

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

Date: Sunday, August 16, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Room 203 Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Regrets

Gail Campbell, Town of Orangeville
Jim Collard, Niagara-On-The-Lake
Gail Ardiel, Town of Blue Mountains
Jamie McGarvey, Town of Parry Sound
Rob Foster, Town of Lincoln
Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil
Ron Elliott, Town of Minto
Graydon Smith, Town of Bracebridge
Taso Christopher, City of Belleville

Administrative Representatives:

Larry McCabe	Town of Goderich
Michelle Smibert	Middlesex Centre

Regrets:

Gary McNamara	Honourary Member
Rick Milne	Town of New Tecumseth

2. Conflict of Interest

None

3. Deputations & Petitions

- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Hon. Ted McMeekin (3:00 p.m.)

The Honourable Ted McMeekin is present and receives questions from the OSUM Executive Committee members. He also makes comments with regards to initiatives that are currently underway with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, such as the Municipal Elections Act review, the Municipal Conflict

of Interest Act review, the Municipal Act review, and etc. The appointment of Ombudsman is also discussed.

Following discussion, on behalf of the OSUM Executive Committee Chair Lynn Dollin thanks the Minister for being present.

- Patrick Brown and Ernie Hardeman (4:00 p.m.)

Patrick Brown, could not be present, however Ernie Hardeman is present on behalf of the Conservative Party, along with Rob Decker and Tara Barry from the Leader's office.

The Committee discuss a number of concerns with regards to proposed legislation and specifically, Joint-Severel Liability, Interest Arbitration, and other matters affecting Small-Urban Municipalities.

Following discussion, on behalf of the OSUM Executive Committee Chair Lynn Dollin thanks Ernie Hardeman, Rob Decker, and Tara Barry for being present.

4. Minutes:

- Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – January 24, 2015

Moved by: Jamie McGarvey
Seconded by: Gail Campbell

That the Executive Committee Minutes for January 24, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

- Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – April 27, 2015

Moved by: Jamie McGarvey
Seconded by: Gail Campbell

That the Executive Committee Minutes for April 27, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

5. 2015 Budget-update finances-AMO-Larry McCabe

Administrative Officer McCabe presents the updated financial information, noting that there are approximately \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 more in expenses to be incurred, however that the Committee will finish with a healthy surplus in 2015.

- Contribution to Ontario Communities in Bloom
 - Letter from Martin Quinn, Chair, and dated August 10, 2015 attached.

Chief Administrative Officer McCabe suggests that a donation of \$2,500.00 be made to the Ontario Communities in Bloom Committee that would assist them in advertising and training programs that will acknowledge a donation from the OSUM Executive Committee.

It is also discussed that the 2015 allocation will be made in the memory of Ted Blowes.

Following discussion;

Moved by: Larry McCabe
Seconded by: Jim Collard

That the 2015 Budget be amended to reflect the payment of \$2,500.00 to the Ontario Communities in Bloom Committee, on behalf of Ted Blowes for the advertisements and brochures for training sessions.

CARRIED

Moved by: Gail Ardiel
Seconded by: Rob Foster

That the 2015 Budget-updated finances as presented by Administrative Officer McCabe be received as amended.

CARRIED

It is noted that a payment pursuant to policy of 50% of the proceeds has not yet been received by the Committee and a brief discussion occurs with regards to this payment. Administrative Officer McCabe will follow up with Taso Christopher and Sarah Tummon-Button, City of Belleville with regards to this matter.

6. Previous matters discussed by OSUM Executive Committee

- Update on Two Hat Issue

It is hoped that this matter will be resolved shortly and an updated regarding this matter will be provided when a resolution is received.

- Update-Small and Rural School Alliance

Jim Collard updates the Committee with regards to the Small and Rural School Alliance and advises that invoices have been sent out to municipalities to contribute to a study of approximately \$50,000.00 to a professor at the University of Western Ontario. He further advises that on August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Small and Rural School Alliance.

Following discussion;

Moved by: Taso Christopher

Seconded by: Larry McCabe

That the information provided on the Small and Rural School Alliance be tabled for discussion at the October 24, 2015 in Goderich.

CARRIED

- Appointment to Nuclear Waste Management Association-Jim Collard

Jim Collard provides an update with regards to his recent tour and involvement with the Nuclear Waste Management Association.

7. Correspondence

- a) Email from Nancy Plumridge, AMO, dated April 22, 2015 regarding insurance coverage of OSUM under AMO policy.

Received for information.

- b) Email from Minister Ted McMeekin, dated June 5, 2015 regarding the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's review of the following municipal legislation:
 - The Municipal Act
 - The City of Toronto Act
 - The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
 - The Municipal Elections Act

Received for information.

- c) Letter to Minister Ted McMeekin, dated July 20, 2015 requesting his attendance to the OSUM Executive Committee meeting at the AMO Conference

Received for information.

- d) Email from John Sisson, dated July 24, 2015 regarding notes from OSUM meeting on July 21, 2015 in Bracebridge, Ontario

The notes by John Sisson from the meeting of OSUM Executive members will be placed on the next Committee Agenda on October 24, 2015 to be discussed.

8. Conference Discussion and Update:

- 2016 Conference Location – Town of Goderich
- October 23/24, 2015 OSUM Executive Meeting – Goderich, ON

The next meeting of the OSUM Executive Committee will be on October 23, 2015 for a dinner and reception in Goderich and the Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers in Town Hall, 57 West Street, Goderich.

Administrative Officer McCabe will prepare an agenda for the meeting including the items mentioned herein.

Rob Foster advises that the theme for the meeting will be “Are You Prepared?” and that he is in the process of lining keynote speakers and Thursday night entertainment and will provide information for further discussion at the meeting in October.

9. New Business

OSUM Caucus has met on Saturday, August 15, 2015 and has confirmed with AMO that Lynn Dollin will continue to sit as OSUM Caucus Chair.

10. Next Meeting

October 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at Goderich Town Hall, 57 West St.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Larry McCabe
Seconded by: Gail Campbell

That there being no further business, the OSUM Executive Committee meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY