

FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Dear Minister Del Duca,

Steven!

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) would like to share the concerns from several of our members about the need to install wildlife fencing due to the high number of wildlife crossings on provincial highways.

During the regular meeting of the FONOM Board of Directors held on July 28, 2016, the Board supported the development of a strategy that would seek to address areas that face high instances of wildlife and vehicle collisions along provincial highways. A strategy based on science and collision occurrence information would help to protect the safety of motorists and wildlife, particularly in Northern Ontario where bears and moose frequently appear on or near highways.

The safety of Northern residents and those that travel Northern highways is of utmost importance to us as municipal leaders. Any possible effort by the Ministry of Transportation to reduce the number of collisions and improve travelling along provincial highways would be welcomed across the North.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration. We look forward to continuing to work with your Ministry.

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek
President