

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, November 4, 2022

Moon Beam Municipal Office - 53 St Aubin Ave, Moonbeam, ON P0L 1V0

Present

D. Whalen, President

P. Schoppmann, 1st Vice President

L. Watson, 2nd Vice President

A. MacNevin, Director

L. Carleton, Director

T. Kelly, Director

N. Fortier Levesque, Director

Regrets

J. Curley, Director

A. Sizer, Director

Bill Vrebosch, Director

S. Hollingsworth, Director

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 8:36 am

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

President Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Nicole for hosting the Board on Thursday night. Also, he thanked the Town of Moonbeam and its staff for generously allowing us to use the Town Hall and Chamber for our meeting. He shared his view on the activities of the Board in recent months then, commenting on how often FONOM's viewpoint is being sought by the Government. Danny also commented that the Northern Suite continues to get great reviews, and that everyone appreciates the Northern Hospitality. Danny mentioned that Deb Bain had provided funds personally for help with the Suite, and the Board wanted her to be reimbursed. He asked if members of the Board had questions regarding activities in his report since our last meeting.

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 **N. Fortier Levesque**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the agenda be approved as presented

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS

No timed presentations

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE September 6th, 2022 BOARD MEETING

It was **MOVED** by **P. Schoppmann** **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the Minutes be accepted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 M. Bain shared that there has been a slow start to the production of the videos, and that ideas are still required for several of the districts. Drew has some arial footage shot and has a work plan established.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – con't

5.2 M. Bain recapped for the Board our presentation last meeting with David Robinson, Emily Davies, and Michael Atkinson regarding partnering with them for the Economic Development Program. The Board was delighted with the offer to lend our name to the Program. We will add a link to the Program to our website and provide an email blast to our members.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson** **SECONDED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** that FONOM support and promote the Economic Development Program at Laurentian University.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1) Letter sent – Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts

President Whalen shared the Boards concerns with the proposed Redistribution

6.2) Resolutions Received – Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts

Municipality calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to not reduce the number of MPs for Northern Ontario and it respects the current geographical boundaries

6.3) Resolutions Received – asking that the Draven Alert System be implemented

request that the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing

It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly** **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that FONOM support the creation of the Draven System, but would hope that technology will be used to target the alert to a geographic area

MOTION CARRIED.

6.4) Letter Received - Minister Caroline Mulroney

Thank you for her Re-appointment

6.0 NEW BUSINESS – con't

6.5) Resolution Received – Raise to Child care wage

advocates for the Province of Ontario to address the childcare workforce shortage in Ontario by immediately increasing the \$18/hour minimum wage and providing benefits to RECEs in licensed child care centres to an equitable level to that which is paid to RECEs employed by school boards;

that the Province of Ontario launch and financially support an accelerated Early Childhood Education program, to be completed within 14 to 16 months, similar to the program launched in March 2022 for Personal Support Workers (PSWs), where funding supported the costs of tuition, books, and other mandatory fees, to help address the shortage of RECEs in Ontario;

It was **MOVED** by **N. Fortier Levesque** **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** that FONOM advocates for the Province of Ontario to address the childcare workforce shortage.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.6) Resolution Received – School Bus Safety

After some discussion, Terry Kelly offered to arrange a Timed Presentation for a future meeting

6.7) Resolution Received – Strong Mayor

There was a lengthy discussion about the negative impacts this legislation may have on small and rural municipalities.

6.8) Resolution Received – Physician Shortage in Northeastern Ontario

Lynn Watson noted that Wawa only has one Doctor and is contemplating retirement. Several Board members noted the challenges with recruitment and value of incentives. Paul Schoppmann mentioned a comment Dr. Verma made during her presentation at the FONOM Conference; that some students can be fast-tracked after completing three years of study.

The Board wanted Mac to share this Resolution with Dr. Verma for comment

7.0 Correspondence/information Items

It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **T. Kelly** all the correspondence items be received for information

7.1 Resolutions Received -Mandatory Firefighter Certification

The Board discussed this issue and noted that some Associations are saying that the Certifications have not been a concern. However, several members commented that volunteering is a general concern for their communities. After further discussion, the Board would like Mac to work with the three communities on creating a survey of the financial cost the certification is having on local departments.

7.2 Letter received – Thank you from PA Riddell for meeting during AMO

7.3 Letter received – Thank you from Minister Clark for meeting during AMO

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 September & October 2022 to approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2 It was **MOVED** by **T. Kelly**, **SECONDED** by **P. Schoppmann**, that The Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 11*) ending October 21, 2022

MOTION CARRIED.

8.3 Mac shared that he has been working on the Board members for the coming term of Council, with letters going out shortly. He shared the financial picture of the Ottawa Hospitality Suite. Also, the AMO Conference for 2023 is in London, and Mac will be traveling there soon to look at the suite layout. Mac also briefed the Board on the 2023 FONOM Conference. A discussion was held, and the Board asked that the attendance fee for members stay the same at the 2022 rate.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Algoma

L. Watson mentioned that the ADMA meeting had been postponed until April. He noted that the major topics in the area during the election were Broadband and Homelessness, Mental Health, and Addictions. The number of opioid deaths is higher in Sault Ste Marie than in the district's balance, but still troubling. Lynn was concerned with the number of councillor vs. councillor court actions within the section. He noted that there was quite a council turnover in many communities with Algoma.

District of Manitoulin

A. MacNevin noted that many on the Island have become frustrated with the Bridge, and its frequent closures. He shared that even though there were assurances, there has been little communication by the contractor. Al mentioned that the clerks had arranged Council training sessions on the Island. He noted that having the training locally helps keep the cost low for the island municipalities. Also, he shared that the communication and cooperation between municipalities and the Island First Nation Communities are continuing and are very productive.

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton informed the Board that the recent Election was all-consuming for many communities within the district.

District of Cochrane

N. Fortier Levesque recognized the Board for their work on behalf of our Municipalities and citizens of the North. Also, she thanked many on the Board for aiding her in her role as Mayor. Nicole mentioned that the Cochrane District Association has not met recently but expects them to meet in January. She noted to the Board that their many councils throughout the district have several new faces.

District of Nipissing

T. Kelly shared that East Ferris has seen 48 new homes built in the community with a value of 27 million. He shared his concern with the Province's new Housing legislation and its negative impact on the North. Terry shared that the new Doctor's Clinic is open and very busy. Terry mentioned as a member of the NWMO Municipal Advisory Panel, and he is working with them to inform Fire Departments of this National Project.

District of Sudbury

P. Schoppmann shared that Airbnb's are an issue in his district and that they will be implanting a trail Noise Bylaw, with the Municipality collecting the fines. Then plan to educate residents on the bylaw during the first week and start enforcement in year two.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen shared that he met with NEOMA to provide the New Transportation Taskforce details. Within his District has been sharing the importance of Communities having a good handle on their Asset Management, as the Province will be using that information moving forward. Danny has also had many conversations about the NORDS funding and how it may work best for a community. Finally, Danny noted that his district sees short-term rentals causing an issue.

District of Cochrane

N. Fortier Levesque noted to the Board that her travels the day prior was hampered by another highway closure, closing the highway for over 20 hours. She said the lack of the availability of alternative routes and the road conditions during any weather event are also concerns. Nicole shared that regarding AFMO, they have received funding from FCM to encourage more women to get involved in politics.

City of Sault Ste Marie

No Report provided

City of Greater Sudbury

No Report provided

City of North Bay

No Report provided

City of Timmins

No Report provided

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no new Business

11:00 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera items or discussion

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 in Toronto at the Call of the Chair

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson** **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the meeting be adjourned at 12:34am

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF November 4th, 2022

It was **MOVED** by **A. MacNevin** **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the Minutes be accepted as presented, on January 22, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen

President Report August - September- October 2022

04 August - AMO/MOU meeting
08 August - Introductory call with Minister Kerzner
09 August - NOTTF meeting
13 August - AMO Executive meeting
14 August - AMO Board meeting
14 August - FONOM Multi Minister Delegation
14 August - FONOM Board meeting
15 August - Joint Multi Minister Delegation - FONOM - NOSDA - NOMA
13 - 17 August - AMO Conference
24 August - OFIA update
08 September - NOTTF meeting
29 September - AMO -MOU meeting
06 October - AMO Executive meeting
06 October - AMO C of W meeting
07 October - AMO Board meeting
12 October - NOTTF CoChair meeting
13 October - Northern Electricity Advocacy Roundtable
21 October = AMO/MOU meeting
27 October = AMO Executive meeting

After the AMO conference in August I took some time and went out to Nova Scotia to help my daughter with a move. Even as I was building a kitchen and bathroom, I did attend meetings by zoom.

I received calls and emails from Ministers, staff and other elected officials thanking FONOM for hosting the hospitality suite.

I was asked to sit on a Northern Electricity Advocacy Roundtable. This is a way for Hydro One to make users aware of any upcoming changes and major projects.

I have held several calls with Ministers and staff regarding northern issues and concerns.

8.1

		List of Cheque September and October			
2022-09-10	Terry Kelly - Sept Board		365		75.00
2022-09-14	Lynda Carleton - September Board		366		75.00
2022-09-15	CMG Computer Services-Computer Ink		367		293.78
2022-09-20	Paul Schoppmann - Ottawa+ Beef Jerky		368		375.00
2022-09-30	Banking Fees				16.75
2022-10-01	Mac Bain - Statement 33		369		1,655.43
2022-10-02	Danny Whalen, AMO, FONOM & AMO Conference		370		3,246.87
2022-10-03	Sandra Hollingsworth - Board and Suite		371		1,636.87

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FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023			
as of October 21st, 2022			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue			
Membership	30,000.00	32,214.00	(2,214.00)
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
NOHFC	50,000.00	26,336.19	23,663.81
Northern Suite at AMO	3,500.00	6,500.00	3,500.00
Investment Interest	-	-	-
Conference - bank transfer	30,000.00	79,036.91	(49,036.91)
Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - Promote the North	84,000.00	53,460.00	30,540.00
	206,500.00	197,547.10	15,452.90
Service Fees	225.00	75.75	149.25
Board Meetings	35,000.00	20,274.43	14,725.57
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	7,907.39	8,592.61
Provincial Committee Meetings	5,500.00	2,255.65	3,244.35
Advertising - Clark Communications	-	1,756.24	(1,756.24)
Insurance	600.00	452.00	148.00
General & Admin	7,000.00	5,307.70	1,692.30
Audit And Legal Fees	4,600.00	2,825.00	1,775.00
Staff Wages	31,000.00	16,464.00	14,536.00
Staff Travel	900.00	-	900.00
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	5,000.00	13,720.01	(8,720.01)
Conference Expense	8,000.00	22,338.39	(14,338.39)
GoNorth Campaign	84,000.00	30,736.55	53,263.45
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	203,325.00	124,113.11	79,211.89
	3,175.00	73,433.99	(63,758.99)

