

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

Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Quebec Room, 4th Floor, Westin Hotel, Ottawa, ON

MINUTES

Present:

Chair, Jamie McGarvey, Town of Parry Sound
Vice-Chair Graydon Smith, Town of Bracebridge

Jim Collard, Niagara-On-The-Lake - via phone
Gail Ardiel, Town of Blue Mountains
Rick Milne, Town of New Tecumseth
Rob Foster, Town of Lincoln - via phone part of the meeting
Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil
Ron Elliott, Town of Minto

Administrative Representatives:

Michelle Smibert Middlesex Centre
Larry McCabe Town of Goderich

Also Present:

Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, and support staff (part of the meeting)
Parliamentary Assistant Lou Rinaldi, MPP, and support staff (part of the meeting)
Joyce Morocco, Councillor, City of Niagara Falls
Amber Crawford, AMO Policy Advisor

Regrets:

Gail Campbell, Town of Orangeville
Taso Christopher, City of Belleville
Lynn Silverton, Municipality of Grey Highlands

Administrative Representatives:

Dwayne Evans Town of Goderich

Chair Jamie McGarvey welcomes those present to the OSUM Executive meeting and advises that during the course of the meeting, Ernie Hardeman, PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Parliamentary Assistant Lou Rinaldi (MPP) will be in attendance.

1. Conflict of Interest

None.

2. Minutes:

- a. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – April 7, 2017
- b. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes – May 5, 2017

Moved by: Gail Ardiel
Seconded by: Ron Elliott

That the Executive Committee Minutes – April 7, 2017 and May 5, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business

At this time, PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing Ernie Hardeman is present and the Committee discuss their major concerns and initiatives with Mr. Hardeman as follows; The Committee members express their concerns with regards to parts of Bill 148, which is the amendments to the Labour Relations Act and Employment Standards Act proposed by the Provincial government and having first reading at this time. The Committee also discusses their other major concern being infrastructure funding from the provincial and federal government. Mr. Hardeman outlines the concerns by the provincial government in both of these areas and discusses with the Committee in detail. Following discussion, Chair Jamie McGarvey thanks PC Critic Ernie Hardeman for his attendance and appreciates any concerns expressed today by the OSUM Executive Committee to be taken back to the PC Caucus.

At this time, Parliamentary Assistant Lou Rinaldi (MPP) to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is present. The Committee again expresses their two major concerns being the contents of Bill 148 and infrastructure funding by the provincial and federal government. Following discussion, Mr. Rinaldi advises that the Liberal government is aware of some of the concerns of Bill 148, especially in the areas of volunteer firefighters and childcare services, along with other areas that never intended to capture municipalities

within the legislation. He suggests that there will be amendments to the legislation after second reading and when it is before the Standing Committee. He further advises of a number of other initiatives with regards to matters in front of the government and also acknowledges the importance of infrastructure funding to municipalities. Following discussion, Chair Jamie McGarvey thanks Mr. Rinaldi for his presence and appreciates any concerns expressed today by the OSUM Executive Committee to be taken back to the provincial government for consideration.

- a. Financial Update – Member Larry McCabe to address
 - Balance Sheet and Income Statement ending as at June 30, 2017

Member McCabe advises that they should finish 2017 with approximately \$3,000-\$4,000.00 surplus, and further advises of the balance sheet and income statement status.

Moved by: Rob Foster
Seconded by: Graydon Smith

That the financial update be received.

CARRIED

- b. Summary of Survey Results - Vice-Chair, Graydon Smith – Email attached
 - Top Two:*
 - 1) Bill 148 - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act
 - 2) Asset Management – Infrastructure Planning

Vice-Chair Graydon Smith reviews survey results and notes the two major topics as discussed include parts of Bill 148 and infrastructure funding as discussed at this meeting with PC Critic Ernie Hardeman and Parliamentary Assistant Lou Rinaldi.

- c. Summary of Evaluation forms from Conference in Town of Blue Mountains
Received.

- d. Strategic Objectives to be presented - Chair Jamie McGarvey and Vice-Chair Graydon Smith
 - AMO's Main Initiative
 - Infrastructure Requirements
 - Double Hatter
 - Expanding medical response
 - Police Modernization Services Act
 - Housing Strategy

- Marijuana Legislation
- Healthcare Costs

The above strategic objectives are discussed by the Committee. In addition, the Committee discusses the Local Share Initiative, which will be dealt with during the course of the conference with government party representatives throughout the conference. They further discuss Bill 139 – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act (OMB Reform), as well as Bill 148 and Bill 142. Following discussion on these matters, member Larry McCabe will forward correspondence to AMO advising that the OSUM Executive Committee support these pieces of legislation.

Moved by: Rob Foster
Seconded by: Graydon Smith

That correspondence be forwarded to AMO advising that the OSUM Executive Committee has discussed Bill 148 and Bill 142 at their August 13, 2017 meeting and support AMO's position with regards to these pieces of legislation.

CARRIED

- e. Succession Planning - Memo from Larry McCabe, dated July 18, 2017

Memo from Larry McCabe, dated July 18, 2017 regarding succession planning is received noting that at the October/November meeting, members are asked to provide information with regards to their future involvement with OSUM and AMO, etc.

Referred to Unfinished Business on next agenda.

- f. Letter from Dwayne Evans, dated August 8, 2017 regarding CAO position with the Township of North Huron

Following discussion, Chair Jamie McGarvey will follow up in regards to this matter.

Received.

- g. Sponsorship Support

Moved by: Jim Collard
Seconded by: Rob Foster

That the OSUM Executive Committee approve the preliminary Sponsorship Support Package, in principle.

CARRIED

- h. Draft Conference Program 2018 - City of Niagara Falls (revised June 19, 2017)
 - Possible Theme:
“Paying for the Future”

The draft Conference Program for 2018 at the City of Niagara Falls is reviewed in detail, however, it is suggested that an email go out to the members, asking them for their proposed conference themes.

- i. Email from Laurie Bitner, City of Niagara Falls, dated August 2, 2017 regarding 2018 OSUM Conference

Received.

4. Correspondence

- a. Letter to Eric Rennie, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, dated July 9, 2017 regarding AMO’s submission on Bill 148

Received.

- b. Letter to Minister Bill Mauro, dated July 19, 2017 regarding invitation to OSUM Executive Meeting on August 13th at the 2017 AMO Conference

Received.

- c. Letters to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Honourable Patrick Brown and Honourable Andrea Horwath, dated May 11, 2017 regarding leadership debate at the 2018 OSUM Conference in Niagara Falls

Received.

- d. Letters to Minister Bill Mauro, Honourable Andrea Horwath, Honourable Patrick Brown and Honourable Ted McMeekin, dated May 8, 2017 and June 5, 2017 regarding thank-you for attendance at 2017 OSUM Conference

Received.

- e. Email from Lauren van den Berg, Counsel Public Affairs Inc., dated July 12, 2017 regarding OSUM and Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities

Received and Parkbridge Lifestyle Communities to be advised that they may opt for an Exhibitor Booth at the 2018 OSUM Conference.

- f. Email from Paula Macri, Municipality of Whitestone, dated July 7, 2017 regarding support for Municipality of Killarney's Bill 68 resolution

Received.

- g. Letter from Sean Finn, CN Corporate Services, dated April 18, 2017 regarding 2017 *CN in your Community* publication

Received.

- h. Email from Amber Crawford, AMO, dated August 4, 2017 regarding Comments on Bill 142, An Act to amend the Construction Lien Act

Received.

- i. Updated Guidelines for Hosting an OSUM Conference

Received.

- j. Email from Doug Reycraft, Community Schools Alliance, dated August 3, 2017 regarding session at 2018 OSUM Conference in Niagara Falls.

Member Jim Collard advises he will follow up with Doug Reycraft, Community Schools Alliance, and the Committee will further discuss Community Schools Alliance in the 2018 OSUM program at a future date.

5. New Business

- a. It is noted that Bill 139 – Local Planning Appeals and Tribunal Act (OMB Reform) correspondence will be forwarded to AMO supporting their position, similar to Bill 148 and Bill 142.

- b. 2018 Conference Theme – an email will go out to OSUM Executive Committee members, including City of Niagara Falls representatives, to propose possible themes for the 2018 Conference.
- c. Future Venues/Locations for OSUM Conferences – a discussion will occur at the October/November meeting with regards to the types of venues that will be considered in the future, including the County of Renfrew’s most recent request to host the 2019 conference.
- d. The Committee also ask if it is possible for Administrator McCabe to consider consolidating a list of emails and those that attend the OSUM Conference along with coordinating this with the list that was used by Vice-Chair Graydon Smith. Staff advise the Committee that they will endeavour to get this list together in the future, in order that information can be disseminated by the OSUM Committee through the Chair or Administrative Officer to those supporting the OSUM Executive Committee and their initiatives.

6. Next Meeting- Location and date to be determined.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourns at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER