

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 9th, 2022

Best Western Hotel – 700 Lakeshore Drive North Bay, Ontario

Present

D. Whalen, President

P. Schoppmann, 1st Vice President

L. Watson, 2nd Vice President

A. MacNevin, Director

L. Carleton, Director

T. Kelly, Director

J. Curley, Director

A. Sizer, Director

S. Hollingsworth, Director

N. Fortier Levesque, Director

ONTC Shop Tour

Moderator - Bill Vrebosch, Director

Regrets – None

Guests - None

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

**FONOM Board Meeting
Friday, March 18, 2022**

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:32 am

1.0 Welcome and President's Report (attached to the Agenda – Page 7 & 8)

President Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it has been busy since our last meeting, but a good busy. Danny referenced his circulated report and asked if there were any questions regarding his activities. He shared that TVO has connected with himself and Wendy Landry from NOMA to discuss our perspective on Northern Issues. Danny noted that he had attended the OGRA conference and that it was very well organized and attended. Also, he said that Paul Schoppmann is the current President of OGRA. Danny spoke about the high volume of Media requests FONOM has received, and he thanked Paul for fielding the French interviews. Finally, Danny noted that Bill Vrebosch was the Moderator for the ONTC Shop tour part of the pre-conference schedule.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **A. MacNevin** that the President's Report be received.

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS

There were no timed presentations

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE March 18th, 2022 BOARD MEETING

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 M. Bain shared the application to FedNor has been received and moved to the next level and that he had spoken to Denise Deschamps recently, and they are still reviewing the proposal. The Board then discussed at length some different approaches the campaign may take. Mac also mentioned the correct amount of the project is \$84,500.

5.2 M. Bain updated the Board on his conversation with Carla Nell from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) following our last Board meeting. He stressed to her our belief that they should draft their message so that Municipal staff, councils, and citizens would be able to understand. Mac also spoke about how important their project is and that a different communication strategy would be helpful to everyone's best interest.

5.3 This item was discussed in the Executive Director's Report 8.4

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1) Resolutions Received – asking for the Province to place Speed Alert signage at entrance to communities

The Board discussed the local initiatives that have been tried to curb speeding in communities. Policing approaches were discussed and the Board concurred that enforcement is one of best methods and that is outside of our control.

6.2) Resolution Received – call for improvements to Highway 17 west of Sault Ste Marie to Wawa

S. Hollingsworth provided an update to the Board that since the Resolution was sent to FONOM, the Province has committed funding to the Highway improvements.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** all the correspondence items are received for information purposes, but note that Board held a lengthy conversation regarding 7.1, and the AMO has created a Taskforce to deal with 7.4

7.1 Letter Received -Mandatory Firefighter Certification

7.2 Resolution Received – Boreal Forest Medieval Village

7.3 Resolution Received – Increase enrolment at the NOSM

7.4 Resolution Received – Joint and Several Liability

7.5 Resolution Received – Call for Action re Abandoned Cemeteries

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS – con't

- 7.6 Letter received - Thank you from Dr. Verma
- 7.7 Letter received – Grant approval for FONOM Conference
- 7.8 Resolution Received – Support of Bill 59
- 7.9 Resolution Received – Railway Crossing Maintenance
- 7.10 Email Received – Blue Box Regulation
- 7.11 Letter sent – Thank you to Minister Dunlop regarding the NOSM
- 7.12 Letter sent – Thank you to Minister Jones regarding Fire Service
- 7.13 Letter sent – Support for Application regarding Catalyst Grant
- 7.14 Letter Received – Access to Debate New Blue Ontario Party
- 7.15 Letter Received – from Minister Steve Clark regarding Renovictions
- 7.16 Letter Received – Minister Victor Fedeli regarding ONTC
- 7.17 Resolution Received – Funding Support for Infrastructure
- 7.18 Resolution Received – additional Nurse Practitioners

MOTION CARRIED.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson**, that the Board receive the list of amended Expenditures (*Attached Page 9*) for March and April, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 10*) ending April 25, 2022

MOTION CARRIED.

- 8.3 M. Bain updated the Board on the positive state of membership renewal for 2022-2023, noting reminders will be sent out in June.
M.Bain and the Board discussed further the plans for the Northern Hospitality Suite during the AMO Conference.
M. Bain shared the Agenda for the Conference and the Northern Leaders Debate with the Board. Following Mac spend time walking the Board through their participation over the next few days.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – con't

M. Bain provided an update to the Board on the Sudbury application to be the 2024 FONOM Conference Host Community. After a discussion the following resolution was made.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **Terry Kelly**, that the City of Great Sudbury be named the Host Community for the 2024 FONOM Conference.

MOTION CARRIED.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Manitoulin

In respect for time A. MacNevin provided no update

City of Timmins

J. Curley shared that in the first six days of May there were six opioid deaths in Timmins.

District of Parry Sound

In respect for time L. Carleton provided no update

District of Algoma

In respect for time L. Watson provided no update

City of Greater Sudbury

In respect for time A. Sizer provided no update

City of North Bay

B. Vrebosch was on the ONTC Shop tour as Moderator

District of Sudbury

In respect for time P. Schoppmann provided no update

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District of Timiskaming

In respect for time D. Whalen provided no update

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly updated the Board on a recent NWMO Safety article

District of Cochrane

In respect for time N. Fortier Leveque provided no update

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth shared that the Sault Downtown revitalization is moving forward

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

D. Whalen mentioned that while at the OGRA Conference, he had an opportunity to speak with representatives of Kalitec about their Radar Speed Signs. Danny stressed that they are safety tools, not for revenue generation. He mentioned there might be an opportunity for joint procurement of signs. After a discussion, Danny and Mac will discuss with them, and they may present during the July Board meeting.

11:0 IN CAMERA

The Board went to Camera to discuss one item of a possible legal matter.

Following the in-camera meeting, the Board passed the following Resolution.

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **Paul Schoppmann**, that the Board accept the verbal recommendation from the Executive Director.

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Friday, July 8th, 2022 in Elk Lake & by ZOOM or at the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 am

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 9th, 2022

It was **MOVED** by _____ **SECONDED** by _____ that the Minutes be accept as presented, on July 8th, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen

March, 18 – April 26, 2022

22 March - MECP Floating Accommodations

24 March - AMO Executive

24 March - AMO Committee of the Whole

25 March - AMO Northern Caucus

25 March - AMO Board

28 March - NOTTF Co-Chair Meeting

29 March - AMO - Special MOU - Housing

31 March - NOTTF Full Membership Meeting

01 April - NOSM University Launch

04 April - AMO - TVO - Northern Ontario Inclusion

07 April - NOTTF Co-Chair Meeting

09 April - Good Roads Conference

10 April - Good Roads Conference - Municipal 511

11 April - Good Roads Conference - Fire Fighter Certification - SolGen

12 April - Good Roads Conference - MTO Northern Highway Safety, 2+1 Highways

13 April - Good Roads Conference - Presidents Installation

14 April - FONOM Conference Planning - Debate Accommodations Planning

16 April - FONOM Conference Passenger Train Planning

21 April - AMO Executive

21 April - NOTTF Full Membership Meeting

I am pleased that FONOM was asked to provide video comments for the official launch of NOSM

University. I feel the acknowledgment from NOSMU and FONOM's participation speak well to our ongoing relationship.

I was also asked by NOSMU to sit on their selection committee as they search out a new Chancellor. I have offered that duty to Councillor Hollingsworth and she has agreed to take on the task. She is proving to be a most valuable asset as FONOM works to better all health-related services in the north.

On 04 April (I attended a virtual meeting with the Executive Director for AMO and the new Chief Executive Director for TVO. He is putting in place a renewed vision and pathway for TVO and wanted input on how best to include Northern Ontario. It was a very valuable meeting. We will hold another meeting in the near future.

We are drafting the first quarterly report for the NOTTF to the Minister. The Task Force is being hup up on highway safety and we need to keep on our mandate.

I attended the Good Roads conference in Toronto. The conference was by all indications an overwhelming success. During the conference we were able to meet with the Solicitor General and The Office of the Fire Marshal regarding the mandatory certification for volunteer fire services. I attended a meeting with Minister Mulroney's staff regarding highway safety on both highways 11 and 17. The conference had many worthy speakers and an interesting trade show.

With the recent number of requests and inquiries regarding speed enforcement signs I spoke at length with a company called Kalitec. I found their product to be interesting as is is larger than most, dual battery with solar recharge and can be programmed to also message the potential speeding infraction fine. It really is an eye grabber. I have since spoken to them again regarding a bulk purchase opportunity for northern communities. They will make a presentation at a future meeting.

We held a FONOM conference planning session in North Bay on April 14th. After the planning session we visited the Capital Center for a walk through and police update.

With the provincial election call days away it was decided that there will be no AMO / MOU meetings until after the election.

We as FONOM have again been called on by many media outlets across Ontario. While these interviews can be lengthy and do require some preparation, I feel they do a lot to gain recognition for FONOM.

I have been asked to sit in on a virtual meeting being hosted by the University of Manitoba. It will deal with commercial vehicle licensing and the problems created with the closure of so many inspection stations and lack of enforcement. Both highways 17 and 11 fit the profile needed for discussions.

8.1

Approval of Expenditures			
March & April 2022			
Lynn Watson March Board Meeting	304		\$ 836.00
Danny Whalen - March Board + Meetings + Annual Honourarium	305		\$ 5,895.80
Lynda Carleton - Board Meeting	306		\$ 430.84
John Curley - March Board Meeting	307		\$ 864.08
Paul Schoppmann - March Board + Annual Honourarium	308		\$ 1,300.00
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Mac Bain - Statement #26 + Expenses	310		\$ 6,154.85
Al Sizer - March meeting	311		\$ 546.02
Terry Kelly	312		\$ 75.00
Deb Bain - Rent	313		\$ 600.00
Al MacNevin	314		\$ 75.00
Bill Vrebosch	315		\$ 75.00
Nicole Fortier Levesque - Board + 2 AMO	316		\$ 692.50
Nicole Fortier Levesque - AMO COW	317		\$ 75.00
Service Fees			\$ 20.50
Mac Bain - Statement 27	318		\$ 5,041.06
			\$ 22,681.65

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FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023			
as of April 25, 2022			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
Membership	30,000.00	13,923.00	16,077.00
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
NOHFC	50,000.00	9,780.11	40,219.89
Northern Suite at AMO	3,500.00	-	3,500.00
Investment Interest	-	-	-
Conference - bank transfer	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - Promote the North	84,000.00	-	84,000.00
	<u>206,500.00</u>	<u>23,703.11</u>	<u>182,796.89</u>
Service Fees	225.00	-	225.00
Board Meetings	35,000.00	-	35,000.00
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	-	16,500.00
Provincial Committee Meetings	5,500.00	1,580.65	3,919.35
Advertising - Forest Ontario	-	-	-
Insurance	600.00	-	600.00
General & Admin	7,000.00	995.55	6,004.45
Audit And Legal Fees	4,600.00	-	4,600.00
Staff Wages	31,000.00	2,352.00	28,648.00
Staff Travel	900.00	-	900.00
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	5,000.00	112.86	4,887.14
Conference Expense	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
GoNorth Campaign	84,000.00	-	84,000.00
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>203,325.00</u>	<u>5,041.06</u>	<u>198,283.94</u>
	<u>3,175.00</u>	<u>18,662.05</u>	<u>(15,487.05)</u>

Received 2nd NOHFC Claim on April 5th, 2022 for \$9,780.11.

These were for eligible expenses since November 2021 - March 31, 2022.