

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**Toronto City Hall – Committee Room 4  
100 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario**

**Present**

**D. Whalen, President**

**L. Watson, 2nd Vice President**

**J. Curley, Director**

**S. Hollingsworth, Director**

**A. MacNevin, Director**

**M. Horsfield, Director**

**Participated by Zoom**

**L. Carleton, Director**

**T. Kelly, Director**

**A. Sizer, Director**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

**FONOM Board Meeting  
Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:05pm**

**1.0 Welcome and President's Report (pages 9 & 10)**

President Whalen opened the meeting by welcoming Deputy Mayor Maggie Horsfield to the Board, asking her to introduce herself to the Board. He then noted his activities over the past few months, commenting on the high volume of calls he receives from Ministry Staff, Media, and Members. Danny then asked if the Board had any questions regarding his activities; hearing none, he moved forward with the Agenda.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the President's Report be received.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the agenda be approved with additions.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS**

**No Timed Presentations**

**4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the Minutes be accepted as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 M. Bain reconfirmed, following the Municipal Election, with the Board the representation on the Catch n release Taskforce. The First meeting will be in Sault Ste Marie on Wednesday, February 15th. The Board discussed several areas the Task Force should consider during the sessions.

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **M. Horsfield** that Danny Whalen, Sandra Hollingsworth, and John Curley be appointed to the Catch n Release working Group.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5.2 D. Whalen updated the Board on the Province's steps regarding the Boreal Forest Medieval Villages. Danny also mentioned that Village trying to establish in Kenogami is meeting considerable resistance.

## 6.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1) Letter Received – Comments on Bill 23 on Municipalities

Township of East Ferris

The Board discussed Bill 23 at length and deferred this issue to the March Meeting. The Board asked that East Ferris be notified of receipt of their Letter and that FONOM continue to monitor Bill 23.

### 6.2) Resolution Received – Reduction to Fee Structure for Virtual Health visits with Visit with Health Care Providers

Township of MacDonald, Aberdeen, Meredith Additional

The Board discussed the Resolution from MacDonald, Aberdeen, Meredith Additional and voiced their support. Many members shared their local experiences. The Board was glad this issue is one of our delegation topics.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the

*The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities asked the Ministry of Health to renegotiate with the Ontario Medical Association to increase fees paid to doctors for virtual visits with patient visits from Northern and Remote underserved areas.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### 6.3) FONOM Board Member Pier Diem

D. Whalen noted for the Board's information that the Honourarium Rate for Board members had stayed the same for over a decade. He said the time it takes for a Board member to represent their community or district and prepare to attend a Board meeting. Many Board members shared their thoughts on the current and any future rates.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the

*Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities increase the Full Day Honourarium to \$200 and the Half Day Honourarium (less than four hours) to \$100.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 6.4) FONOM Board Member Mileage Rate

The increased transportation cost in the North was discussed during the previous discussion. Several members noted that the price of gas could vary greatly inside the FONOM boundaries. The Board indicated that our members, other organization, and government use many different mileage rates.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the

***Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities increase the Mileage Rate annually on January 1<sup>st</sup>, using the posted Canadian Revenue Agency December Rate.***

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier-Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** all the correspondence items are received for information purposes.

- 7.1 Resolutions Received – Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts
- 7.2 Resolutions Received – Raise to Childcare wage
- 7.3 Letter of Instruction Received – Valerie Gideon – President FedNor
- 7.4 Letter Received – FONOM Board Appointment, Maggie Horsfield
- 7.5 Resolutions Received – FONOM Board Appointment, Nipissing

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### 8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 10*) for November and December, 2022.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **M. Horsfield**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 11*) ending January 12, 2023

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.3 M. Bain updated the Board on memberships for the current year and noted that the FONOM Constitution requires that *At the commencement of the 2015 fiscal year, membership fees will increase 5 percent for every new term of council.* Mac reminded the Board that at the start of the last term of the Municipal Council, FONOM did not increase the Membership Fee. After a good discussion, the Board moved to increase the Fee by the amount noted in the Constitution, 5%.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the FONOM Membership Fees be increased by 5% for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Mac then walked the Board thru the current vacancies on the FONOM Board, noting that several districts have to wait until their Association meeting to appoint their Representative.

The Board was then briefed on the 2023 FONOM Conference, noting that we have communicated with our members and previous Sponsors and Exhibitors. After the proposed Conference Budget (*Attached Page 12*) was shared, mac addressed the questions from the Board.

An update on the next phase of the GoNorth Campaign was provided to the Board.

FONOM had received an HST rebate from the Government of Canada, and Mac commented that the team at Bakertilly well represents the Board. The Board noted they were surprised by the refund and appreciated the work done on this file.

M. Bain shared with the Board an update on FONOM's grant application with NOHFC, and he noted that our Northern Development Advisor, Heather is great to work with, and the process is smooth.

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **District of Algoma**

L. Watson noted that there are many new members of Councils in the Algoma District and that he is looking to build strong relationships with them. He mentioned that the next Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA) meeting would be in the spring. One of the items on the agenda will be the election of the FONOM Representation. Lynn spoke about the district's decline in local health care, noting the distances between communities.

## **9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued**

### **City of North Bay**

M. Horsfield shared with the Board her experiences as a new member of a Council and Deputy Mayor. She spoke to a proposed Safe Injection Site for Nipissing with no designated operator at a projected annual cost of \$800,000. Maggie mentioned that construction on Nipissing's Northern Pines Housing Model is nearing completion, but the DNSSAB is still looking for stable funding. Finally, she said the City is looking for a new CAO and doing a full Operational Review.

### **District of Manitoulin**

A. MacNevin provided an update on the continued issue of the Swing Bridge, especially during the high-traffic season. He noted the Bridge is an MTO and contractor issue, noting there was a plan that sometimes doesn't seem to work. Al commented it is having an impact on the residences of the island. He shared that residents and businesses have started preparing for the summer season and the many that come to the Manitoulin.

### **City of Timmins**

J. Curley noted that he has been on Timmins Council for 28 years. The new council focuses on the Homelessness issue but shared that the Cochrane District lacks Builders to help address the shortfall. He shared that they have committed to keeping their Safe Injection Site open until the end of the year. The City and several Agencies are looking for funding partners to cover the costs in 2024.

### **City of Sault Ste Marie**

S. Hollingsworth wanted to note that Housing is for Everyone. The typical waitlist to house the homeless is 18 months, but the waitlist for those with Disabilities is six years. Housing those with disabilities are getting lost in the Housing conversation, and Sandra wanted to ensure it does not.

### **District of Timiskaming**

D. Whalen shared that he has been a member of Municipal Councils for 28 years and starting his fourth term on FONOM. Danny has been meeting with several organizations about the Boreal Forest and chatting with different ministries' staff. Danny noted it would take time to see if the recent clarifications from the Government would have an impact. He mentioned his new council has a great mix of new and experienced members.

### **District of Cochrane**

None provided

## 9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

### District of Parry Sound

None provided

### District of Nipissing

None provided.

### District of Sudbury

None provided

### City of Greater Sudbury

None Provided

## 10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

The Board spent some time discussing the timing and locations of the FONOM Board meetings—specifically, the Board meetings held in conjunction with the ROMA and AMO conferences. Also, the Board noted their continued support of holding Board meetings in communities outside of the communities that host the FONOM Conferences. It was pointed out that many, but not all, on the Board do attend ROMA and AMO, representing their Municipalities. The quorum issue was mentioned if a Board meeting was held in January outside of ROMA. Mac briefed the Board on the expense process if you are attending ROMA & FONOM or attending FONOM only. After much discussion, Mac will bring a report to the May meeting with options for the Board to consider.

## 11:0 IN CAMERA

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the Board move in Camera at 5:03 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the Board move out of Camera at 5:10 pm, approving the in-camera Motion. (*Attached Page 14*)

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## 12.0 NEXT MEETING

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Wawa or at the Call of the Chair

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT at**

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the meeting be adjourned at 5:23 pm.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley** **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the Minutes be accept as presented, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



\_\_\_\_\_  
President Danny Whalen



## **President Danny Whalen Report**

**From January 22 to March 10, 2023**

23 January - Met with MMAH Minister and staff regarding BFMV in unincorporated.

24 January - Joint NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA delegation

24 January - FONOM Multi Minister meeting

24 January - Met with SolGen Minister Kerzner and staff regarding expense of  
Community Safety and Well Being Plans

22,23,24,25 January - ROMA Conference

26 January - AMO Executive meeting

26 January - AMO Committee of the Whole meeting

27 January - AMO Board meeting

08 February - NOTTF Co-Chair meeting

10 February - NOTTF Full Task Force meeting

15 February - First Catch & Release meeting

16 February - met with Ministry of Transportation Chief of Staff

23 February - AMO Executive meeting

27 February - NEOMA zoom meeting.

I have been active with telephone calls from various Ministers and staff. Minister Kerzner called, and we spoke at length on changes to the Policing Act, Police Service Boards and Community Safety and Well Being Plans.

I also have ongoing discussions with the Chief of Staff for Minister Mulroney on many transportation related issues. These include speed limits on certain sections of highway 11 and 17, clock start time on the new Winter Maintenance standards for highways 11 and 17, upcoming rehabilitation projects for 11 and 17 and the addition of paved shoulders.

As Co-Chairs of the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, Mayor Landry and I had a zoom session with ministry staff regarding the new Entry Level Training for commercial drivers in Ontario. I support many of the changes and addition but did voice concerns on some sections of the training requirements.

## President Danny Whalen Report, continued

I continue to work with MMAH in regard to the BFMV issue. I believe the province is acting and moving in the right direction. I will be attending a meeting in March hosted by the Kenogami Lakes Association that will target potential investors.

At our last AMO Executive meeting we discussed the possibility of holding our Executive meeting the same day as our MOU meetings. This would certainly help with travel times, scheduling and overall costs associated.

We held our first Catch & Release meeting in February. This was well attended with police service board participants, Chief of Police for SSM and Timmins and a North Bay office with the North Bay Police Association and FONOM Board members.

FONOM was very well received, and comments were made regarding the overall appreciation for FONOM in bringing this group of individuals together.

At our next meeting in Timmins, we are hoping to include a member of an indigenous police service, a former district attorney and a staff member from the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

As Co-Chairs both Mayor Landry and I met by zoom with the new president and vice presidents of North Eastern Ontario Municipal Association. We updated them on various transportation issues and developments from the task force.

Danny Whalen

# 8.1

List of Cheques				
November 1,2022 - December 31, 2022				
04-11-2022	Paul Schoppman - Vice President Honourarium - 7.5 month	374	-\$	625.00
04-11-2022	Terry Kelly - November board	375	\$	884.45
04-11-2022	Al MacNevin - November Board	376	\$	1,049.12
04-11-2022	Paul Schoppmann - November Board	377	\$	527.06
04-11-2022	Nicole Fortier Levesque - November Board	378	\$	150.00
04-11-2022	Deb Bain - Suite Staff Reimbursement	379	\$	300.00
10-11-2022	Lynda Carleton - November Board	380	\$	947.50
10-11-2022	Lynn Watson - November Board	381	\$	1,286.03
14-11-2022	Mac Bain - GO North Administration Fee	382	\$	4,600.00
18-11-2022	CMG Computing Services - Ink	383	\$	293.78
	VOID	384		
21-11-2022	Municipality od Moonbeam - Box Lunches	385	\$	131.70
25-11-2022	Mac Bain - Statement 35	386	\$	4,825.44
30-11-2022	Danny Whalen - Nov Board and Meetings	387	\$	2,125.27
30-11-2022	November Bank Fees		\$	25.50
06-12-2022	Talent Bureau - Keynote Travel	388	\$	591.16
23-12-2022	Deb Rent	389	\$	600.00
23-12-2022	Mac Bain - Statement 36 - <b>Overpayment \$200</b>	390	\$	4,421.94
	VOID	391		
26-12-2022	AMO Annual Membership	392	\$	455.39
31-12-2022	Danny Whalen - December meeting	393	\$	150.00
31-12-2022	Banking Fees		\$	15.50

FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023			
as of December 31, 2022			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	30,000.00	32,214.00	(2,214.00)
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	2,520.20	1,479.80
NOHFC	50,000.00	26,336.19	23,663.81
Northern Suite at AMO	3,500.00	9,000.00	5,500.00
Investment Interest + RevCan	-	12,760.20	(12,760.20)
Conference	30,000.00	84,158.91	(54,158.91)
Donations	5,000.00	10,000.00	(5,000.00)
FedNor - Promote the North	84,000.00	56,460.00	27,540.00
	<u>206,500.00</u>	<u>233,449.50</u>	<u>(15,949.50)</u>
Service Fees	225.00	174.50	50.50
Board Meetings	35,000.00	27,520.23	7,479.77
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	8,807.39	7,692.61
Provincial Committee Meetings	5,500.00	5,075.34	424.66
Advertising - Clark Communications	-	1,756.24	(1,756.24)
Insurance	600.00	452.00	148.00
General & Admin	7,000.00	8,554.86	(1,554.86)
Audit And Legal Fees	4,600.00	3,025.00	1,575.00
Staff Wages	31,000.00	21,168.00	9,832.00
Staff Travel	900.00	-	900.00
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	625.00	4,375.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	5,000.00	14,020.01	(9,020.01)
Conference Expense	8,000.00	25,531.55	(17,531.55)
GoNorth Campaign	84,000.00	35,471.97	48,528.03
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>203,325.00</u>	<u>152,182.09</u>	<u>51,142.91</u>
	<u>3,175.00</u>	<u>81,267.41</u>	<u>(67,092.41)</u>
Received 2nd NOHFC Claim on April 5th, 2022 for \$9,780.11.			
These were for eligible expenses since November 2021 - March 31, 2022.			
HST Rebate - Six years \$ \$12,714.61 + \$45.59 for 2021.			

# 8.3

<b>2023 FONOM Final Revenues &amp; Expenses</b>			
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Registration			\$ 63,049.24
Trade Show/Exhibitors			\$ 19,750.00
Sponsorships			\$ 32,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 114,799.24
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Materials			\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality - Food/Catering			\$ 43,000.00
Printing, reproduction, advertising			\$ 100.00
Promotion, decorations , Speaker recongition			\$ 1,260.00
Travel - taxi service			\$ 1,700.00
Rentals - facility & other			\$ 1,400.00
Companion Program expenses			\$ -
Delegates' bags/kits			\$ 10,500.00
Entertainment			\$ 750.00
Lanyards & name tags			\$ 900.00
Signage			\$ 800.00
Volunteer T-shirts			\$ -
Speakers - Keynote & others and travel			\$ 12,500.00
Bank Service Charges - Credit Card Fees			\$ 1,411.42
		TOTAL	\$ 75,821.42
		Difference:	\$ 38,977.82

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Executive Director Performance Review

January 2023

Mac.

The Executive for FONOM has met and reviewed your performance from the date of your last review. I am pleased to inform you that we again find your efforts, participation and preparedness to be equal to and above our expectations.

We reviewed our opinion with the full Board at the January 2023 Board meeting.

I am pleased to advise you that the full Board was accepting of our review and recommendations. As such I would like to offer the following;

An increase in the billable hourly rate from \$24.00 to \$25.00

An increase in the billable hours from 24 to 26 hours per week

An increase in the monthly office allowance from \$200.00 per month to \$225.00 per month

Further, the continued payment of office expenses incurred for FONOM duties ( Zoom Cogeco Adobe,,)

A continuation of travel and meal expenses as per the current FONOM policy

A continuation of the administration expense line to the yearly conference financials of \$5000.00 payable to the Executive Director on the close of the annual conference

A continuation of the administration expense line of 5% for special projects payable to the Executive Director based on the projected costs of each project