

Minutes
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities
Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, August 15th, 2021 at 2:00pm
(Zoom Meeting)

PRESENT:

Rick Milne-Chair, Town of New Tecumseth

Hilda MacDonald-Vice Chair, Town of Leamington

Jo-Anne Albert, Municipality of Tweed

Ron Elliott, Town of Minto

Joanne Vanderheyden, Strathroy Caradoc

Mason Ainsworth, City of Orillia

Bob Kwapis, Town of Newmarket

Graydon Smith, Town of Bracebridge

Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfill

Jamie McGarvey, Town of Parry Sound

Larry McCabe, Administrative Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Christine Gallagher (Part of the Meeting), AMO Staff

Craig Reid, AMO Staff

Daniela Spagnuolo, AMO Staff

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Stephanie Dinucci, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Staff

REGRETS:

Dwayne Evans, Municipality of North Huron

Michael Touw, Town of Perth

MINUTES:

Moved by: Joanne Vanderheyden

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Albert

That the minutes of January 15th, 2021 and June 28th, 2021 be approved.

“CARRIED”

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2022 Conference, Brant County. Christine Gallagher from AMO is present for this part of the meeting to discuss the 2022 OSUM Conference with the Committee. Christine recently joined the AMO staff and will be assisting OSUM with possible 2022 In-Person Conference. At this time the Committee can not make a decision as to an In-Person Conference to be held in Brant County but will consider at a later date if a In-Person Conference is possible. Christine will be the contact person at AMO and Administrative Officer McCabe will find Sponsors and work with the Committee and AMO to plan a 2022 Conference. The Committee feel that it is too soon to make a decision of a Virtual or In-Person Conference but will decided at a later date. Chair Rick Milne thanks Christine for her presence and the Committee looks forward to working with her and others at AMO to plan a 2022 Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Letter to Minister McKenna, dated July 5, 2021 from Chair Rick Milne Re: Options for Enforcing Compliance by Council Members with Municipal Codes of Conduct.
- B. Record of Consultation with Associate Minister McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues (Submission on Municipal Codes of Conduct Review)
- C. Letter from Chair Rick Milne to The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing inviting the Minister to join the August 15th, 2021 OSUM Executive Committee Meeting.
- D. E-mail to Donna Clements, Tourism Coordinator Brant County from Administrative Officer Larry McCabe concerning Brant County hosting a possible In-Person OSUM Conference in 2022 and confirmation that Brant County is most interested in hosting a 2022 OSUM Conference.
- E. E-mail from AMO containing the following financial information:
-Balance Sheet as at Wednesday, June 30,2021 -Income Statement For the Six Months Ending Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Following review and discussion on items A. through D. the following motion results:

Moved by: Ron Elliott

Seconded by: Bob Kwapis

That correspondence A. through D. be received.

"CARRIED"

At this time Administrative Officer McCabe reviews in detail the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the period ending June 30, 2021. Following review:

Moved by: Hilda MacDonald

Seconded by: Joanne Vanderheyden

That the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the period ending June 30, 2021 be received.

"CARRIED"

At this time Minister Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has joined the meeting. Minister Clark thanks OSUM, the voice of Small Urban Municipalities, for all their hard work and support. He expresses appreciation especially in how well the applications and implementation of the Modernization Fund has worked.

Chair Rick Milne and others thank Minister Clark for his dedication and support of Ontario's Small Urban Municipalities and that they look forward to working with him in the future.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT)- Bob Kwapis.
The Committee Members make numerous comments about their experiences with the former Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and the current Ontario Land Tribunal. The former had the wording that the process should "have regards to" the input from the Municipality. This wording has been removed and Developers seem to have more influence on planning decisions and processes. At this time the Committee feel that little can be done in this regard.
2. G.T.A. Small Urban meeting, Air BnB's, Aggressive Driving and Traffic Calming, Fireworks complaints- Lynn Dollin.
Due to time restraints Member Lynn Dollin suggests that these matters be discussed at the next meeting under Unfinished Business. If the Committee Members have any comments they could be forward to both Lynn and Larry for inclusion on the next Agenda of the Committee. With regards to the G.T.A. Small Urban meetings it is felt that this matter has been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Committee Members congratulate Member Joanne Vanderheyden on her role as President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
2. Member Jamie McGarvey brings forward the position of AMO concerning Vaccine Certificates. AMO strongly supports the Province to require Vaccine Certificates. Following discussion it is:

Moved by: Jamie McGarvey

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Albert

That the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Executive Committee endorse the Association of Municipalities position on Vaccine Certificates being a requirement.

"CARRIED"

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Committee will be at the call of the Chair and Administrative Officer and the Chair will discuss a date and time sometime in October or early November. Covid-19 is still a major concern and factor in setting future meetings and the feasibility of holding an In-person meeting. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting in this regard.

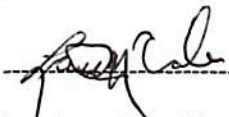
ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Ron Elliot

Seconded by: Joanne Vanderheyden

That the Committee adjourn at 3:20p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Chair Rick Milne



Administrative Officer
Larry McCabe