

MINUTES

Ontario Small Urban Municipalities

Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, December 2nd, 2022 at 9:00a.m.

(Zoom Meeting)

OSUM Executive Committee Members:

Bob Kwapis, Town of Newmarket

Ron Elliott, Town of Minto

Lynn Dollin, Town of Innisfil

Dwayne Evans, Municipality of North Huron

ABSENT:

Jamie McGarvey, Town of Parry Sound

Hilda MacDonald, Town of Leamington

Administrative Officer:

Larry McCabe

Also Present:

Petra Wolfbeiss, AMO

Donna Clements, County of Brant

Lora Tigno, AMO

Lindsay Jones, AMO

Minutes:

Moved by: Bob Kwapis

Seconded by: Ron Elliot

That the minutes of Sunday, August 14, 2022 be approved:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Chair for the meeting.

Moved by: Ron Elliott

Seconded by: Bob Kwapis

That Lynn Dollin be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

2. OSUM Income Statement- The OSUM Income statement is reviewed by the Committee.
3. 2023 Budget Scenarios- Various budget scenarios are reviewed by the Committee. The final budget will be brought forward at the February 4th meeting of the Committee.
4. Homelessness- AMO is preparing a report on Homelessness. When received it will be distributed to Members.
5. E-mail from Michael Ladouceur, Town of Orillia-Hosting of the 2024 OSUM Conference. It is noted that the 2024 OSUM Conference will be held in Orillia.
6. E-mail- Administrative Officer McCabe concerning the Nuclear Waste Management Organization. Following review of the e-mail it is received for information.
7. E-mail from Deb Doherty, Town of Collingwood expressing interest in becoming a member of the OSUM Executive Committee. (NOTE: Deb was elected to the OSUM Caucus at the 2022 AMO Conference). Following discussion and noting that Deb Doherty was elected to the OSUM Caucus at the AMO conference in August and further noting that this is consistent with past practice that the following motion be considered by the Committee:

Moved by: Bob Kwapis

Seconded by: Dwayne Evans

That Deb Doherty, Council Member in Collingwood, be appointed to the OSUM Executive Committee noting that Deb had been elected to the OSUM Caucus at the 2022 AMO Conference.

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8. E-mail exchange between Petra and Bill Vrebosch and follow up e-mail from Administrative Officer McCabe.
Following discussion on the composition on the Committee as noted in Unfinished Business that Petra will follow up with Tanya Vrebosch advising her that there will be a call for nominations to the committee prior to the 2023 conference to be held in Brant County.
9. At this time Petra introduces Lindsay Jones from AMO staff and requests her to update the committee on Bill 23 being “More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022” and Bill 39 being “Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022”.
Lindsay provides an overview of the legislation and also provides AMO’s position on the Acts. The main concern of AMO on Bill 23 is that Municipalities should be held whole as a result of the legislation. In this regard, Minister Steve Clark has forwarded correspondence to Municipalities that those that are affected will be held whole with regards to any loss of revenue. The complete financial implications at this time are not know. AMO has worked hard to ensure that Municipalities are financially protected as a result of the Bill.

Lindsay also advises the committee that AMO continues to work hard on Bill 39 that extends powers to Mayors. They have been expressing concerns about the powers provided to Mayors in the legislation in that By-laws can be passed with a one third majority of Council. Chair Dollin thanks Lindsay for update on these two important pieces of Legislation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Nomination Process and composition of the Committee- Administrative Officer McCabe explains the guidelines and possible options.

Several options are available to the committee on increasing the number of Members to the Committee and following discussion it felt that a Nomination process should occur at the next annual conference in Brant County. It is further emphasized that COVID-19 has interrupted the normal nomination process since 2019 since an annual conference has not been held and nominations requested. After discussion the following motion results:

Moved by: Ron Elliott

Seconded by: Bob Kwapis

That due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, that has resulted in the cancellation of Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conferences since 2019, and the cancellation affect on the OSUM Nomination Process, that with regards to the OSUM Executive composition that the OSUM Executive Committee, at their meeting of December 1, 2022 approve that the Administrative Officer of OSUM call for nominations to the OSUM Executive Committee at the 2023 annual conference in Brant County for a term ending in May of 2026, subject to the composition of the OSUM Executive Committee being reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to the 2024 Orillia annual conference.

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2. Conference 2023, Brant County- Planning for the Conference is under way.

The following has occurred to date with regards to the Conference.

- The Host has been contacted
- Requests have gone out to advise Sponsors of the dates and request their financial support
- Budget scenarios have been prepared
- Preliminary discussions have occurred with AMO Staff

Donna Clements from Brant County is present and is starting to organize the conference on behalf of the Host. The conference will be held in Brant County at the Town Suites by Marriott just off the highway 401. She has started to organize the Host dinner to be held for the Executive on Friday, February 3rd, with further details to follow.

NOTE: Theme of the conference will be "SPRINGTIME IN PARIS".

3. OSUM Guidelines. It is suggested that the OSUM Guidelines be deferred until after a Nomination or appointment process but that the Administrative Officer and AMO staff continue to work on a draft document.

4. it is noted that an allocation has been made in the 2023 budget for Communications.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, February 4th, 2023, in Brant County. There will be dinner on Friday, February 3rd sponsored by the Host, Brant County. Details to follow.

Acting Chair Lynn Dollin


Administrative Officer McCabe