

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, March 10th, 2023

**Council Chambers, Wawa Municipal Office
40 Broadway Avenue, Wawa, Ontario**

Present

D. Whalen, President
L. Watson, 2nd Vice President
J. Curley, Director
S. Hollingsworth, Director
L. Carleton, Director
M. Signoretti, Alternate Director
D. Plourde, Director (Zoom)

Participated by Zoom

T. Kelly, Director
A. MacNevin, Director
M. Horsfield, Director

Staff

M. Bain, Executive Director

**FONOM Board Meeting
Friday, March 10th, 2023**

President D. Whalen welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 8:41 am

1.0 Welcome and President's Report *(pages 9 & 10)*

President Whalen opened the meeting by welcoming Mayor Dave Plourde and Alternate Direct Mark Signoretti to the Board, asking them to spend a few moments introducing themselves. Then Danny noted his activities since January, commenting he is still receiving many calls from Ministry Staff, Media, and Members. Danny then asked if the Board had any questions regarding his activities; hearing none, he moved forward with the agenda.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **M/ Signoretti** that the agenda be approved with additions.

MOTION CARRIED.

3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS

10:00 am – Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs

Shari Black joined the meeting and shared with the Board the activities and importance of those individuals that enjoy ATVing in our communities.

10:30 am – OGRA - Two advocacy initiatives – Scott Butler

4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE January 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley** **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the Minutes be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 D. Whalen shared with the Board the outcomes of the first Catch n Release Taskforce meeting held in Sault Ste. Marie on February 15, 2023 (session Minutes and Media Release attached pages 11 & 12). Danny, Sandra, and John commented on the meeting and shared the new people that will be invited to attend the April 12 meeting in Timmins.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.2 Letter Received (Copied) – Comments on the impacts of Bill 23 Mun. of East Ferris
The Board members commented that there are many aspects of Bill 23 and noted that some would impact some of our members. M. Bain then suggested that the Board members of the four cities share their Bill 23 council reports with him, and he will prepare a briefing for the Board for a future meeting.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Resolution Received – Phlebotomy Services in Timiskaming North End
Town of Kirkland Lake

The Board discussed the Resolution and in was Received for information.

6.2 Resolution Received – Gender Affirming Health Care Act
Town of Kirkland Lake

The Board discussed the Resolution and in was Received for information.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities asked the Ministry of Health to renegotiate with the Ontario Medical Association to increase fees paid to doctors for virtual visits with patient visits from Northern and Remote underserved areas.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.3 Resolution Received – Support for Homeless Funding
City of North Bay
DNSSAB
Township of East Ferris

D. Whalen noted that AMO asked Municipalities and DSSABs to support this Resolution as part of their Pre Budget-Presentation. After much Board discussion.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **M. Signoretti**, that the

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities supports the Resolution and that it be forwarded to our membership for their consideration and support.

MOTION CARRIED.

6.4 Email Received – Camping on Crown Land

M.Bain had sent out to Danny and Lynn a link to a meeting held by the MNR on proposed Regulations on Campsites on Crown Land and Lake. Danny commented that he attended and that some of the proposals were unrealistic. We monitor the progress of these changes.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

It was **MOVED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde** all the correspondence items are received for information purposes.

7.1 Letter Received – Transportation Update

7.2 Letter Received – Follow-up to Minister after ROMA Delegations

7.3 Resolutions Received – Reduction to Fee Structure for Virtual Health Visit with Health Care Providers

It was noted during Board discussions that 80% of those that used the Virtual Health did not have a family doctor. It was also pointed out that the Pharmacies are now about to prescript medication for frequent ailments, which the Ministry believes will help.

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 Expenditures (*Attached Page 13*) for January and February 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.

8.2 It was **MOVED** by **L. Carleton**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 14*) ending March 2, 2023

MOTION CARRIED.

8.3 M. Bain updated the Board on the 2023 FONOM Conference, sharing that the Registrations are coming in and the Sponsorship interest is picking up. A discussion was held around the Conference Program and a Keynote Speaker. The Board discussed expanding the Tradeshow area and adjusting its negligible impact on the agenda. Mac shared that cost pressures were impacting the Budget. Still, the added Tradeshow revenue will ensure a profit again this year.

8.4 An update on the next phase of the GoNorth Campaign was provided to the Board.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, con't

- 8.5 M. Bain thanked the Board for the Executive Director Review outcomes, especially the increase in Honourarium and hours per week. Mac then covered a few minor office issues and noted that there would be no Learning morning this quarter due to time.
- 8.6 In the Board package, there were designs for new FONOM Banners. After some discussion, the Board selected, increasing the order to three banners.
- 8.7 M. Bain updated the Board on his discussions with the ONEDC and the Immigration program they administer. Some parts of Northeastern Ontario still need to be covered by the program. The issue is the Federal Department, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada IRCC, program boundary description. Mac has spoken with Erin Richmond with North Bay Economic Department, and ONEDC is lobbying for the same outcomes as FONOM. We will continue to work together on this issue.
- 8.8 M. Bain shared with the Board that a link to the Northern Policy Institutes SNOED course has been added to FONOM's website.
- 8.9 Mac shared with the Board the province's privatization of the Employment Systems Transformation. Several of the Board noted they sit on their local DSSAB and will report back on the local impacts at May's meeting. The Board agreed to work with NOSDA on the issue.
- 8.10 M. Bain presented a Budget for 2023-2024 to the FONOM Board. He provided a brief overview of some of the line items and answered questions from the members. The Board asked for Mac's written notes regarding the Budget changes.

It was **MOVED** by **M. Signoretti**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson**, that the Board receive and approve the FONOM Annual Budget for 2023-2024 as presented (*Attached Page 15*).

MOTION CARRIED.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS

District of Cochrane

D. Plourde noted that the area has only one Road Construction Company. This does not only impact scheduling, but the pricing is not competitive. Therefore, during OGRA, discussions will be held with MTO about partnerships on joint purchasing and leveraging capital projects pricing.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

City of Greater Sudbury

Signoretti commented on the issues of Homelessness in Greater Sudbury and across the North. He noted that Council is looking for increased Homelessness funding for the Province and Federal Government. He pointed out that the costs to maintain a km of Road had risen considerably. He hoped that Northern Communities continue to receive **Our Fair Share** of funding to help Municipalities.

District of Algoma

Watson noted that the next meeting of the Algoma Municipal District (ADMA) would be held on April 22nd, with Danny attending as it's Guest Speaker. He shared again that there are many new members of Councils in the Algoma District and that he is looking to build strong relationships with them. He mentioned that municipalities in the Algoma Area face the same issues and pressures as other areas. Due to cost and funding pressures, several communities are working on joint tenders (for example, sand and salt) to reduce costs. The largest construction contractor in the area is retiring, and they are looking forward to working with the new player.

District of Parry Sound

L. Carleton informed the Board that the next Parry Sound Municipal Association (PSMA) meeting would be held on Friday, May 5th, 2023, noting she is the President. Lynda mentioned that communities are partnering on bylaw enforcement to handle the issue of short-term rentals. In addition, some in her part of the Parry Sound District have been invoiced by the new hospital being built by Huntsville and Bracebridge. She noted that some of these communities are a part of the North Bay Regional Health Centre catchment area and already have a financial commitment to the NBRHC. Lynda commented that her municipality is working on its budget and noted that the Fire Department and Arena's ask were over 5%.

City of Timmins

J. Curley noted that Timmins and the Cochrane District had issued a Red Alert due to the number of Opioid deaths in the Region. He shared that the bid received for the Golden Manor project was being reviewed. John said that the issues of contractors and builders in the City are an issue, and southern companies have little interest in expanding North. Also, he noted the site for the new ONTC Terminal would be announced next week.

9.0 REGIONAL REPORTS - continued

City of Sault Ste Marie

S. Hollingsworth wanted to note that the city is working on its Five-Year plan. The city is exploring opening a Safe Injection Site and is looking for ongoing annual funding before moving further. Sault Ste Marie is looking to expand its Landfill and is presently purchasing adjacent properties. The city is studying the current Timmins Joint Dispatch model to see if it can be duplicated and sharing realized. RCL Residential building is approximately halfway done and will house veterans upon completion. She proudly noted that the City's new Twin Pad Community Center is now open.

District of Timiskaming

D. Whalen shared that he has been meeting with several Lake Associations about the Boreal Forest and chatting with different ministries' staff. Danny noted an increase in snow drifting onto roads and highways. This is due to farmers removing the established tree buffer to get more farmable land. Also, Danny noted the largest issue coming out of Bill 23 is nimbyism. Several mentioned that communication

District of Nipissing

None provided.

District of Sudbury

None provided.

City of North Bay

None Provided

District of Cochrane

None provided

District of Manitoulin

None provided

10.0 OTHER BUSINESS

11:0 IN CAMERA

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **L. Watson** that the Board move out of Camera at 5:10 pm, approving the in-camera Motion. (*Attached Page 14*)

MOTION CARRIED.

12.0 NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 8th in Parry Sound or at the Call of the Chair

13.0 ADJOURNMENT at

It was **MOVED** by **J. Curley**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the meeting be adjourned at 1:23 pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF March 10th, 2023

It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the Minutes be accept as presented, on May 8th, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED.



President Danny Whalen

President Danny Whalen Report

From January 22 to March 10, 2023

23 January - Met with MMAH Minister and staff regarding BFMV in unincorporated.

24 January - Joint NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA delegation

24 January - FONOM Multi Minister meeting

24 January - Met with SolGen Minister Kerzner and staff regarding expense of
Community Safety and Well Being Plans

22,23,24,25 January - ROMA Conference

26 January - AMO Executive meeting

26 January - AMO Committee of the Whole meeting

27 January - AMO Board meeting

08 February - NOTTF Co-Chair meeting

10 February - NOTTF Full Task Force meeting

15 February - First Catch & Release meeting

16 February - met with Ministry of Transportation Chief of Staff

23 February - AMO Executive meeting

27 February - NEOMA zoom meeting.

I have been active with telephone calls from various Ministers and staff. Minister Kerzner called, and we spoke at length on changes to the Policing Act, Police Service Boards and Community Safety and Well Being Plans.

I also have ongoing discussions with the Chief of Staff for Minister Mulroney on many transportations related issues. These include speed limits on certain sections of highway 11 and 17, clock start time on the new Winter Maintenance standards for highways 11 and 17, upcoming rehabilitation projects for 11 and 17 and the addition of paved shoulders.

As Co-Chairs of the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force, Mayor Landry and I had a zoom session with ministry staff regarding the new Entry Level Training for commercial drivers in Ontario. I support many of the changes and addition but did voice concerns on some sections of the training requirements.

President Danny Whalen Report, continued

I continue to work with MMAH in regard to the BFMV issue. I believe the province is acting and moving in the right direction. I will be attending a meeting in March hosted by the Kenogami Lakes Association that will target potential investors.

At our last AMO Executive meeting we discussed the possibility of holding our Executive meeting the same day as our MOU meetings. This would certainly help with travel times, scheduling and overall costs associated.

We held our first Catch & Release meeting in February. This was well attended with police service board participants, Chief of Police for SSM and Timmins and a North Bay office with the North Bay Police Association and FONOM Board members.

FONOM was very well received, and comments were made regarding the overall appreciation for FONOM in bringing this group of individuals together.

At our next meeting in Timmins, we are hoping to include a member of an indigenous police service, a former district attorney and a staff member from the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

As Co-Chairs both Mayor Landry and I met by zoom with the new president and vice presidents of North Eastern Ontario Municipal Association. We updated them on various transportation issues and developments from the task force.

Danny Whalen



February 17, 2023

FONOM joins with Police Departments and Association to discuss Catch and Release

Members of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Board met with the Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Police Service, Timmins Police Service, and the North Bay Police Association, to discuss the negative impacts Federal Bill C75 is having on communities across Ontario.

During a FONOM Board meeting in July 2022, Sault Ste. Marie's Police Chief Hugh Stevenson, shared the current catch-and-release procedures. At the meeting, FONOM membership committed to create a Northern Task Force to focus on the issue. The Task Force will consist of three FONOM board members, two municipal police chiefs, and an OPP service board member. The first meeting of the task force was held in Sault Ste Marie on Wednesday, February 16th, 2023. See below for a list of attendees.

"Citizens of Northern Ontario are angry. People that break into our homes and traumatize law-abiding citizens are arrested by police, then released the same day, some of them, committing another crime later that day," said FONOM President Danny Whalen. *"The lack of movement to examine the legislation four years after implantation is unacceptable and we will continue to bring a northern voice to decision makers."*

Moving forward, FONOM will work to increase participation from northern police services such as the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service, other northern Police Association representatives and government officials. The task force is communicating with the Attorney General's and Solicitor General's officers to participate in ongoing discussions around catch and release.

During the meeting Chief Stevenson, an Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) Board Member, shared with the FONOM four recommended amendments for Bill C-75.

1. Create a designation of a chronic persistent offender,
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings,
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearm offences, and
4. Ensure bail-related firearm charges go to the superior court for bail hearing.

"Violent crime up 80% in last five years in our community," stated Sault Ste Marie Police Chief Hugh Stevenson, *"cyclical issues continue to cost municipalities, in staffing and financial resources for EMS, Police, Fire, Court and Correction services for these violent incidents."*

The next Taskforce meeting will be held in Timmins on April 12th, ahead of the OACP Zone 1A meeting. Chief Stevenson has agreed to participate in a panel discussion on Catch and Release during the May FONOM Conference in Parry Sound.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association drawing members from Northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

FONOM

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Participants at the February 15th Catch n Release Task Force meeting.

John Bruno – Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Board Chair
Chief Hugh Stevenson, M.O.M., Ed.D. – Sault Ste. Marie Police Service
Deputy Chief Robert MacLachlan – Sault Ste. Marie Police Service
Chief Daniel Foy – Timmins Police Service
Inspector Darren Dinel – Timmins Police Service
Sgt. Darcy Wall – North Bay Police Services Association - 2nd Vice President
Sandra Hollingsworth – SSM City Council Ward 1
Lynn Watson – Mayor Echo Bay
John Curley – Timmins Councillor
Danny Whalen – Temiskaming Shores Councillor – FONOM President

Mac Bain – FONOM, Executive Director

Lincoln Louttit – Sault Ste Marie Police Service, Manager - Corporate Communications, Planning & Research

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Danny Whalen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

President Danny Whalen

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8.1

List of Expenditures				
January 1st, 2023 - February 28th, 2023				
2023-01-16	CMG Computing Services - 6 Months Cyber	394	\$	135.60
2023-01-20	Mac Bain - Statement 37	395	\$	5,960.82
2023-01-26	Maggie Horsfield - January Board	396	\$	478.42
2023-01-26	Al MacNevin - January Board	397	\$	1,041.49
2023-01-29	Danny Whalen -AMO - ROMA meetings	398	\$	3,355.12
2023-02-01	John Curley - January Board	399	\$	930.81
2023-02-06	Lynn Watson - January Board	400	\$	1,341.85
2023-02-17	Mac Bain - Statement 38	401	\$	5,930.40
	void	402	\$	-
2023-02-19	John Curley - Catch n Release	403	\$	1,149.28

8.2

FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023			
as of March 1st, 2023			
	<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	2,520.20	1,479.80
NOHFC	50,000.00	43,958.93	6,041.07
Northern Suite at AMO	3,500.00	9,000.00	5,500.00
Investment Interest + RevCan	-	12,760.20	(12,760.20)
Conference	30,000.00	100,366.91	(70,366.91)
Donations	5,000.00	10,200.00	(5,200.00)
FedNor - Promote the North	84,000.00	56,460.00	27,540.00
	<u>206,500.00</u>	<u>267,480.24</u>	<u>(49,980.24)</u>
Service Fees	225.00	187.50	37.50
Board Meetings	35,000.00	31,312.80	3,687.20
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	10,342.93	6,157.07
Provincial Committee Meetings	5,500.00	7,741.07	(2,241.07)
Advertising - Clark Communications	-	1,756.24	(1,756.24)
Insurance	600.00	452.00	148.00
General & Admin	7,000.00	8,963.29	(1,963.29)
Audit And Legal Fees	4,600.00	5,669.20	(1,069.20)
Staff Wages	31,000.00	26,120.00	4,880.00
Staff Travel	900.00	1,350.81	- 450.81
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	625.00	4,375.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	5,000.00	14,020.01	(9,020.01)
Conference Expense	8,000.00	25,969.97	(17,969.97)
GoNorth Campaign	84,000.00	35,562.25	48,437.75
Catch n Release	-	2,645.81	(2,645.81)
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>203,325.00</u>	<u>172,718.88</u>	<u>30,606.12</u>
	<u>3,175.00</u>	<u>94,761.36</u>	<u>(80,586.36)</u>

FONOM					
Budget Proposal for Discussion					
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023					
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>	2023-2024
Revenue	2021-2022	2022-2023			
Membership	\$32,214	\$30,000	\$32,214	\$2,214	\$32,550
AMO Reimbursements	\$2,520	\$4,000	\$2,520	-\$1,480	\$4,000
NOHFC	\$43,959	\$45,000	\$43,959	-\$6,041	\$45,000
Northern Suite at AMO	\$9,000	\$3,500	\$9,000	\$5,500	\$7,500
Investment Interest	\$12,760	\$0	\$12,760		
Conference - bank transfer	\$100,367	\$30,000	\$100,367	\$70,367	\$30,000
Donations	\$10,200	\$5,000	\$10,200	\$5,200	\$5,000
FedNor - Promote the North	\$56,460		\$56,460	\$56,400	
	\$267,480	\$117,500	\$267,480	\$132,160	\$124,050
Service Fees	\$198	\$225	\$188	\$38	\$225
Board Meetings	\$17,274	\$35,000	\$31,313	\$3,687	\$42,000
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	\$3,600	\$16,500	\$10,343	\$6,157	\$16,500
Provincial Committee Meetings	\$2,741	\$5,500	\$7,741	-\$2,241	\$11,000
Advertising - Clark Communicator		\$0	\$1,756	-\$1,756	\$4,571
Insurance	\$452	\$600	\$452	\$148	\$700
General & Admin	\$6,772	\$7,000	\$8,963	-\$1,963	\$9,300
Audit And Legal Fees	\$4,464	\$4,600	\$5,669	-\$1,069	\$6,000
Staff Wages	\$27,676	\$31,000	\$26,120	\$4,880	\$34,000
Staff Travel		\$900	\$1,351	-\$451	\$1,500
Executive Honorarium		\$5,000	\$625	-\$4,375	\$5,000
Northern Hospitality Amo		\$5,000	\$14,020	-\$9,020	\$9,500
Conference Expense	\$16,937	\$8,000	\$25,970	-\$10,937	\$14,000
GoNorth Campaign	\$19,996	\$84,000	\$35,562	\$48,438	\$50,000
Catch n Release	\$0	\$0	\$2,646	-\$2,646	\$10,000
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	
		\$203,325	\$172,719	\$28,889	\$214,296
		-\$85,825	\$94,761	\$103,271	-\$90,246