

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

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Place: Town of Lincoln Municipal Offices
4800 S Service Rd, Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Regrets

Jim Collard, Niagara-On-The-Lake
Gail Ardiel, Town of Blue Mountains
Rick Milne, Town of New Tecumseth
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

Gail Campbell, Town of Orangeville

At this time, Chair Lynn Dollin thanks Rob Foster for hosting the Committee on behalf of the Town of Lincoln.

2. Conflict of Interest

3. Deputations & Petitions

4. Minutes:

- a) Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – October 24, 2015

Moved by: Jim Collard

Seconded by: Graydon Smith

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

CARRIED

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

- a) Financial Statements – Revenues and Expenditures for the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2015
- b) Draft Statement of Revenue and Expenditures – 2015 OSUM Conference hosted by City of Belleville
- c) 50% of conference proceeds from Belleville OSUM Conference 2015 and discussion on current policy
- d) Investment of Funds
- e) Draft 2016 Budget
- f) 2016 OSUM Conference Sponsors

Following detailed discussion;

Moved by: Taso Christopher

Seconded by: Jamie McGarvey

That the Budget update and finances 5 (a) through (f) be received, noting the following;

1. That the current policy of 50% of the net proceeds paid to OSUM from the Host be discontinued, effective 2016 and that the policy \$5,000.00 payment by the Host to the OSUM Executive Committee
2. That the City of Belleville confirms that they will pay the \$7,000.00 amount representing approximately 50% of the net proceeds to OSUM
3. That Secretary McCabe has the authority to invest the excess funds in the OSUM account in either the HISA (High Interest Savings Account) or the One Fund and will coordinate this with the AMO staff

CARRIED

6. Conference Discussion and Update:

- a) Email from Johanna Hayes, Novita Interpares, dated December 18, 2016 requesting to present at the 2016 OSUM Conference regarding Small Communities in the 20th Century

Received for information.

- b) Draft 2016 Conference Program

A detailed discussion occurs with regards to finalizing the 2016 Conference Program in Goderich, including speakers, topics, and etc. Conference and Tradeshow Coordinator Jim Collard will prepare an updated draft program for distribution.

7. Correspondence

- a) Email from Jim Collard, dated October 29, 2015 regarding update from Nuclear Waste Management Organization regarding Press Release: NWMO Completes Phase 1 Preliminary Assessments in Central Huron

Received for information.

- b) Email from Alastair Baird, County of Renfrew, dated December 8, 2015 requesting consideration of hosting a future OSUM Conference in the County of Renfrew

Following discussion, a letter is to be forwarded by Secretary McCabe explaining that the request from the County of Renfrew to host a future OSUM Conference was received and under consideration for earliest available year of 2019, subject to receiving detailed information from the County of Renfrew regarding possible conference venue and accommodations and that the County of Renfrew be encouraged to attend the 2016 Conference in Goderich. This item will be moved to Unfinished Business in the interim.

- c) Letter from Gary McNamara, President of AMO, dated December 14, 2015 regarding OSUM's donation to Lifeline Syria

Received for information.

- d) Email from Bill Vrebosch, dated January 4, 2016 regarding Ombudsman meeting with ROMA in February

Chair Dollin will advise Mr. Bill Vrebosch that the Ombudsman department has been invited to partake in the 2016 OSUM Conference.

- e) Letter from Teena Ban Taylor, Ontario Sign Association, dated January 5, 2016 regarding interpretation of the Ontario Building Code sign regulations

Received for information.

- f) Email from Victoria van Veen, dated January 25, 2016 regarding Room Rental Request for the 2016 AMO Conference

Received for information.

- g) Registration form for Communities in Bloom Informative Session on Friday, February 12th, 2016 in Tilbury, Ontario

Received for information.

8. Unfinished Business

Future OSUM Conferences are confirmed as follows;

2016 – Goderich

2017 – Blue Mountains

2018 – Niagara Falls

2019 – To be discussed with the County of Renfrew

9. Strategic Planning

Discussion occurs, noting that member Graydon Smith is forwarding out a survey within the next few weeks to municipalities under the 50,000-100,000 population asking several questions concerning OSUM, which will benefit strategic planning discussion.

10. New Business

- a) Draft OSUM Nomination Letter

It is noted that Secretary McCabe will be forwarding out the nomination form and the covering letter in the following week.

- b) At this time, member Gail Ardiel advises of concerns on behalf of the Town of Blue Mountains regarding Bill 131 Share Economy legislation that is proposed by Tim Hudak and has received second reading. She explains the detailed licensing regime that has been put in place in her municipality and explains the importance of this licensing to the municipality and the amounts of dollars that have been expensed bringing in this licensing. She feels that Bill 131 will negatively affect this licensing process. She further presents a letter from Town of the Blue Mountains, dated November 30, 2015 to Tim Hudak expressing their concerns of Bill 131 Opportunity in the Sharing Economy Act, 2015.

Following discussion;

Moved by: Larry McCabe

Seconded by: Jamie McGarvey

That the OSUM Executive Committee support in principle the Town of the Blue Mountains position and that correspondence be forwarded by the OSUM Executive Committee expressing concerns to Mr. Hudak regarding the effect Bill 131 Opportunity in Sharing Economy Act, 2015 will have on municipalities and that member Gail Ardiel will notify Patrick Brown, Opposition regarding OSUM's concerns.

CARRIED

- c) Committee members express concern with regards to the Northern Ontario Development Funds and the Eastern Ontario Development Funds and how these funds are dispersed. Detailed discussion occurs with regards to the funds.
- d) Victim Services are discussed by the Committee and the importance of these within municipalities and that the Province should continue to support the services within municipalities.
- e) The Committee discussed concerns with regards to the Niagara escarpment commission issues and the funding related in those municipalities affected by the Niagara escarpment and the Green Belt. Specific concerns are that of planning issues and further dialogue may take place concerning this at subsequent meetings
- f) Member Rick Milne expresses the success Town of New Tecumseth had with regards to their renewed down town initiative and suggests a possible session at the Conference on this subject.
- g) Member Jim Collard expresses concerns with regards to funding of municipalities and specifically entitlement versus application form funding

and it is noted that the Provincial budget with AMO input may address some of these concerns in the form of the small rural communities initiative and funding

- h) Members of the Committee request Secretary McCabe to investigate the possibility of a Salt Mine Tour in Goderich on the Tuesday afternoon of the OSUM Conference for OSUM Executive Members.

11. Next Meeting: at 2016 OSUM Conference in the Town of Goderich.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Larry McCabe
Seconded by: Jamie McGarvey

That there being no further business, the OSUM Executive Committee meeting adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SECRETARY