

# FONOM

NORTHEASTERN MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

# 2023

## May 8 - 10



TOWN OF  
*Parry Sound*



## CONNECTING THE NORTH

Hosted by the Town of Parry Sound

**Location:** Charles W. Stockey Centre  
for the Performing Arts  
Parry Sound, ON

**FONOM**  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities



# President's Message

**Danny Whalen**, *President, FONOM*

On behalf of the Board of Directors of FONOM, it is a pleasure to welcome delegates, sponsors, and exhibitors to our 62nd Annual Conference hosted by the Town of Parry Sound.

The theme of this year's Conference is **Connecting the North**. Delegates will benefit from various speakers and sessions focused on innovative strategies and best practices for communities, both large and small, with the hope of connecting Northern Ontario.

We encourage you all to visit our extensive trade show this year featuring many new exhibitors, with whose support this Conference is possible. We thank them for their interest in our event and commitment to northern Ontario through their presence here this week. Likewise, we thank the Sponsors for supporting the Conference and their commitment to the North. Finally, we also want to sincerely thank the Town of Parry Sound for being this year's host and their efforts toward making this a great conference.

Over three days, the Conference will deliver current and up-to-date information relevant to elected officials and senior administrative staff and allow delegates to network, share ideas, and discuss future initiatives.

For those of you who have attended previous FONOM Conferences, welcome back, and we hope you find this to be one of the best conferences you've attended. For those of you joining us for your first FONOM Conference, especially those newly elected, we extend a special welcome and hope this is the beginning of a long relationship between you and our organization.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive time at our annual Conference and business meeting!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Whalen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.



Mayor McGarvey's Photo is by Thom Morrissey

# Welcome to Parry Sound

**Jamie McGarvey, Mayor of Parry Sound**

Welcome FONOM Conference  
Delegates, Exhibitors and Sponsors!

On behalf of the Town of Parry  
Sound, I would like to welcome you  
to the 2023 FONOM Conference,  
'Connecting the North'.

The Conference Program offers a  
well-rounded mix of session topics  
that are relevant to all of us here in  
the north, as we aspire to  
sustainability and connectivity,  
making us collectively better  
equipped to compete globally.

In addition to the events at the  
Charles W. Stockey Centre, we hope  
you take the opportunity to explore  
the Town of Parry Sound and  
surrounding area.

Designated as a World UNESCO  
Biosphere, the area is rich in  
breathtaking vistas, wonderful  
attractions, and friendly people.

Thank you for joining us at the 2023  
Federation of Northern Ontario  
Municipalities Conference and look  
forward to your return visit.

Best wishes to all for a successful  
conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie McGarvey'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.



# Thank you to our Conference Sponsors

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- FedNor
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- ROMA Rural Ontario Municipal Association
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- Township of the Archipelago
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## BRONZE

- Seguin Township
- OTT Financial Group

## CONNECTING THE NORTH



Monday, May 8, 2023

Time	Activity	Location
9:30 am	<b>Waterfront Ecology Guided Hike Pre-Registration</b> <i>(rugged terrain)</i> <a href="https://form.jotform.com/230813045803044">https://form.jotform.com/230813045803044</a> <b>90 Minutes</b>	 Patio Stockey Centre
11:00 am	<b>Conference Registration Opens &amp; Trade Show Begins</b>	Lobby
11:45 am	<b>Lunch</b> Sponsor: IESO	Main Hall
12:45 pm	<b>Official Opening</b> "O Canada" Vocalist: Mia and Carson Presenters: Danny Whalen, <i>FONOM President</i> Jamie McGarvey, <i>Mayor, Town of Parry Sound</i> Chief Warren Tabobondung, <i>Wasauksing First Nation</i> Greg Rickford, <i>Minister of Northern Development and            Indigenous Affairs</i>	Main Hall
1:30 pm	<b>Georgian Bay Mnidoo Gamii Biosphere Presentation</b> Benjamin John, <i>Climate &amp; Energy Programs Manager, GBBR</i> Alice Barton: <i>Councillor, Township of the Archipelago</i> Forrest Pengra: <i>Director of Strategic Initiatives,            ICECAP Chair, Township of Seguin</i> Mike Kearns: <i>Director of Public Works, Town of Parry Sound</i> Moderator: Lynn Watson, <i>FONOM Second Vice President</i>	Main Hall
2:15 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Sponsor: LAS	Lobby
2:40 pm	<b>MPAC Update</b> Nicole McNeill, <i>President and CAO</i> Carmelo Lipsi, <i>Vice-President and COO</i> Al Spacek, <i>Chair</i> Moderator: Terry Kelly, <i>FONOM Director</i>	Main Hall
3:15 pm	<b>Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources</b>	Main Hall
3:30 pm	<b>Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation</b>	Main Hall

**Monday, May 8, 2023 cont'd**

Time	Activity	Location
3:45 pm	<b>Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier - Minister of Health</b>	Main Hall
4:00 pm	<b>Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing</b>	Main Hall
4:20 pm	<b>Minister's Forum</b> Moderator: Danny Whalen, FONOM President	Main Hall
5:00 pm	<b>Welcome Reception (Cash Bar)</b> <b>Sponsor:</b> intact Public Entities	Lobby
7:00 pm	<b>Dinner on your own in Parry Sound</b>	

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**Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 am	<b>Full Breakfast</b> Sponsor: <b>NWMO</b>	Lobby
8:45 am	<b>Intact Public Entities</b> <b>Claims drive premiums, What we are seeing in 2023</b> Jessica Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services Moderator: Lynda Carleton, <i>FONOM Director</i>	Main Hall
9:15 am	<b>Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health in Northern Ontario, Revisited</b> Mercedes Labelle, Senior Policy Analyst, NPI Moderator: Maggie Horsfield, <i>FONOM Director</i>	Main Hall
10:00 am	<b>Preparing Northeastern Municipalities for Ontario's Energy Future</b> Carla Nell is Vice-President, Corporate Relations, IESO Nicole Hopper, Manager, Transmission Planning, IESO Moderator: Paul Lefebvre, <i>FONOM Director</i>	Main Hall

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 con't**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
10:30 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Sponsor: Seguin Township and OTT	Lobby
10:45 am	<b>Update from Ontario Northland</b> Chad Evans, Chief Executive Officer AI Spacek, Chair of the ONTC Moderator: John Curley, FONOM Director	Main Hall
11:15 am	<b>FEDNOR Update + GONorth Video Premier</b> President Valerie Gideon Moderator: Al McNevin, FONOM Director	Main Hall
Noon	<b>Learning Lunch Buffet</b> <b>12:30 pm MPAC Data Sharing Strategy – Municipal Engagement Opportunity</b> Speaker: Mary Dawson-Cole Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Valuation and Customer Relations Sponsor: MPAC	Lobby Main Hall
1:05 pm	<b>Need for Bail Reform, The Impact on Our Communities and the Path Forward</b> Chief Foy, Timmins Police Force Sandra Hollingsworth, FONOM Director	Main Hall
1:55 pm	<b>Kristen Oliver</b> , NOMA Board Member <b>Colin Best</b> , AMO President <b>Lindsay Jones</b> , AMO Director of Policy & Government Relations	Main Hall



## Tuesday, May 9, 2023 cont'd

Time	Activity	Location
2:45 pm	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Sponsor: <b>Enbridge</b>	Lobby
3:15 pm	<b>Tradeshow Adjourns</b>	
3:15 pm	<b>A Proven Solution of Scalable Microgrid Technology: SPEEDIER (Smart, Proactive, Enabled, Energy Distribution, Intelligently, Efficiently and Responsive)</b> Vince VinceKulchycki: Chief Operating Officer, Lakeland Holding Marjorie MacDonald - Process Lead, Lakeland Solutions Peter Ewald - Project Technical Lead, Lakeland Solutions Moderator: Dave Plourde, FONOM Director	Main Hall
3:45 pm	<b>Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario</b>	Main Hall
4:05 pm	<b>Connecting. Uniting. Thriving: The Northern Ontario Primary Care Network</b> <b>Dr. Paul Preston</b> , Vice President Clinical Programs NOPCN Moderator: Sandra Hollingsworth, FONOM Director	Main Hall
6:00 pm	<b>Pre Banquet Reception (Cash Bar)</b> Pianist: Dave Williams Sponsor: <b>City of Greater Sudbury</b>	Lobby
7:00 pm	<b>Annual FONOM Banquet</b> - Sponsor: <b>Contact North</b>	Main Hall
9:00 pm	<b>Presentation of Executive Award</b>	

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 am	<b>Full Breakfast</b> Sponsor: Ontario Power Generation	Lobby
8:30 am	<b>FONOM Annual General Meeting</b>	Main Hall
9:20 am	<b>Spotlight Speaker</b> <b>Ontario Power Generation - Role in the Future</b> <b>Ahmad Al Ali, Director of Hydro Business Development</b> <b>Paul Norris, President Ontario Waterpower Association</b> Moderator: Renée Carrier, FONOM Director	Main Hall
10:00 am	<b>Marit Stiles, Provincial NDP Leader</b> Moderator: Lynn Watson, FONOM 2nd Vice President	Main Hall
10:20 am	<b>Refreshment Break</b> Sponsor: Township of the Archipelago	Lobby
10:50 am	<b>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b> <b>Dan Trommatter</b> <i>We've Always Done It That Way - Challenge Your Assumptions and Get Unstuck</i> Sponsor: FedNor	Main Hall
11:45 am	<b>Invite to Greater Sudbury</b> <b>2024 FONOM Conference Host</b> Mayor Paul Lefebvre, FONOM Director	Main Hall
11:45 am	<b>Adjournment</b>	Main Hall
Noon	<b>Boxed Lunch to Go</b> Sponsor: Enbridge	Lobby

Safe Journey Home



# Exhibitors

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Intact Public Entities

Nelson Granite

Labour Market Group

Northern Policy Institute

PSD City Wide

MuniSoft

IESO

TC Energy

OECCM

MPAC

Ontario Clean Water

Federation of ON Public Libraries

Ontario Ombudsman

LAS

Hydro One

Henderson Creation Ltd.

Hobson Chahal Advisory Group

Meridian Credit Union

FedNor

Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Infrastructure Ontario

Enbridge

OFATV

Destination Northern Ontario

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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is the unified voice of Northeastern Ontario, representing and advocating on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities.

Our mission is to improve the economic and social quality of life for all northerners and to ensure the future of our youth.

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