 2013 in New Tecumseth at the Nottawasaga Inn.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Larry McCabe

Seconded by Michele Smibert

That there being no further business, the OSUM Executive Committee meeting adjourn at 1:11 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY