

## MINUTES

Ontario Small Urban Municipalities

Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday March 8th, 2025 at 9:00am)

(Podium Room, Georgian Bay Hotel, Collingwood)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jamie McGarvey- Mayor, of Parry Sound-Chair

Bob Kwapis- Councillor, Town of Newmarket-Vice Chair

Ron Elliott- Councillor Town of Minto

Lynn Dollin- Mayor, Town of Innisfil (Virtually attending meeting)

Deb Doherty- Councillor, Town of Collingwood

Gail Ardiel- Councillor, Town of The Blue Mountains

Michelle Smibert- Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Thames Centre

Sharmila Setaram- Councillor, City of Welland

(Note: Composition of the Executive currently is 11 Municipally elected Members and one Administratively elected Member).

### ABSENT:

Larry David McCabe-Councillor, City of Stratford

Nicole Beatty- Deputy Mayor, Town of Cobourg

Cheraldean Duhaney- Councillor BWG

Amanpreet Singh Sidhu- Deputy CAO and City Solicitor, Town of Orillia

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Larry J. McCabe

### ALSO PRESENT:

Petra Wolfbeiss- AMO (Virtually attending meeting)

Cinzia Dominutti- AMO

BUSINESS:

1. MINUTES:

Moved by: Deb Doherty

Seconded by: Ron Elliott

That the minutes of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved.

"CARRIED"

2. The Provinces Natural Gas Policy, received from Enbridge, for Committee discussion. The Committee discuss in detail the Enbridge correspondence concerning the Provincial consultation process around the continued role of natural gas in Ontario's diversified energy portfolio, and its contributions to long-term reliability, affordability, and economic growth. The Committee Members understand the current role for natural gas but are concerned about the continued use of fossil fuels in the long-run. The committee are updated on the AMO position and policy concerning this matter and the use in the future of non-fossil fuel sources. Following discussion:

Moved by: Deb Doherty

Seconded by: Bob Kwapis

That the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Executive Committee support the AMO position and concerning the long-term use of fossil fuels as part of the Provinces Integrated Energy Resource Plan however, that the OSUM Executive Committee recognize the importance of Enbridge's natural gas network which serves 3.9 million customers, and provides heat to 75 percent of Ontario's residents, safely and reliably.

"CARRIED"

Petra Wolfbeiss will follow up with Policy Staff of AMO and forward correspondence expressing the Committee's concerns in the long-term concerning future use of fossil fuels as part of the Province's Integrated Energy Resource Plan.

3. Ministry invites to the OSUM Conference scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Collingwood. Received for information.

4. Caucus Members update.

Caucus Members update the Committee concerning matter before the AMO Board.

5. Budget Summary, 2017 – 2024 Actuals and Budget. For Committee information.

A detailed presentation and discussion on the Budget Summary 2017 to 2024 Actuals and Budget is provided to the Committee by Administrative Officer McCabe. The Committee is also provided with the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 OSUM Statement of Operations and Statement of Financial Position. The Statement of Operations reflects an excess of Revenue over Expenses from Operations of \$ 38,244.51. After further discussion the following motions result:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Bob Kwapis

That the 2026 budget for the OSUM consider allocating increasing the existing reserves by \$10,000.00 each.

"CARRIED"

Moved by: Deb Doherty

Seconded by: Michelle Smibert

That the financial information provided to the Committee and the verbal update from Administrative Officer concerning composition of the Committee, Election process and the current review of the Policies and Guidelines of the Committee, as previously approved, be received.

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The Committee will also discuss during their next budget deliberations a Strategy Plan.

6. Conference discussion. Input from Members concerning the Program of events for the 2025 Conference. (69<sup>th</sup> Annual OSUM Conference).

- Sponsor, Exhibitor and Registration update-AMO Staff (ROMA sponsorship confirmed)
- Program update and input from Committee. An update is provided and input from the Committee is provided.
- Update from Host-Deb Doherty. Member Doherty advises that the plans are going well with the Host. With regards to the opening reception a discussion occurs as to providing a beverage ticket for each attendee. It is suggested that the Host talk to a Sponsor such as their Solicitor, Engineer or another business to Sponsor the opening reception, including a ticket. AMO can produce the ticket in the delegate packages.
- Room Block for Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The room block at the Georgian Bay Hotel is in place.
- Arrival of OSUM Executive Committee Members and Staff usually on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 15 to 17 rooms (TBD) required on the Tuesday.

The Committee discuss in detail the 2025 conference including a detailed presentation by AMO Staff on the proposed program prepared to date. Input is received by the Committee.

All agree that it appears to be an exciting program. Following detailed discussion and input it is:

Moved by: Gail Ardiel

Seconded by: Ron Elliott

That the OSUM Committee receive the update on the proposed 2025 Conference as presented.

"CARRIED"

7. There will be a delegation from Nuclear Waste Management Organization at the August meeting of the Committee in Ottawa. (The Committee will meet at 2:00pm on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>). Administrative Officer McCabe explains his conversations with NWMO Staff and the Committee look forward to further discussion with representatives of NWMO in August, at their meeting.

ADJOURN:

Moved by: Ron Elliott

Seconded by: Michelle Smibert

That the OSUM Executive Committee hereby adjourns at 11:07 am to meet at 4:00pm Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Collingwood at the Georgian Bay Hotel, Podium Room or at the call of the Chair, if required virtually, prior to the above noted date and time for the Collingwood meeting.

Jamie McGarvey

Chair

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Larry J. McCabe

Administrative Officer

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