

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 14th, 2022

Westin Hotel, Suite 2318

11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 9H

Present in person

D. Whalen, President

P. Schoppmann, 1st Vice President

L. Watson, 2nd Vice President

B. Vrebosch, Director

A. MacNevin, Director

J. Curley, Director

S. Hollingsworth, Director

N. Fortier Levesque, Director

Regrets

T. Kelly, Director

A. Sizer, Director

L. Carleton, Director

Guests

Minister Graydon Smith

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

**FONOM Board Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2022**

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm

1.0 Welcome and President's Report

President Whalen welcomed the Board members to Ottawa, sharing Lynda, Terry, and Al's regrets. Danny referenced his president's report and mentioned he continues to receive many media inquires and calls from Ministries.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS

No scheduled presentations

Minister Graydon Smith joined the meeting, introducing himself to the Board and bringing a greeting from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Minister Smith noted his past municipal experience and his close working relationship with several members of the Board. Graydon offered any member of the Board to reach out directly to him, as Danny has his mobile number. He then took questions from the Board members on issues relating to his Ministry. Members of the Board noted the strength of the representation of Northern Ontario members in the Caucus and their openness to the FONOM Board. Danny thanked Graydon for his time, friendship over the years, and open door policy.

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE July 8th, 2022 BOARD MEETING

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the Minutes be accepted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 M. Bain recapped the delegation and the Joint Delegation with the Board for Monday afternoon.
- 5.2 M. Bain updated the Board on the preparations for the Northern Hospitality Suite. Mac answered the Board's questions about the process for staff of the evening.
- 5.3 M. Bain shared the final budget for the 2022 FONOM Conference. Mac commented that the City of North Bay staff did a fantastic job and that he thanked them on behalf of the Board. The Board shared their positive comments on the conference's outcome and debate.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1) Resolution Received – Expanding the Amber Alert System

The Board discussed the Resolution and voiced their support.

It was **MOVED** by **P. Schopmann** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities requests the Province of Ontario develop and implement a community warning program similar to the Amber Alert for those persons with special needs or circumstances that leave their caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6.2) Resolution Received – Removal of member of Council under Prescribed Circumstances.

The Board considered the Resolution and voiced their support, sharing examples from some districts. However, members expressed concern about the amount of money Council complaints are costing individuals. Also, some of the problems lie with the Integrity Commissionaires. They noted the time the matters took and the quality of the discussions. The Board will continue to monitor the issue following the election.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

- 7.1 Letter Received – Minister Victor Fedeli
- 7.2 Letter Received – Minister Jill Dunlop

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, that the Board receives the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page [redacted]*) for July and August 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin**, that the Board receives the Financial Report the corrected ending date of August 8th, 2022 (*Attached Page [redacted]*)

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.3 M. Bain shared with the Board a program run by Laurentian University that educates those interested in Northern Economic Development. The Program is under Professor David Robinson's direction, and Michael Atkins supports him. They are interested in building a relationship with us and getting our support for the Program. FONOM's involvement would consist of; a letter of support for the Program, email blasts to our members, and a link to the Program on our website. The Board was very supportive of the Program and supported providing the assistance discussed. Also, they were interested in learning more from David and Michael following our meeting with the auditors in September.

- 8.4 M. Bain provided an update to the Board on a conversation with the Federal Leaders Debate Commission, Memberships 2022-2023, our third NOHFC intake, the 2021-2022 Audit Process, and the Northern Hospitality Suite.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

City of Timmins

J. Curley shared that Timmins is quite happy and optimistic that George Pirie is the new Minister of Mining.

City of North Bay

B. Vrebosch commended Mac and the City Team for the work they did on the Conference in May. He shared his frustration with regards to the talk in southern Ontario, around the slow pace of transportation expansion. Specifically, he referred to the planned fast rail from Windsor to Montreal. He lauded the Board on its support for the ONTC and the return of the Northlander and knows the board will keep it up.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

District of Cochrane

N. Fortier Leveque noted that the Cheese from Kapuskasing being served during the Northern Hospitality Suite was made to recognize Moonbeam's 100th anniversary. She mentioned that the summer has been busy in the district and many municipalities are focused on the fall election.

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth shared that the Provincial Chief of Police Association Conference will be in Sault Ste Marie held October 5th to 7th. Chief Stevenson has extended an invitation to FONOM to share our mandate with those attending. She mentioned that the Council business seems to be slowing down heading into the election. One item they will be discussing at the next meeting is a policy shift to mandate a 30% affordability requirement on all new multi residential development.

District of Algoma L. Watson raised the concern of the development happening in the unincorporated areas, and the cost this will continue to have on our members and agencies. He noted that there's often only two or three homes on a road, with none having water or sewage connections. Lynn also mentioned that Municipalities have to have more say on severances and planning authority. He commented that having more say would help have more homes built in the North.

District of Sudbury P. Schoppmann shared his frustration again with the delays being caused by the Planning Boards and shared examples of the delays they are having on Housing. Paul agreed with Lynn that Councils need more approval on severances. Also, he commented that the Provincial Policy Statement is causing issues in his district.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen noted again that the TMA is keeping a close eye on the Unorganized Communities to ensure no new Medieval Villages crop up. There is a concern a new one is being created on Kenogami Lake.

District of Manitoulin A. MacNevin provided no report

District of Parry Sound

None Provided

City of Greater Sudbury

None Provided

District of Nipissing

None provided

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS - none

11:0 IN CAMERA - none

12.0 NEXT MEETING

At the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by **P. Schoppmann**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** that the meeting be adjourned at 5:18 pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF August 14th, 2022

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppmann** that the Minutes be accept as presented, on August 14, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen