

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

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Menesetung Room, Town Hall, 57 West Street, Goderich

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

Also Present

Gary McNamara	Honourary Member
Pat Vanini	AMO

Lori Rounds	Town of Goderich	(part of the meeting)
Hannah Moore	Town of Goderich	(part of the meeting)

Regrets

Rick Milne, Town of New Tecumseth

2. Conflict of Interest

3. Deputations & Petitions

4. Minutes:

- a) Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – August 16, 2015

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Ron Elliott

That the Executive Committee Minutes for August 16, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

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

- a) Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenditures for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2015

Moved by: Jim Collard

Seconded by: Gail Campbell

That the Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenditures for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

It is noted that there will be a \$12,000.00-\$14,000.00 surplus for the year 2015.

- b) Update - 50% of conference proceeds from Belleville OSUM Conference 2015 and discussion on current policy

Discussion occurs with regards to the policy that has been implemented for 2015 of 50% of net conference proceeds being paid by the host to OSUM. There are varying opinions within the Committee as to this policy and other options such as a lump sum payment (i.e \$5,000.00 from the host municipality to OSUM) is discussed.

Following discussion;

Moved by: Larry McCabe

Seconded by: Taso Christopher

That this matter be deferred to after the discussion of 9. Strategic Planning.

6. Conference Discussion and Update:

- Town of Goderich staff attendance at 10:30 a.m.
- a) Email from Rob Foster, dated August 20, 2015 regarding 2016 OSUM Conference theme, speakers, and entertainment
- b) Email from Jim Collard, dated October 10, 2015 regarding draft program for 2016 OSUM Conference

A detailed discussion occurs in regards to the conference format and timing of various events by the Committee with the Town of Goderich staff in attendance. Several notes are made and the Conference Coordinators, Jim Collard and member Rob Foster, will provide further information to the Committee in the near future.

Chair Lynn Dollin thanks the Town of Goderich staff for attending and they will follow up on the direction from the Committee.

7. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford, dated September 1, 2015 regarding meeting with OSUM at the 2015 AMO conference

Received.

- b) Email from Heather Seaton, AMO, dated May 27, 2015 regarding Data Collection Form prepared on behalf of OSUM

Received.

- c) Email from Jackie Boggs, Town of Parry Sound, dated October 9, 2015 regarding the Town of Parry Sound's resolution to donate to Syrian Refugees

Following discussion;

Moved by: Jamie McGarvey
Seconded by: Taso Christopher

That OSUM Executive Committee contribute \$1,000.00 to the Syrian Refugee cause via the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities' Councils.

CARRIED

- d) Email from Karen Gauvreau, Parry Sound-Muskoka, dated September 24, 2015 regarding the reinstatement of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program
- e) Letter from Drew Hutcheson, dated October 8, 2015 regarding the Town of Bracebridge's resolution of support for the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program
 - Additional email and information from Drew Hutcheson, dated September 22, 2015 regarding OSEB program

Moved by: Graydon Smith

Seconded by: Jamie McGarvey

That the OSUM Executive Committee support the resolution as provided and to be reworded on behalf of the OSUM Executive Committee to reinstate the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program, noting that it is a Federal program administered by the Province and that the Ministers of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) be advised.

CARRIED

8. Unfinished Business

- Update-Small and Rural School Alliance

A discussion occurs with regards to the support for the Small and Rural School Alliance.

Moved by: Jim Collard

Seconded by Graydon Smith

That \$1,000.00 be forwarded to the Small and Rural School Alliance to support the costs associated with acquiring information from university professor, Bill Irwin, concerning the viability in small and rural communities.

The Committee requests a recorded vote. The Secretary McCabe records accordingly. The motion is carried on a vote of six (6) yeas and five (5) nays, as follows:

Yeas: Jim Collard, Graydon Smith, Jamie McGarvey, Michelle Smibert, Lynn Dollin, Larry McCabe

Nays: Rob Foster, Ron Elliott, Taso Christopher, Gail Ardiel, and Gail Campbell

CARRIED

- Municipal Conflict of Interest, Election Act, and Municipal Act Review
-Deadline Past

Although the deadline is past for the Municipal Elections Act, the Committee discuss the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing proposed changes to the Municipal Act and also, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Moved by: Jim Collard
Seconded by: Gail Ardiel

That correspondence be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the OSUM Executive Committee supports the Association of Municipalities position concerning the amendments to the Municipal Act and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

CARRIED

9. Strategic Planning

A detailed discussion occurs by the Committee concerning future direction of the Committee and various initiatives that could be undertaken with regards to strategic planning.

Information is provided by President of AMO, Gary McNamara, and CEO of AMO, Pat Vanini. Pat advises of a number of initiatives undertaken by AMO and further advises that the breakdown of the population in municipalities in the Province is as follows;

Population Size	Number of Municipalities
Under 10,000	271
10,000 – 25,000	80
25,000 – 50,000	28
50,000 – 100,000	31
Over 100,000	34
	441

Following further discussion on strategic planning;

Moved by: Gail Campbell
Seconded by: Rob Foster

That the OSUM Executive Committee approve member Graydon Smith to prepare a template questionnaire to be forwarded out municipalities having an interest in small-

urban matters, listing the top three priorities of members and that member Smith forward the draft to Committee members for review and finalization and that prior to the draft template being forwarded to all members, that members McCabe, Dollin, Smith and McGarvey will review the same and a copy will be sent to the Association of Municipalities Executive Director Pat Vanini.

CARRIED

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

10. New Business

11. Next Meeting

February 5, 2015 – Town of Lincoln

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Jamie McGarvey
Seconded by: Larry McCabe

That there being no further business, the OSUM Executive Committee meeting adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY