

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 13th, 2020

Present

D. Whalen, President

P. Schoppmann, 2nd Vice President

L. Watson, 1st Vice President

N. Fortier Levesque, Director

L. Carleton, Director

T. Kelly, Director

A. MacNevin, Director

S. Hollingsworth, Director

J. Curley (Timmins Alternate)

Regrets

B. Bigger, Director

G. Pirie, Director

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

President D. 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 April 2nd, 2020

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the report be received
MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppmann**.

That the agenda be approved with additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATION - Roxanne Gervais and Renée Laferrière from bakertilly presented the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Audits to the Board

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Audits be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

4.0 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.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Appointment of Sandra Hollingsworth to Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Nominations and Community Relations Committee and as our representative to the AMO's Health Task Force

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly**.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE/RESOLUTIONS

A) Armour - Travel Restrictions to Small Communities

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppmann** *that the Board send a letter Supporting Resolution to Premier Ford*

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE/RESOLUTIONS (continued)

- B) McDougall, The Archipelago, Whitestone - Health Unit Funding Model
It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** *that the Board send a letter Supporting the Resolution to Minister Elliott and Jim Pine*
- C) Armour - Assistance for Post-Secondary Students
It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** *that the Board send a letter Supporting the Resolution to Minister Elliott*
- D) AMO's OPP Detachment Boards, Building a Framework for Better Policing Governance
It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** *that the Board send a letter to AMO to share our concerns with their policy position*

MOTIONS CARRIED.

IN & OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

6.2 It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** all Resolutions in item 6.2.1 thru 6.2.23 to received as information

- 6.2.1 Letter from Village of Sundridge regarding change to Heal
- 6.2.2 Letter from Minister Rickford regarding Annual Funding
- 6.2.3 Letter to Minister Elliott regarding Ontario Health Team
- 6.2.4 Letter to Minister Rickford regarding Modular Reactors
- 6.2.5 Letter to Minister Mulroney regarding Northern Highways
- 6.2.6 Letter to Minister Elliott regarding Health Unit Funding
- 6.2.7 Letter to Minister Clark regarding Electronic Delegations
- 6.2.8 Letter from Speaker Rota regarding Immigration Pilot areas
- 6.2.9 Thank you Letter to Premier Ford for transition of ONTC 6.2.22
- 6.2.10 Letter from Twp. of Johnson regarding transparency of COVID19 data with communities in Algoma
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IN & OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

- 6.2.11 Letter from Town of Bruce Mines regarding transparency of COVID19 data with communities in Algoma
- 6.2.12 Letter from Prince Township regarding transparency of COVID19 data with communities in Algoma
- 6.2.13 Letter from Huron North Com. Economic Alliance regarding question for Bell Canada
- 6.2.14 Letter from Twp. Of Johnson regarding MPAC Levy 2020
- 6.2.15 Letter from Twp. Of Johnson regarding deferral of Levy from Algoma Health Unit
- 6.2.16 Letter from Twp. Of Johnson regarding deferral of Levy from OPP
- 6.2.17 Letter from Twp. Of Johnson regarding deferral of Levy from Algoma DSSAB
- 6.2.18 Letter from the Cochrane District – Spring Flood Evacuation
- 6.2.19 Letter from NOMA – Spring Flood Evacuation
- 6.2.20 Letter from Min. Clark, response to Electronic Delegation Request
- 6.2.21 Email to GEM regarding their funding request
- 6.2.22 Email from FedNor funding Application for 2021 Conference
- 6.2.12 Letter from Prince Township regarding transparency of COVID19 data with communities in Algoma
- 6.2.13 Letter from Huron North Com. Economic Alliance regarding question for Bell Canada
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- 6.2.21 Email to GEM regarding their funding request
- 6.2.22 Email from FedNor funding Application for 2021 Conference
- 6.2.23 Letter from Twp. Of Tarbutt regarding transparency of COVID19 data with communities in Algoma

MOTIONS CARRIED.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 7.a. It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson**. That the Board receive the list of Expenditures for April 2020. There was discussion around several payments.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (continued)

7.b. It was **MOVED** by **P. Schoppmann**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**. That the Board receive the Financial Report ending May 12th, 2020. There was discussion around the previously approved 2020-2021 Budget. The Executive will discuss the Auditors comments and bring forward any changes to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED.

7.c. The Executive Director discussed with the Board that research into a stronger relationship with OGRA is ongoing, that he will work with bakertilly to prepare the organizations financial record keeping in a format that will make future audits easier. Also discussed were the topics of several online sessions the Executive Directors has participated on, and how they may benefit the organization. Also shared was the investments of FONOM's reserves. Then a conversation was held about special projects that FONOM may pursue

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that The Board accept the Executive Directors report as discussed

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton highlighted the impact COVID19 is having on Municipalities. The impact the Seasonal residents and tourist will have in the District was shared. Also the levy increase by the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit is an important issue to her members, as shown by the influx of resolutions.

District of Cochrane

N. Fortier Levesque updated the Board on discussions at NEOMA that has had around staff retention at Northern Long-term homes. That change to the provincial funding formula would be helpful in attraction. Due to the COVID19 pandemic issues like the opioid crisis, homelessness has been pushed onto the backburner. But they are still challenging in the Cochrane District. Also discussed were the conditions and maintenance of the Northern Highways, and two for one was supported in principle. Moonbeam is waiting to see how their Broadband initiative will proceed once the Pandemic is over. Also, an update was given on the efforts of AFMO and North American Francophone and Francophile Cities. As well she noted that the Kashechewan flooding might not be as bad this year

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.

District of Algoma

Connection was lost with L. Watson

City of Greater Sudbury

No update was provided

8.0 REGIONAL REPORTS (continued)

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly attended the most recent virtual meeting of the NWMO, briefing the Board on how this National Project is proceeding. He spoke about the confusion around closed boat ramps with the fishing season, but that issue has righted itself with the township docks in and ramps open. The impact COVID19 is having on the Northern Tourism operators was expressed. Terry shared his concern for the survival of some of those businesses. He also spoke to the impacted Social Distancing is having on the Township Budget, particularly the Parks and Roads crews.

District of Sudbury

P. Schoppmann advised that many communities have lobbied the Sudbury PHU regarding their 10% levy increase, and they were surprised that the reply was from the lawyers. Communities are still working on the issue and will share documents with FONOM. Also, Broadband continues to be a growing concern in the Sudbury area. Like many other municipalities, St. Charles has made renovations to protect the public and staff during interactions. Also he noted that the influx of Cottagers have not negatively impacted the community.

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin noted that the communities on the island have had to make changes due to the COVID19 Pandemic, like staff working by home and protection for outside workers. The Communities as well have been more involved health care, along with clinics and planning for emergency field hospital. The community is anxious about the influx with summer residences coming to the island. One of the six reserves have restricted one of the roads into their community for the protection of citizen. It has had a negative impact on surrounding roads that are not designed for the increase flow.

City of Timmins

J. Curley spoke to the impact the COVID19 deaths have had in the Cochrane district on the families, front line staff, and the community. The City still is operating as close to normal as Social Distancing permits. The Road work is proceeding, and the City is looking towards reserves to fund the needed maintenance. Timmins has had to cancel all planned Festivals this summer, including Canada Day. John spoke about the impact COVID19 will have on the future of Foreign Students return to Northern Post Secondary Institutions. He noted those students are essential to the school and community. Online learning at the Post Secondary level will be a challenge for students in Northern Communities, due to the issue surrounding the current state of the Broadband.

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth spoke about the financial challenges that the City is seeing, and they are going to review all their options. The Sault Chamber and EDC have been doing a great job communicating with the Business community. The Sault is concerned about the Pandemic impacts in the fall of 2020. There is also a concern about the possible canceling of a Cancer Program in the area, and FONOM will be briefed more in two months. Tourism has been impacted like other communities, the Tour Train will not operate this year, so the City is looking at promoting to locals about tourist options in the area. The movie industry is looking for safe places to shoot movies, so the Sault is using a clip from the TV Serie the Vikings to promote the area.

City of North Bay

No update was provided

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

President D. Whalen lead a discussion with the Board on ways to promote the Region to investors and to high light the industries and businesses that are integral to the North.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

July 10th, 2020 or if required 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 12:29 PM

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 13th, 2020

It was **MOVED** by **L.Watson**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** that the Minutes be accepted
as amended, July 10th, 2020 in Sudbury.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen