

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, April 2nd, 2020

Present

D. Whalen, President

P. Schopmann, 2nd Vice President

N. Fortier Levesque, Director

L. Carleton, Director

L. Watson, Director

G. Pirie, Director

T. Kelly, Director

A. MacNevin, Director

Regrets

S. Hollingsworth, Director

B. Bigger, Director

Observer

J. Curley

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

President Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

1.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT (attached to the Minutes)

President Whalen had previously circulated to the Board his actives since November
It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the report be received
MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 IN CAMERA

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the Board move IN
CAMERA

MOTION CARRIED.

The Board discussed Personal Issues

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** that the Board moves out
of CAMERA and accepted the direction given by the Board in CAMERA

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 CONFIRMING RESOLUTIONS

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, that the Board
confirms the Cancellation of the 2020 FONOM Conference and Annual General Meeting.
Further that the 2021 FONOM Conference and Annual General Meeting be awarded to the City
of Timmins.

*FONOM is fully aware of the risk to the public by the COVID-19 virus as well as the existing
and potential for the further burden on our health care services.*

MOTION CARRIED.

It was **MOVED** by **P. Schoppmann**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**, that President Whalen
presents the 2020 Executive Award to the recipient at his Council as soon as it is possible.

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**.

That with additions, the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 Election of Officer

M. Bain had stepped down as a member of the FONOM Board, and as 1st Vice President, P. Schoppmann moved into the 1st Vice President position. Therefore an election was required to fill the vacant seat. **N. Fortier Levesque and L. Watson let their name stand for the position. An electronic vote was held through the Executive Director. After the election, L. Watson became the 2nd Vice President of FONOM**

6.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2019 & JANUARY 18, 2020

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson**.

That the minutes of the meeting held November 8, 2019 and January 19, 2020, be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE/RESOLUTIONS

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** all Resolutions in item 8.1-8.21 and 8.24

8.1 Twp. of Armstrong-Modernization of Building Code Services
Board receives the Resolution for information

8.2 Parry Sound DSSAB -Ont. Health Team for District
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Elliott

8.3 Madawaska- Support for Electronic Delegations
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Clark

8.4 Temiskaming Shores- Rural & Northern Immigration Project
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Anthony Rota MP

8.5 ADMA- Community Safety and Wellbeing plans
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Jones

8.6 ADAMA- Res. Re: Electronic Delegations
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Clark

8.7 Bruce County Support for new nuclear technology
Board receives the Resolution for information

8.8 Manitoulin- Sudbury res. Re: Local Health Care Services
Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Elliott

8.9 Twp. of McKellar res. Re: Public Health Modernization

Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Ministers Elliott & Phillips and Jim Pine

8.10 Twp. of Strong regarding the Changes to Public Health funding formulas

Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Ministers Elliott & Phillips and Jim Pine

8.11 Parry Sound DSSAB regarding the Dist. Of Parry Sound ON Health Teams

See the action of 8.2

8.12 Mun of McDougall res. Re: Dist. Of Parry Sound ON Health Team

See the action of 8.2

8.13 Temiskaming Municipal Assoc. regarding the Hwy 11 Maintenance Standards

Knowing how vital the Provincial Highways between our Communities is, we are concerned with winter maintenance and snow plowing throughout Northeastern Ontario. These Highways are Our Transit Routes! Therefore, closures, delays, and conditions are a worry to us all. Therefore, the Board will write a letter to Minister Mulroney, stressing the importance of increasing the maintenance level on all Northern Highways

8.14 Letter from MPP Guy Bourgouin regarding the Defeat of Private member bill 125

Board received the Letter for information

8.15 Town of Hearst – Calstock Power Plant

Board will send a letter Supporting Resolution to Minister Rickford

8.16 NOSDA Letter to MMAH Minister Clark

Board received the Letter for information

8.17 NOSDA Letter to Health Minister Elliot

Board received the Letter for information

8.18 NOSDA Letter to Minister McNaughton

Board received the Letter for information

8.19 NOSDA Letter to Minister Todd Smith

Board received the Letter for information

8.20 MNRF Letter to FONOM President D. Whalen regarding the Aggregate Resources Act

Board received the Letter for information

8.21 MNRF Letter to FONOM President D. Whalen regarding the ON Flooding Strategy

Board received the Letter for information

8.24 GEM Funding Request

President Whalen declared a Conflict.

The Board did not support the funding request

MOTIONS CARRIED.

Outgoing Correspondence

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that item 8.19-8.22-8.24 be received

8.19 FONOM Letter of Congratulations to ROMA Chair re; ROMA Conference

8.20 FONOM Letter to Minister Romano regarding the Support for new Contact North Centers

8.22 Letter regarding the NDP Critics Statement re; Provincial Forestry Strategy

8.23 FONOM letter from President D. Whalen to Prime Minister and Premier regarding Financial Support for Municipalities

MOTIONS CARRIED.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**. That the Board receive the list of Expenditures for the entire 2019-2020 year. Note there was discussion around timing of several payments and charges.

MOTIONS CARRIED.

9.2 The Audit is progressing with only a few items remaining

9.3 The Website is ongoing and will be review with M.Bain shortly and the Board will have an opportunity to review it before it is live online

9.4 The Conference was discussed earlier

9.5 The planning for the Northern Hospitality Suite for 2021 will start in September, M. Bain will start discussions with AMO and our partners

9.6 It was **MOVED** by **L.Watson**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that The Board invest \$120,000 of the Caisse Populaire account in Short Term GIC's with the Kapuskasing Caisse Populaire. Further that the balance of the Caisse Populaire account be transferred to the Operating account at the Garson Northern Credit Union

MOTIONS CARRIED.

9.7 It was reported that all but 13 memberships from the 2019-2020 year were received and that the 2020-2021 Membership invoices have been sent out to all 110 Municipalities. The District Associations Memberships will be sent out in the coming week.

9.8 A Draft 2019-2020 Financial Report was shared with the Board and a Budget for Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 was shared with the Board. A Budget discussion followed with the following Resolution being tabled; It was **MOVED** by **P. Schoppmann**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the 2020-2021 FONOM Annual Budget be accepted as Presented (**attached**)

MOTION CARRIED.

10.0 Regional Reports

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton highlighted the impact COVID19 is having on Municipalities. Also, that the lack of connectivity and high-speed internet in parts of the Parry Sound District is an issue for conducting virtual meetings. Spring Flooding is a concern.

District of Cochrane

Connection was lost with N. Fortier Levesque

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen provided an update on the Temiskaming that due to COVID19 the area is practicing Social distancing and many regional activities have been cancelled. Council meetings are still happening but by Audio/Visual platforms.

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly highlighted that Municipalities are reducing staff in offices, but still being responsive to taxpayers. Also, he shared a concern that some citizens still don't seem to understand the seriousness of the current social distancing guidelines

City of Greater Sudbury

No update was provided

District of Sudbury

P. Schoppmann advised that many communities events have been cancelled or are on hold, until the COVID pandemic is over

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin has been busy speaking with many partners regarding the COVID 19 related issues. The lag in testing results is a concern like others shared. A plan has been created for an increase in cases on the Island. A plan to keep summer residents home is underway, due to the negative impact it have to all citizens

District of Algoma

Connection was lost with L. Watson

City of Timmins

G. Pirie advised that there are 21 cases in the Cochrane district including two young boys. That the delay of five days in testing is causing an issue. That the homeless population is a concern as Social Distancing is not being respected. The Revenue hole is a concern and the future impact to the homeowner and the business community. Also, he highlighted that the Banks and Insurance companies have been silent to date on how they will assist businesses, Post Secondary institutions, communities and the Province. The City is still providing services safely to it citizens.

City of North Bay

No update was provided

11.0 Other Business

President D. Whalen discussed with the Board participation on different municipal advocacies committees. He will circulate the list to the Board and would appreciate volunteers reach out to him.

President Whalen discussed with the Board expectations of the Executive Director with regards to the process and timing of the Board Packages. The Board must have the Package 7 days prior to the meeting date, as several members represent many municipalities

M.Bain shared that he will be discussing with OGRA and FedNor regarding Training in the North

J. Curry shared a concern with the opening of Trailer Parks and others shared their local experiences

12.0 NEXT MEETING

At the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppmann**

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 am.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF April 2nd, 2020

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the Minutes be accepted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen