



RMFEO Meeting held June 3, 2016
Township of Carlow/Mayo

In attendance:

Bonnie Adams – Reeve, Township of Carlow/Mayo
Robert Kingsbury – Mayor, Township of Horton
Ron Higgins – Mayor, Township of North Frontenac
Garry Gruntz – Mayor, Township of Brudenell Lyndoch Raglan
Kim Love – Mayor, Township of Madawaska Valley
Vivian Bloom – Mayor, Township of Hastings Highlands
Tom Peckett – Mayor, Township of McNab-Braeside
Frances Smith – Mayor, Township of Central Frontenac
Henry Hogg – Reeve, Township of Addington Highlands
Jim Gibson – Mayor, United Townships of Head Clara Maria
Shawn McLaughlin – Mayor, Municipality of Mississippi Mills
Glenda McKay – Mayor, Township of Greater Madawaska

Others present: Warden Rick Phillips, Hastings County; M.P.P. Todd Smith, Prince Edward-Hastings; Jennifer Kyte, Constituency Manager; M.P. Mike Bossio, Hastings-Lennox & Addington; Valerie Watts, Constituency Assistant; Mayor Bernice Jenkins, Town of Bancroft; Kim McMunn, C.E.O./Librarian, Hastings Highlands Public Library; Cathy Trimble, Chair, North Hastings Economic Development Committee; Arlene Cox, Clerk-Administrator, Township of Carlow/Mayo.

1. Welcome

- Reeve Bonnie Adams opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance to Carlow/Mayo Township and provided a brief history of Carlow/Mayo.

2. Warden Rick Phillips

- Warden Phillips welcomed the Mayors and Reeves to Hastings County.
- Hastings County is a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. The Caucus is an advocate for Eastern Ontario and Warden Phillips is an active member of this group and participates on committees and boards that work toward improvements in the development and improvement of the communities of Eastern Ontario.
- Warden Phillips commented on working together and sharing success stories.

3. M.P.P. Todd Smith

- M.P.P. Todd Smith mentioned he has represented Prince Edward-Hastings for five years. His current roles include being a Critic, Natural Resources and Forestry; Member, Standing Committee on Estimates; and Critic, Hydro One Sale and his past roles included being a Member, Standing Committee on Justice Policy and Critic, 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games.
- M.P.P. Todd Smith discussed the Long-Term Energy Plan, sale of Hydro One and Natural Resources and Forestry file with the Forum.
- M.P.P. Todd Smith answered several questions from the members of the Forum.

4. M.P. Mike Bossio

- M.P. Mike Bossio described the National Liberal Rural Caucus having 50 members, second largest Caucus in Ontario government and composed of mostly rural ridings, urban M.P.s. are included.
- M.P. Mike Bossio, as Chair of the National Liberal Rural Caucus, he is advocating for the needs of rural communities. Rural Caucus has identified three key priorities: digital infrastructure (high-speed internet and cell); infrastructure funding for small communities; and economic development tools for rural communities. Rural Caucus helped to secure \$500 million for the expansion of high-speed internet in rural and remote communities in 2016, rolled out over five years.
- M.P. Mike Bossio answered several questions from the members of the Forum.

Members recessed at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 11:00 a.m.

5. Kim McMunn, C.E.O./Librarian, Hastings Highlands Public Library and Community Resource Officer, Hastings Highlands Centre, conducted a power point presentation on Community Hubs – Shared Services.
6. Cathy Trimble, Chair, North Hastings Economic Development Committee, conducted a power point presentation on Community Economic Development and Business Retention & Expansion.
7. Long- Term Energy Plan
- Members of the Forum agreed input regarding the scope of the next Long-Term Energy Plan be submitted by individual municipalities not as a group.

Members recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 12:40 p.m.

8. Mayor Love conducted the power point presentations from the OPP/MPAC meeting held on May 30, 2016 on OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model. Mayor Higgins provided input during the presentations.
- Purpose of the meeting was to review the RMFEO analysis of costing based on number of residences and ROMA's concern related to trailers.
 - RMFEO member municipalities found a discrepancy between the numbers provided to the OPP and the numbers identified in a municipality.
 - MPAC provided details on how the numbers are calculated. In summary the number of properties provided to the OPP is the sum of total units on a property and includes residential, commercial and industrial. "Units" is defined as a self contained residential units intended for seasonal or year round use. This means there can be more than one unit on a property such as a granny suite, camping trailer, house trailer or cabins besides the main residence. Apartment building, condominiums and townhouses have "units" within the main building. A business with a residence is identified as both a business plus a residential unit. As well a residence plus a cell tower is classed as 1 residence plus 1 industrial. Cell towers, solar farms, pipelines, wind turbines and bill boards fall into the industrial category and are provided to the OPP as properties.
 - OPP provided an explanation of their billings. In summary the OPP invoice municipalities as per the current government regulations and use the data provided by MPAC. OPP cost recovery is allocated by base service plus calls for service. Base services are allocated equally among municipalities based on properties as provided by MPAC. Calls for service are billed to the municipality that had the call for service. OPP provides the billing information to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services for the billing model approval. Decision to include or exclude property types

from the billing model are the authority of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the OPP.

- Key issue is the lack of common information being provided amongst the three groups. The information provided to the OPP is not the same information utilized by MPAC and Municipalities for taxation purposes. As described above the use of units is being used by the OPP to justify their billing model and cost recovery. Using this approach means municipalities do not have a clear understanding of how they are being billed and explains the discrepancy in the numbers of properties being counted by municipalities and those counted by the OPP.
- If we reclassify how properties are counted the costs still stay the same so we still get billed the same. The issue for municipalities is that we cannot recover costs on the use of “units” as per the Municipal Act so we cannot tax properly for the current OPP billing cost recovery model.
- An example if Mr. and Mrs. X had a parent who became ill and had to move into the basement, this is classed as two units and are billed by the OPP as two properties. If Mr. X had a commercial billboard on his land he now has two residential properties and one commercial. If he also has wind turbines on the roll number property he now has one industrial, which now totals four properties billed by the OPP and municipalities assess and tax this as one property.
- One core example is units is used for multi residential properties and could include condos and apartment buildings. Apparently the same model cannot be used by the OPP for shopping malls and they classify this as one property that could have any number of stores within that complex.
- All parties agreed to work on these issues to try and reach consensus on a billing model that works for all.

9. Review Action Log – Mayor Higgins

- Allocate monies from each member budget for media/communications – All money has been deposited into the RMFEO account – operation expenses.
- Provide RMFEO update presentation to each County – pending
- Thesis on cost of Rural Ontario – pending
- Data for OPP funding - completed
- Send EOWC a thank you follow up letter – completed
- Approach ROMA about a workshop and/or booth at their conference – awaiting response
- Look at possibility of getting RMFEO name badges – in progress
- Ask ROMA/AMO about what they would like from us for waste project – awaiting response
- Invite chair ROMA to MPAC meeting on May 30, 2016 – completed
- Brian send Ron H the MPAC email for distribution to the team – completed
- EORN to draft a master resolution template for support of ongoing broadband projects – completed
- Municipal profiles – small list of information i.e. population; households

10. Review new actions from today – Mayor Higgins

- Thank Chair Ron Holman from ROMA for attending the MPAC/OPP meeting on OPP billing.
- Send Scott Templeton (MPAC) contact information to the team.
- Send OPP billing press release to team for review.
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- Develop OEMC workshop presentation and send to team for review and input.
- Send 4 year OPP cost for service history to Bert McDonald.
- Submit delegation request to AMO for a delegation with the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services to again address our billing concerns.

- Support ROMA to get the police services act changes to allow for either an improved billing mode, municipal cost recovery or both.

11. Round Table

- Mayor McLaughlin – Ontario Municipal Board report will be provided for the August meeting.
- Mayor Bloom – Learns more every time the OPP billing model is discussed. Don't see much relief to the taxpayer at this time therefore we need to get the message to the province.
- Mayor Kingsbury – Suggested additional Mayors should sit in the background during OPP meeting. ROMA and OGRA conferences will be separated in 2017. Suggested Council members to attend the ROMA conference and staff to attend the OGRA conference.
- Mayor Gruntz – Good information regarding the OPP billing - can't see any more cuts that can be made.
- Reeve Hogg – Feels we are paying more for OPP then what we are receiving.
- Mayor Smith – Attempting to understand the South East Local Health Integrated Network.
- Mayor Gibson – Comments regarding fire /emergency response.
- Mayor Peckett – Frustrating dealing with OPP however we need to continue to plug away – it will be a slow process.
- Mayor Love – Thanked everyone for the pleasure dealing with the OPP regarding their concerns.
- Mayor Higgins – Can't get frustrated there are highs and lows dealing with the OPP. Publicizing will help.
- Reeve Adams – Thanked Mayor Jenkins for her input and attending the meeting. Thanked everyone in attendance for attending the meeting.
- Mayor Jenkins – observer – Thanked Reeve Adams for the invitation and was impressed with all the information around the table. Everyone needs to continue with the battle someone will listen eventually.

12. Adjourn

- Next meeting will be held in Tay Valley Township on August 5, 2016.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.