

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, May 14, 2021

Thru ZOOM

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

J. Curley (Alternate)

A. Sizer, Director

S. Hollingsworth, Director

Bill Vrebosch, Director

Guests

Georges Bilodeau – Huron Shores – Manitoulin Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure

Joe Hickey – Rock Network

Michael Groh – Rock Networks

Minister Jill Dunlop (1:00 PM)

Regrets

G. Pirie, Director

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

1.0 Welcome and President's Report (attached to the Agenda – Page 8 &9)

President Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Al Sizer as he now officially Represents the City of Great Sudbury on the Board. He asked if members of the Board had questions regarding activities in his report. He commented that do to the virtual nature of meeting, the Province has increased its advocacy with FONOM

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** that the President's Report be received.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the agenda be approved with additional items.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS

Georges Bilodeau, Michael Groh, and Joe Hickey joined the Board meeting at 11:00 am; the PowerPoint presentation is attached. They represent the Huron Shores & Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure, H&M COFI. They shared their challenges and vision of bringing high-speed connectivity to the Huron Shores and the Manitoulin Island. In addition, their model showed how several communities are working to addresses the lack of Broadband infrastructure in their area.

Minister Jill Dunlop, along with several team members, joined the FONOM Board meeting at 1:00 pm. Also attending were several of the Clerks for the Board members Municipalities as observers to the conversation. The focus of the discussion was the province's Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation, Agenda attached. After a few moments of greetings, the province facilitated a series of questions to gain perspective from the Board on the Consultation. While the questions asked about violations and penalties of elected officials. The Board focused on the role of the Integrity Commissioners and that FONOM was concerned that communities still have qualified individuals seeking municipal office. (See Page 11)

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE March 5th, 2021 BOARD MEETING

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 M.Bain thanked the Board for spending time with him earlier that week, on speaker introductions and questions for the Ministers Forum. He briefed the Board on the 2021 FONOM Annual Conference and shared the Final Agenda. Mac shared that most of the speakers have sent their video presentations, only chasing a few. Also, that Clark Communication will be aiding in the production of the conference and has held practice sessions with them. Mac mentioned that FedNor will be a Sponsor for the Conference and that he will be working on the funding application after the Conference. He mentioned that we are showing ROMA as a Sponsor as a thank you for their generous donation. That this donation is not a part of the Conference Revenue.
- 5.2 Promote the North Campaign. The fifth video has been released, and it has been circulated to the Board, our partners, members, media, and the four City Economic Development Departments. The Province lock down caused a change to the fifth video, but Drew was able to still create an awesome product. It has also been very well received. The remaining videos will highlight Nipissing, Manitoulin and all of our Region. Over 200,000 people have seen the Campaign through our Social Media Specialist Jennifer Baker's efforts.
- 5.3 At the previous meeting Charles Cirtwell had suggested steps that our two organizations can take to become closed in the hope of making us each stronger. The Board discussed their request and clarified what those would mean to both organizations. Mac will clarify with Charles a few points and at the July meeting, Mac will have a Resolution for the Board to consider.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1) Locked down impact on Small Business – Letter sent to Premier Ford
- 6.4) Financial Supports for Laurentian University – Received for information
- 6.5) COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation – Received for information
- 6.6) POA Part III Prosecutions – Received for information
- 6.7) Federal Vaccine Roll-Out – Received for information

6.0 NEW BUSINESS, con't

6.8) Executive Director's Annual Performance Review (Verbal)

Whereas the Executive for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities have met and reviewed the performance of the Executive Director.

And whereas the report from the FONOM Executive find the performance and conduct of the Executive Director Mac Bain meeting and exceeding the expectations of the Executive

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the following as compensation for the Executive Director

- a continuation of the 24 hour a week work agreement at \$24.00 per hour
- a continuation of the \$200.00 per month office rental
- the continued payment of office expenses incurred for FONOM duties (Zoom Cogeco Adobe)
- a continuation of mileage and meal expenses as per the current FONOM expense claim form
- the addition of an administration expense line to the yearly conference financials of \$5000.00 payable to the Executive Director on the close of the annual conference
- the addition of an administration expense line of 5% for special projects payable to the Executive Director as per the resolution for each special project

7.0 Correspondence/information Items

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** all the correspondence items be received for information, with discussion on items 7.4, 7.20, 7.26

- 7.1 Letter sent by FONOM to Minister Clark – Voter Eligibility
- 7.2 Letter sent by FONOM to Minister Bethlenfalvy – Insurance Rates
- 7.3 Copy of Letter from NEOBMA to Speaker Rota – Bill C-21
- 7.4 Letter sent by FONOM to Minister Clark – Shift to MMAH from MENDM
- 7.5 Email sent to Aim Dimatteo – Resolution Supporting FedNor
- 7.6 Letter to NE Police Forces and Police Associations
- 7.7 Resolutions received – Support of Passenger Train Service
- 7.8 Resolution received – Support for 2+1
- 7.9 Resolution received – Extension of time when applying for Grants.
- 7.10 Resolutions Received – Support for Amber Eight
- 7.11 Letter sent to Premier – Support for Budget
- 7.12 Letter sent to Minister Scott – Thank you for Broadband Funding
- 7.13 Letter from Mantha – Closure of Fire Training Centre

7.0 Correspondence/information Items, con't

- 7.14 Follow-up Letter from Mantha – Closure of Fire Training Centre
- 7.15 Letter from NOLUM – Public Health Modernization
- 7.16 Letter from Andrea Horwath – Follow up from our meeting.
- 7.17 Resolutions Received – Closure of Fire Training Centre
- 7.18 Letter sent to Min. Elliott (2nd) – Emergency Rescue in the Unincorporated Area
- 7.19 Letter from Min. Fedeli – Response to North Bay Resolution
- 7.20 Letter from Kapuskasing – Long-term Care Modernization
- 7.21 Letter from Min. Clark – Election Modernization
- 7.22 Resolutions Received – holding Elected office with Criminal Record
- 7.23 Letter sent Robin Jones – Request for Donation from ROMA
- 7.24 Letter Received – Timmins Police Association
- 7.25 Northern College Municipal Skills Accelerator Project
- 7.26 Request to address the FONOM Board
- 7.27 Letter Received – Ontario Public Health Modernization Plan
- 7.28 Letter Received – Al Sizer's Appointment to the FONOM Board
- 7.29 Resolution Received – Cost of Municipal Insurance
- 7.30 Letter Received – Sharing of Broadband Experiences
- 7.31 Letter sent to ROMA – Thanking ROMA for Donation

Carried: Unanimous

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **J. Curley**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (Attached) for March 1 – May 6th, 2021.
MOTION CARRIED.
- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson**, that The Board receive the Financial Report (Attached) ending May 6th, 2021.
MOTION CARRIED.
- 8.3 Mac informed the Board that the application has been completed and would be submitted following the Board meeting. A concern was shared on the reporting nature of this new grant, and that it will be onerous. Further, the Board discussed their frustration that FONOM has now lost 2 years of its operating grant, with options discussed. The possibility of transferring to under the MMAH umbrella was shared, and that Danny send a letter to him to start that discussion.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

8.4 M. Bain proposed the creation of Quarterly **Learning Mornings** using the ZOOM platform for our membership. FONOM would invite 5 different speakers of Municipal Interest to address our members.

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **A. Sizer**, that the Board host Quarterly Learning Mornings starting in August 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.5 M. Bain proposed the FONOM/NOMA/NOSDA working together during the AMO Conference Minister's Delegation on the issue of Housing, Opioid Crisis and Mental Health (H, OC & MH). He also asked the Board Members to reach out before the end of May with any issues they would like us to include during the Minister's Delegation.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

City of Timmins

J. Curley shared that the City is not doing well on the COVID front, with very numbers. That the Provincial Shutdown does not seem to be helping the spread of the infection.

City of North Bay

B. Vrebosch shared that the many are talking about the issue of Housing, Opioid Crisis and Mental Health (H, OC & MH) and the cost of Low Barrier Shelters. Also, the negative impact to the Municipal Budgets the increase of Municipal Insurance is having. That the City's recent Resolution speaks to the creation of a Forum with Municipalities, the Province and the Insurance Industry to discuss these increases.

District of Sudbury

P. Schoppmann advised that the COVID numbers in the SDHU numbers are a concern. That area has a Food Bank that 7% of the population utilize. That his area is concerned with the size of there OPP Services Board, and that there may be a need to split it into 2 Boards.

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth commented on the negative impact the Pandemic continues to have on small businesses in Ontario. She mentioned the new Detox Centre for the region. Also, shared was the Police Department's frustration with catch and release system for 3 offences before incarceration.

District of Cochrane

N. Fortier Levesque updated the Board on AFMO, the Board members are pitching in to administer the organization and it is running smoothly. They are excited to have the City of Toronto join AFMO and they are starting to work on a strategic plan. She shared that the PHU has 175 active COVID cases, with none presently in Moonbeam. Nicole shared that many are excited in the are that the Golf Courses are open for business.

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly commented that the Growth in the Nipissing District is up, with some homes being purchased sight unseen. But some new residents to the area are asking for more services. He shared that many small businesses are struggling due to the restrictions with most just treating water. Terry mentioned many are frustrated at the current costs of wood and other building materials. Finally, he shared that the NBPSHU and their partners have done a great job on the vaccination clinics.

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin shared no COVID Cases on the island, and the communities are excited about the vaccine. The island has established two vaccination clinics, but the Health Unit is working to create more. There are concerns with having to share the Colour Restriction with the entire District. The island continues to see the housing market is strong. Also, he mentioned that the Marinas are wondering what the spring will bring to the island.

District of Algoma

L. Watson thanked Danny for attending the virtual Algoma District Association meeting, which had good participation. The major topic during the meeting was connectivity, with many sharing the struggle parents and students were having with online learning. Finally, he shared that the AHU and their partners have done a great job on the vaccination clinics.

City of Greater Sudbury

Al Sizer informed the Board of the City only had two new COVID cases (May 13). He commented that the city's frustrated with the Laurentian University situation, and it's ongoing impact on the City and Region. Also, if Laurentian University starts to sell assets, the City does not have first rights or even a list!

District of Parry Sound

Carleton informed the Board that the district is seeing the value of properties increase sharply and that the cost of building materials is also troubling. Connectivity is still a challenge in the district, with many cottagers are frustrated. A positive is the lower COVID numbers in Parry Sound. Also, Lynn spoke about the new skate park opening locally.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen shared the recent charges landed in Kirkland Lake of 23 people for break COVID rules. That FONOM many want to share with the Solicitor General the cost of judicial discussions have on Municipalities (policing and insurance). The increase to construction costs, are impacting Municipal projects. He referenced a renovation to an Arena, to make it AODA compliant, came in \$200,000 overestimate. The project has been cancelled and they Municipality has two issues, one how do we get complaint and do we return the grant money for the project. Also, we should ask the Province to create a Mutual Aid between the themselves for providing fire service on crown land or in an unorganized area.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Letter from Minister of Health – Resolved that FONOM include this issue in our
AMO Multi Minister Delegation

10.2 Letter from the Northern Golf Association – Received for information

11:00 IN CAMERA

No In Camera Discussion

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Friday, July 16th, 2021 by ZOOM or at the Call of the Chair

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson** **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppman** that the meeting be
adjourned at 11:54 am

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF March 14, 2021

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton** **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that the Minutes be accepted
as presented, on September 17, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen

FONOM President Report - From January meeting

05 January - FONOM Conference zoom meeting. FONOM ED and Timmins representatives

12 January - MENDM Northern Economic Advisory Council zoom meeting

13 January - Media day. Numerous interviews regarding our Go North Campaign. Television and radio.

14 January - Discussions with Professor Ken Coates University of Saskatchewan and StarLink staff regarding satellite broadband in northern regions of Canada

15 January - FONOM Board zoom meeting

19 January - Orientation via zoom with Nuclear Waste Management Ontario

19 January - Northern Policy Institute - Circular Economy Symposium

20 January - OFIA zoom meeting. Updates and introduction of new OFIA Executive - Budget Review and Action Plan

25 - 26 January - ROMA 2021 Conference - FONOM Multi Minister Delegation

28 January - Nuclear Waste Management Ontario Municipal Forum

28 January - AMO Executive meeting

28 January - AMO C of W meeting

29 January - AMO Board meeting

03 - 05 February - Forest Ontario annual conference - virtual

04 February - AMO - Memorandum of Understanding team pre budget meeting with province

11 February - FONOM - NOHFC discussions regarding annual funding program (Cancelled)

11 February - AMO - Memorandum of Understanding meeting

17 February - FONOM conference update zoom

19 February - FONOM - Telesat zoom regarding conference participation

19 February - MNR Aggregate Resources Working Group

23 February - FONOM operating grant NOHFC

24 February - Ontario Forest Industry Alliance - 4 hour virtual update

25 February - AMO Executive meeting

FONOM has once again received a strong response from our latest media release and many interview have been done in print, visual and audio,

The issue of municipal insurance premium increases has come back to the table. While discussions on this topic have been ongoing, the latest round of increases has garnered letters and resolutions. Both FONOM and NOMA have reached out to our membership for information

FONOM President Report - From January meeting (con't)

regarding their premiums for the latest renewal and this information will be taken to the AMO table and the provincial table.

FONOM has been asked to be part of the Aggregate Fees and Royalties Working Group. No meetings have taken place as yet.

Mac and I met with Telesat Canada again to discuss conference participation. They are looking forward to supporting us with a full session.

I attended the Forest Ontario virtual conference. While it was geared more toward those working in the sector there were some interesting session. Forestry has been good for northern Ontario and the possibilities are growing.

I have been invited by Minister Yakabuski to sit on a Forest Sector Strategy Committee. This will involve only a few meetings a year and will focus on how the industry is doing based on the requirements of the current strategy.

Cheques December 31, 2020 - February 19, 2021

14-Jan-21	203	trillys communications	3 Months Webhosting	\$ 84.75
17-Jan-21	204	Terry Kelly	January Board Meeting	\$ 75.00
22-Jan-21	205	Mac Bain	Statement # 11	\$ 2,062.17
28-Jan-21	206	Lynda Carleton	January Board Meeting	\$ 75.00
30-Jan-21	207	Danny Whalen	January meetings	\$ 900.00
31-Jan-21	208	Nicole Fortier Levesque	January Board Meeting	\$ 75.00
19-Feb-21	209	Mac Bain	Statement # 12	\$ 2,553.48
				\$ 5,825.40

<u>FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES</u>				
PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 -2022				
	Actual	Budget	Year to date	Budget
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021- 2022
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Membership	\$6,804	\$ 27,000.00	\$36,635	\$ 27,000.00
MNDM	50,000	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
AMO reimbursement	6,305	\$ 4,000.00	3,372	\$ 4,000.00
Conference Revenue	30,593			\$ 4,000.00
Northern Hospitality AMO	7,800			
FedNor - Go North			26,598	\$ 29,281.00
ROMA or Other	10,000	\$ 10,000.00	10,000	\$ 10,000.00
Total Revenues	\$111,503	\$ 91,000.00	\$76,605	\$ 124,281.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Board Meetings	\$37,041.85	\$ 25,000.00	\$18,242.63	\$ 29,000.00
AMO Board meeting & MOU	\$14,933.83	\$ 9,000.00	\$3,996.72	\$ 10,000.00
Provincial Committe Meetings	\$22,946.78	\$ 11,000.00	\$1,673.34	\$ 5,000.00
General & Admin Expense	\$15,598.02	\$ 10,500.00	\$18,886.80	\$ 10,500.00
Consulting Fees	\$0.00	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
Staff Wages/Benefits	\$51,296.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$22,913.89	\$ 35,000.00
Staff Travel	\$5,573.37	\$ 1,200.00	\$727.74	\$ 900.00
Directors' Honorarium	\$7,916.66	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ 4,000.00
Northern Hospitality AMO	\$10,408.60	\$ -	\$0.00	\$ -
GoNorth Campaign			\$39,195.61	\$ 19,183.39
Conference Expense	\$408.60	\$ -	\$192.00	\$ 6,000.00
Adversting - Forest Ontario			\$18,000.00	
Total Expenditures	\$166,124	\$ 91,700.00	\$123,829	\$ 119,583.39
Year End Surplus/Deficit	-\$ 54,621.00	-\$ 700.00	-\$47,224	\$ 4,697.61

Municipal Code of Conduct Consultation Meeting with Minister Dunlop and the Board of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

**May 14, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

ITEM	Duration
Opening Remarks from Minister Dunlop	3 Minutes
Consultation Questions: Led by Facilitator	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What changes do you feel are needed to the existing requirements for the <u>content</u> of municipal codes of conduct?2. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has made recommendations to improve accountability for members of council, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• increased financial penalties;• suspension for certain violations;• removal from office in certain circumstances; and• better training and standards for integrity commissioners.Which of AMO's recommendations do you think would help improve accountability for council members?3. Do you have any additional suggestions for a more effective enforcement and a broader range of penalties for violations of the code of conduct?4. Under what circumstances do you believe additional or stronger penalties for violating a code of conduct would be appropriate?	25 Minutes
Closing Remarks from Minister Dunlop	2 Minutes