



ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS 2015-2016
AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, May 13, 2016

Timmins, Ontario

FONOM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

A G E N D A

Friday, May 13, 2016 – 9:00 am

F.W. Schumacher Ballroom, McIntyre Community Centre
85 McIntyre Road
Timmins, ON

1. Approval of / Additions to Agenda
2. Introduction of Executive
3. President's Report (verbal)
4. Financial Report (**resolution required**)
5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Friday, May 8, 2015 (**resolution required**)
6. Resolutions
7. Adjourn

Appendix A: 2015-2016 Media Releases

Appendix B: 2015-2016 Action Items

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FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-2016 (UNAUDITED)

	Actual 2014-15	Budget 2015-16	Actual 2015-16	Budget 2016-17
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Membership	\$ 33,887	\$ 33,000	\$ 27,615	\$ 33,000
MNDM	50,000	50,000	37,500	50,000
Conference Revenue	78,949	70,000	68,549	60,000
Conference Sponsors (Annual & AMO)	6,621	5,000	26,500	15,000
NOHFC (Intern)	32,010	14,300	16,113	-
Other Revenue:	52,639	30,000	8,152	-
Growing Ontario	-	-	10,000	70,000
Total Revenues	\$ 254,106	\$ 202,300	\$ 194,429	\$ 228,000
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Board & AMO Meetings	46,447	65,000	61,362	\$ 65,000
General & Administration Expense	12,292	10,000	11,318	12,000
Consulting Fees	-	10,000	701	2,000
Staff Wages/Benefits	36,500	39,250	39,339	40,948
Staff Travel	-	10,000	3,785	15,000
Directors' Honorarium	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Conference Expenses	17,773	17,000	6,761	4,000
ONTC & Parks Project	240	-	61	-
Forestry Project	40,972	30,000	6,941	80,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 157,225	\$ 184,250	\$ 133,267	\$ 221,948
Year End Surplus/Deficit	96,881	18,050	61,161	6,052
Prior Year Surplus	116,583	213,464	213,464	213,464
End of Year	\$ 213,464	\$ 231,514	\$ 274,625	\$ 219,516

** Forwarded to Collins Barrow for audit purposes and will be distributed to FONOM membership upon completion.

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
MINUTES
55th Annual Conference and Business Meeting
May 6, 7 & 8, 2015
Greater Sudbury, Ontario**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

- 1:00 pm Official Opening
Al Spacek, President, FONOM
Brian Bigger, Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury
Lynn Buckham, Regional Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 1:30 pm **Simon Trevarthen, *Empowering Change: Alignment, People and Leadership***
Sponsored by Tulloch Engineering
- 2:30 pm Refreshment Break – Sponsored by Canadian Energy Pipeline Association
- 3:00 pm **The Post-Secondary Education Sector – A Leading Economic and Cultural Driver in Northeastern Ontario**
Dominic Giroux, *President and Vice-Chancellor, Laurentian University*
- 3:30 pm **Making Tourism Work – An Update on Initiatives in Northeastern Ontario**
Richard McKinnell, *Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport*
David MacLachlan, *Executive Director, Tourism Northern Ontario*
James Murphy, *Executive Director, Explorers' Edge*
- 4:45 pm Welcome Reception – TransCanada Pipelines – Energy East Project
- 7:00 pm Tradeshow Adjourns

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015

- 7:30 am Breakfast and Registration continues – Sponsored by WoodWORKS!
- 8:30 am **Keynote Speaker**
Honourable Kathleen Wynne, *Premier of Ontario*
- 9:00 am Municipal Asset Management – Leading Practices
Kathy Horgan, *Senior Municipal Finance Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- 9:30 am **The Future of Hospitals in Northeastern Ontario**
Louise Paquette, *Chief Executive Officer, Northeast LHIN*
- 10:15 am Provincial Land Tax Review
Allan Doheny, *Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial Local Finance Division, Ministry of Finance*
- 10:45 am Refreshment Break – Sponsored by Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

- 11:15 am **Developing Agri-Food Entrepreneurial Capacity in Northern Ontario**
Monique Legault, *Regional Manager, North Region, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*
Jennifer Stevenson, *Business Finance Program Lead, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*
Luc Denault, *CAO, Town of Smooth Rock Falls*
- 12:00 pm Lunch – Sponsored by Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- 1:00 pm **Charting a Path Forward – An Update on the Strategic Direction of the ONTC**
Corina Moore, *Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, ONTC*
- 1:30 pm **Northern Policy Institute – Current Trends**
Martin Bayer, *Chair*
Charles Cirtwill, *President and Chief Executive Officer*
- 2:00 pm Concurrent Sessions
- How Small Places Can Think Big – A Primer on Land Use Planning**
Kasper Koblauch, *Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
Dave Welwood, *Planner, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
- Data and Decisions – Understanding the Fundamentals of Your Finances**
Kathy Horgan, *Senior Municipal Finance Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
- Strategies for Affordable Housing – Meeting the Needs of Your Community**
David Landers, *Chief Administration Officer, District of Cochrane Social Services Administration Board*
Cindy Couillard, *Team Lead, Regional Housing Services, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
- 3:00 pm Refreshment Break – Tradeshow Closes
- 3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
- Leading Practices in Economic Development – A Regional Perspective**
Lynn Middaugh, *Director of Development & Leisure Services, Town of Parry Sound*
Erin Richmond, *Manager of Economic Development, City of North Bay*
James Franks, *Economic Development Officer, City of Temiskaming Shores*
- Emerging and Current Trends in Municipal Law – Opportunities and Cautions**
Kristen Newman, *Assistant City Solicitor, City of Greater Sudbury*
- Accountability and Transparency in the Municipal Sector – What Every Councillor Needs to Know**
Bryan Searle, *Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
Jeremy Cormier, *Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Sudbury*
- 4:30 pm Sessions Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Pre-Banquet Reception – Sponsored by the City of Timmins, 2016 Conference Host
- 6:30 pm Banquet and Program – Sponsored by Tourism Northern Ontario

9:00 pm Entertainment

10:00 pm Adjourn

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

7:00 am Full Breakfast – Sponsored by MPAC

8:00 am Alan Spacek, President, FONOM
FONOM Annual Business Meeting

Introduction of FONOM Board of Directors

President's Report

Resolution: That the agenda be approved and presented to the membership
M. Gauthier/M. Forster CARRIED.

Resolution: That the FONOM Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2015 be
accepted as presented.
R. Sigouin/P. Schoppmann CARRIED.

Resolution: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie on May 9, 2014
be accepted as presented.
R. Sigouin/T. Sartoretto CARRIED.

Resolutions # 2015-01 to 2015-12

Resolution No/Year	Resolution Name	Therefore Be It Resolved That ...	Outcome
2015-01	Double Hatter	"...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario amend the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, with respect to salaried firefighters who also work as volunteer firefighters, such that if a person is denied membership in an association of firefighters, is expelled or disciplined by the association or engages in reasonable dissent within the association in connection with this kind of dual role, the association is not permitted to require the employer to refuse to employ the person as a salaried firefighter, terminate his or her employment as a salaried firefighter or refuse to assign the person to fire protection services; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General, the Minister of Labour, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of	Carried.

		Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”	
2015-02	Four-Laning Strategy	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario develop a long-term strategy to four-lane across Northern Ontario; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Federal Minister of Transport, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried
2015-03	Power Dam Special Payment Program	<p>“... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario return taxation rights of hydro-electric stations to municipalities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Energy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-04	Crown Land	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) asks the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to work with northerners to ensure that the use of Crown lands is accessible and available for local economic development opportunities; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-05	Residency Positions	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care ensure that the number of MD graduates of NOSM equals the number of first year residency positions at minimum; and</p>	Carried.

		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”	
2015-06	Bill 52, Protection of Public Participation Act, 2014	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recommends that the Province of Ontario implement the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Legal action resulting from public participation would need to be reviewed by a judicial officer or other provincially appointed expert, prior to being filed to ensure that no one is forced to defend themselves against a baseless charge that amounts to a SLAPP suit in the first place;</i> • <i>Target the bill specifically to apply to volunteers and small community organizations with annual budgets of less than \$100,000.</i> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Attorney General, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-07	Protection of Northern Industries	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario adopt a policy that stands behind resource industries and defends their operations; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-08	Ring of Fire	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario communicate clearly on the current activities that the government is undertaking to move the Ring of Fire forward and include Northerners throughout the process; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.

2015-09	Electricity Rates	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province of Ontario take immediate action to prevent any further increases to electricity rates; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-10	AMO Policing Modernization Report	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the recommendations outlined in AMO’s Policing Modernization Report and requests that the Province make the appropriate implementations; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.
2015-11	Town of Hearst Resolution No. 175-15	<p>“...Greenpeace and other like organizations be made aware and held accountable for the impacts of their campaigns that cost Ontario forest companies their customers, their reputations and their viability as well as the damaging consequences to forest company workers and their families; and</p> <p>BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED THAT Greenpeace and other like organizations cease and desist all campaigns targeting consumers of renewable forest products sustainably harvested from Ontario’s Boreal Forest region.”</p>	Carried
2015-12	Northern Ontario Services Deliverers Association Resolutions	<p>“...the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports resolutions #2015-2 through to and including #2015-9 from the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) Annual General Meeting; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association, the Minister of Community and Social Services, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”</p>	Carried.

- 9:45 am **Update from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**
Antoni Wisniowski, *President and Chief Administrative Officer*
- 10:15 am **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
- President's Update**
Gary McNamara, *Mayor, Town of Tecumseh*
- Discussion on Municipal Sustainability**
Monika Turner, *Director of Policy*
- 11:15 am **Presentation of Long Standing Service Awards**
- 11:30 am **Ministers' Forum**
- Hon. Ted McMeekin
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Hon. Michael Gravelle
Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- Hon. Bill Mauro
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Hon. David Zimmer
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs
- Hon. David Oraziatti
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
- Hon. Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
- Hon. Tracy MacCharles
Minister of Children and Youth Services
- Hon. Yasir Naqvi
Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services
- Joe Dickson
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines
- Glenn Thibeault
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- 12:30 pm Lunch – Sponsored by Hydro One
- Wrap-up and Adjournment**

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO
MUNICIPALITIES**

2015-2016 RESOLUTIONS

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
2015-2016 Resolutions
56th Annual Conference and Business Meeting
May 11, 12 & 13, 2016
Timmins, Ontario

This year, there are 8 policy resolutions for discussion and voting on at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

- 2016-01 Yearly Honorariums
- 2016-02 Northern Travel Grant
- 2016-03 Fuel Price Regulation
- 2016-04 Broader Investment Powers
- 2016-05 Winter Highway Re-Classification
- 2016-06 Public Health Funding and Governance
- 2016-07 Hospital Funding
- 2016-08 Broadband Expansion



MOVED BY: Christine Ellis

SECONDED BY: Morley Forster

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

“WHEREAS Part VI of the Constitution of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) amended May 8, 2014 states that the “President and Vice President of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) shall receive a yearly honorarium of \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively”; and

WHEREAS the honorarium amount paid has not been adjusted for more than ten years; and

WHEREAS the role of President has become a larger and more demanding role, requiring a greater commitment to attend meetings and other duties; and

WHEREAS any increase to the honorarium would be applied to the next term of the Executive; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recommends increasing the President’s yearly honorarium to \$4,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to member municipalities.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Michel Bigras

SECONDED BY: Ghislain Hachez

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

“WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care funds the Northern Health Travel Grant which provides financial assistance to patients requiring specialized health care services outside of their local region; and

WHEREAS many Northern patients travel less than the minimum 100 km one-way distance to receive their specialized health care services, may also pay an additional parking fee per visit and do not qualify to receive any financial assistance under the current grant stipulations; and

WHEREAS it is important that all Northern residents have equal opportunity to access specialized health care services in Ontario without incurring financial hardship and that all residents travelling in excess of 100 km in total distance to receive required health care services should be permitted to apply for the Northern Health Travel Grant; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to consider amending the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance be eligible for the Northern Health Travel Grant thus ensuring fair and equitable reimbursement for all Northern Ontario residents who must travel outside of their community for specialized health care services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Michael Doody

SECONDED BY: Steve Black

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

“WHEREAS five Canadian Provinces utilize some form of price regulation for gasoline; and

WHEREAS residents of Northern Ontario continue to experience volatility in fuel prices; and

WHEREAS high and volatile fuel prices threatens our economy and future stability; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario drivers often see wide ranges in fuel prices compared to other areas of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the difference in price does not accurately represent the difference in transportation costs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Provincial Government to investigate benefits of such regulation for Ontario to ensure stable and fair fuel prices in Northern Ontario, while encouraging competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Energy, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Willy Liebigt

SECONDED BY: Lynn Watson

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04

“WHEREAS municipalities are required to invest their reserves in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), which specifically outlines allowable investments; and

WHEREAS to ensure the sustainability and sound stewardship of the municipality’s investments, the municipality is of the opinion that changes should be made to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended), to allow for the prudent investment of reserves, if those investments are professionally managed and part of a broader investment strategy; and

WHEREAS the Prudent Investor Standard is an industry accepted best practice in effectively managing a portfolio of investments, and the Standard applies to investments, not in isolation, but in the context of the portfolio of investments and as part of an overall strategy, that should incorporate acceptable risk and return objectives suitable to the stakeholders; and

WHEREAS the Province in conferring “Prudent Investor” status on the City of Toronto to enable greater diversification in portfolio management; and

WHEREAS in 2005, municipalities were granted the ability to invest in longer-term corporate bonds and Canadian equity investments via only the One Investment Program, and the One Investment Program has demonstrated strong investment returns for municipalities within these ‘new’ investment sectors; and

WHEREAS the institutional portfolio managers utilized by the One Investment Program recommend that the Prudent Investor Standard approach is a more appropriate approach to investing; and

WHEREAS operating municipal investments under the Prudent Investor Standard is precluded by the Municipal Act, Eligible Investments, in its current form; and



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that Ontario Regulation 438/97 (as amended) of the Municipal Act, 2001, be amended to allow municipalities to invest consistent with the Prudent Investor Standard, if such investments are through the One Investment Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Michel Bigras

SECONDED BY: Terry Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

“WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario released a review of winter highway maintenance in April 2015 wherein the Minister of Transportation was directed to develop and deliver an action plan to address the Auditor General’s recommendations; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Highways Management Division of the Ministry of Transportation released the Winter Highway Maintenance Action Plan in June 2015 wherein highway maintenance will be tailored to the individual highways based on their classification; and

“WHEREAS many Northern municipalities are bound and serviced by Provincial highways, which the Ministry of Transportation is responsible for; and

WHEREAS weather and road conditions in Northern Ontario are often more extreme than other parts of the province and should be taken into consideration; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure that each one receives the appropriate level of maintenance required during the winter months thus ensuring the safety and security of all Northern travellers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Michel Arsenault

SECONDED BY: Doug Bender

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care released Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario on December 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS the document seeks to make it easier for patients to find a primary health care provider when they need one, closer to home; to improve communication and connections between primary health care providers, hospitals and home and community care; and ensure the province has the right number of doctors, nurses, and other health care providers, and plan locally to make sure they are available to patients where and when they are needed; and

WHEREAS Patients First proposes to make Local Health Integration Networks (LHINS) responsible and accountable for all health service planning and performance; and

WHEREAS due to their expanded role, LHINS governance structures would need to be revisited and would require expanded Boards and leadership with the necessary skills, expertise and local knowledge; and

WHEREAS there is cause for concern that funding dedicated to public health would become a part of the overall healthcare budget; and

WHEREAS there is also cause for concern that municipal representation will be less reflected on Boards of Health as a result of a shift towards skills based Boards; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care provide assurances that funding for public health will remain for that purpose and that municipal representation on Local Boards of Health will be sustained; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Association of Public Health Agencies (alPHA), Northern Public Health Units, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Suzanne Klatt

SECONDED BY: Jamie McGarvey

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07

WHEREAS hospitals in Northern Ontario are vital to the long-term health of communities and the residents that they serve; and

WHEREAS in order for hospitals to remain functioning and maintain levels of care for residents in the region, hospitals in Northern Ontario require one time transitional funding to address current shortages and inflationary funding for future years; and

WHEREAS the Health System Funding Reform by the Province of Ontario in 2012 tied the funding provided to hospitals to specific benchmarking criteria and service delivery outcomes; and

WHEREAS the criteria does not take into account or reflect the unique challenges faced by Northern and Rural Ontario communities including recruitment and retention of medical professionals, geographically dispersed populations and limited access to surgical and specialty services; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care must recognize the unique challenges of Northern Ontario; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provide one time transitional funding to all hospitals in Northern Ontario and for the Province of Ontario to commit to inflationary funding adjustments for hospitals to match the inflationary cost increases over which the hospitals have no control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.



MOVED BY: Hector Lavigne

SECONDED BY: Walter Ross

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity; and

WHEREAS municipal, provincial and federal governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information; and

WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband; and

WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that internet be designated as an essential service and that efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast and reliable broadband; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

CARRIED.

