

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Council Chambers, Parry Sound Municipal Office  
52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, Ontario**

**Present**

**D. Whalen, President**  
**L. Watson, 2nd Vice President**  
**J. Curley, Director**  
**S. Hollingsworth, Director**  
**L. Carleton, Director**  
**D. Plourde, Director**  
**T. Kelly, Director**  
**R. Carriere**  
**A. MacNevin, Director**  
**M. Horsfield, Director**  
**P. Lefebvre**

**Staff**

**M. Bain, Executive Director**

## **FONOM Board Meeting**

**Monday, May 8th, 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 7-8)**

President Whalen opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to Parry Sound and by asking Renée Carriere the new Member from SEMA to introduce herself to the Board. Danny noted that the number of meetings has started to decrease, that the Media inquires of FONOM activities continues to be quite high. Danny then asked if the Board had any questions regarding his activities; hearing none, he moved forward with the agenda.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth** that the agenda be approved with additions.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3.0 TIMED PRESENTATIONS**

No Timed Presentations

### **4.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde** **SECONDED** by **J. Curley** that the Minutes be accepted with amendments.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **5.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 During the January Board meeting the Board had asked that recommendations be brought forward to the May meeting, on an annual FONOM Board Meeting Schedule. M. Bain provided a suggestion (*Pages 9-11*) that would see FONOM Board meet six times a year in person. Also, it was noted that the President can still call ZOOM meetings if required, to address matters between scheduled in person meetings. The Board had no questions of Mac, and the Board excepted the recommendations as presented.

5.2 D. Whalen, J. Curley, S. Hollingsworth and M. Bain provided an update to the Board on the most recent Bail Reform meeting in Timmins. History and context to the Resolution which is part of the Annual General Meeting was discussed.

Danny also discussed an additional project that was discussed by the Taskforce, regarding the need to research and collection data. The Taskforce believes it is important to capture the true cost of social and municipal funding of recidivism, and to help those suffering with Mental Health and Addiction Issues. After a lengthy discussion the following Resolution was offered.

It was MOVED by **L. Watson**, SECONDED by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the FONOM Board supports Data collection to quantify the municipal and agencies costs to help those suffering from Mental Health and Addiction within the seven districts of Northeastern Ontario. Further, a report be prepared for the Board's consideration on the collection approach and the funding required.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5.3 The Conference update was moved to the Executive Director's Report

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Resolution Received – Barriers for Women in Politics

Township of Plummer Additional

Following a discussion by the Board.

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

*The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities promote the removal of barriers to women entering politics and call for the removal of discrimination and harassment for not only women but all individuals.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6.2 Resolution Received – Tax Sales Surplus

Town of Kirkland Lake

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was MOVED by **D. Plourde**, SECONDED by **J. Curley** that the

*The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities asked the Ministry of Finance to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale within its jurisdiction.*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6.3 Resolution Received – Enbridge Proposed Utility Field Locate Fee  
Town of Kirkland Lake  
Town of Kapuskasing

Following a discussion by the Board.

It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **D. Plourde**, that the

*The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities strongly opposes the utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities*

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6.4 Resolution Received – Bail Reform  
Township of O’Connor  
Township of Machar

Received for Information

- 6.5 Resolution Received – Northern College Skills Development  
Town of Kirkland Lake

A discussion was held by the Board, including the work being done by the current Blue-Ribbon Panel

## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

It was **MOVED** by **M. Horsfield**, **SECONDED** by **A. McNevin** all the correspondence items are received for information purposes.

- 7.1 Resolution Received – Child Care Workforce Shortage  
7.2 Resolution Received – Support AMO Homelessness Request  
7.3 Resolution Received – Support for Gender Affirming Health care.  
7.4 Resolution Received - Immigration Pilot Program  
7.5 Report Received – Final Report  
7.6 Letter Received – Funding of FONOM Conference  
7.7 Resolution Received – Ontario School Board Elections

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 8.1 It was **MOVED** by **L. Watson**, **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton**, that the Board receive the list of Expenditures (*Attached Page 12*) for March and April 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.2 It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde**, **SECONDED** by **S. Hollingsworth**, that the Board receive the Financial Report (*Attached Page 13*) ending April 25, 2023

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 8.3 M. Bain presented for the Boards review the Fiscal Year end for April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 (*Page 14*). Mac addressed some questions from the Board. He also noted that the year end will be shared during the Conference at the Annual Meeting.
- 8.4 M. Bain shared the status of the GoNorth Project, noting that the most recent video will be premiered during the FedNor Session during the Conference.
- 8.5 M. Bain noted for the Board that the Conference has been taking up a considerable amount of his time in the past several months. The Board was walked through the Conference Agenda, and all Board questions were addressed. Mac mentioned he has received so information from MMAH and he will be drafting a new Housing Resolution for the Board to Review.

## **9.0 Regional Reports**

- 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**

To respect the time the Regional Reports were deferred to the next meeting. R. Carriere did note that her community like others, is facing the issue of the loss of their OPP Detachment Office

## **10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

Danny wanted to shared that he had been approached to participate in a Boreal Caribou Working Group.

## **11:0 IN CAMERA**

None

## **12.0 NEXT MEETING**

Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> in London, Ontario or at the Call of the Chair

## **13.0 ADJOURNMENT at 10:22 am**

Prior to adjournment Mac was asked to share with the new members of the Board the Northern Hospitality Suite, during the AMO Conference.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

It was **MOVED** by **D. Plourde** **SECONDED** by **L. Carleton** that the Minutes be accept as presented, on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



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President Danny Whalen

## Presidents Report May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

29 March - BFMV Public meeting

03 April - Special MOU meeting AMO/MMAH

06 April - NOTTF - MTO Co-Chairs meeting Final Report

12 April - Bail Reform meeting

13 April - CMHC Housing programs meeting

16,17,18,19 April - Good Roads Annual conference

19 April - TVO interview regarding BFMV

20 April - AMO Executive meeting

21,22 April- Attended the Algoma District Municipal Association meeting. I ran their election as an impartial party. I also spoke to the membership on FONOM activities.

A public meeting was held for District of Timiskaming Residents and BFMV investors. I was asked to be a panel member and explain FONOM work with MMAH.

Mayor Landry and I met with MTO staff to prepare the Final Report for the Northern Ontario Task Force. A draft was sent to all members for a final opportunity to comment. I sent the report to Minister Mulroney on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Another meeting was held for the Bail Reform working group. It was decided to use the term Bail Reform Working Group as the media have saturated the use of Catch and Release. All police services involved are acceptable to the name change.

CMHC has developed programming to assist with new housing projects. There is a northern component, so I accepted an invitation to participate.

The issue of Boreal Caribou is once again on the table. The province has a four-year plan with \$29 million invested but federal Minister Gilbeault is pressing for faster and more effort.



Ministers Thompson and Pirie were in Timiskaming for a meet and greet and I attended. While FONOM must remain neutral it is still important to use every opportunity for discussions with Ministers. I had a further talk with Minister Pirie during the Good Roads conference.

I was able to attend the annual Good Roads conference. I spoke with many suppliers of products and services, and most are open to group benefits for northern communities. These types of relationships take time to build but in the end, there can prove benefits to our members.

Our recognition by the media continues to be strong. I did a lengthy interview with TVO regarding BFMV and the potential impact on neighbouring municipalities.

Also, FONOM continues to be recognized by both Ministers and ministry staff as they reach out quite often for thoughts and suggestions.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the NOMA conference in Thunder Bay. While that relationship is important, I had city duties that had to take priority.

Danny Whalen

# 5.1

## Recommendation for FONOM Board Meeting Schedule

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Background

During the January 20th, 2023, Board meeting, a discussion was held on the FONOM schedule throughout the year. The Board asked the Executive Director to come back with a recommendation for consideration at the May Board meeting.

The FONOM Constitution refers to two board meetings a year outside the Annual General Meeting. However, the practice in the last 30 years is to meet in person five to six times a year. The current Budgeted anticipates six meetings this year, with an average cost of \$7,000 per (March's Wawa meeting cost \$7015).

Also, a philosophy the Board has followed in recent years is to hold as many of the Board's meetings as possible in member communities that do not host the FONOM Conference.

There is a high level of attendance of FONOM Board meetings at the ROMA and AMO Conferences, due partly to the content and the Minister Delegations. In addition, FONOM holds a Multi Minister delegation during both Conferences, plus hosting a Hospitality Suite during the AMO Conference in August. FONOM does not fund members' participation at the ROMA or AMO Conference outside of the Board meeting.

It is recognized that some of our member communities do not have the financial Budget to send Council members to the ROMA or AMO Conferences.

FONOM hosts an Annual Conference, which all Board Members are asked to attend.

### Proposal

That FONOM holds six meetings in a Calendar year, noting the President can call additional meetings (anticipated to be by ZOOM). This report recommends Board Meetings be held in January, March, May, August, October, and December.

- January - Sunday afternoon during ROMA – Held at Toronto City Hall
- March – held in a Member Community
- May – held on the Monday morning of the FONOM Conference
- August - Sunday afternoon during AMO – Held in the FONOM Hospitality Suite
- October - held in a Member Community
- December - held in a Member Community

**January** - Sunday afternoon during ROMA – Held at Toronto City Hall

Board members are responsible for making their Hotel arrangements!

Suppose a Board member is attending the Conference on behalf of their Municipality (your clerk has Registered you for the Conference). In that case, FONOM will pay Mileage to Toronto and all expenses incurred until the FONOM Board meeting starts. An example would be Maggie would claim mileage from North Bay to Toronto on Saturday, parking one night, hotel Saturday night only, meals Saturday, and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday. The FONOM meeting will be at 1:00 pm. The Board members can claim two days of Honorarium. Every expense she incurred once the meeting was over was the responsibility of North Bay.

If the Board Member is not attending the meeting, FONOM will cover mileage and meals to and from Toronto, plus Saturday nights hotel room (due to the distance, if you require a second-night stay, please discuss with the Executive Director before the meeting). As well, the Board members can claim two days of Honorarium.

**March:** The Board will select a District or Community for the Board meeting location.

Generally, the meetings are held at 8:30 or 9:00 am; the Executive Director will make a motel reservation for the Board Members in the Community for the night before. The Executive Director will also arrange a Dinner, inviting the Mayor and the CAO of the Community to join the Board. FONOM will cover mileage and meals to and from the Board Meeting location. In addition, the Board members can claim two days of Honorarium.

**May** – held on the Monday morning of the FONOM Conference.

The Executive Director will make a hotel/motel/Inn reservation for the Board Members of the Community, with check-in on Sunday with a Wednesday departure. The Executive Director will also arrange a Dinner on Sunday night for the Board, inviting the Mayor and CAO. The Board Meeting will be held on Monday at 9:00 am. FONOM would pay Mileage to Host Community and all expenses incurred until the FONOM Board meeting starts. For example, Maggie would claim mileage from North Bay to Parry Sound on Sunday, the Bayshore Inn Sunday night only, meals Sunday, and Breakfast Monday. In addition, she would claim two days of Honorarium. Once the meeting is over, every expense she incurs is North Bay's responsibility (Bayshore Inn stay on Monday and Tuesday is the Responsibility of North Bay, plus any meals away from the Conference, like Monday night).

**August** - Sunday afternoon during AMO – Held in the FONOM Hospitality Suite

Board members are responsible for making their Hotel arrangements!

If the Board Member is not attending the meeting, FONOM will cover mileage and meals to and from London/Ottawa, plus Saturday nights hotel room (due to the distance, if you require a second-night stay, please discuss with the Executive Director before the meeting). As well, the Board members can claim two days of Honorarium.

Suppose a Board member is attending the Conference on behalf of their Municipality (your clerk has Registered you for the Conference). In that case, FONOM will pay the mileage to the AMO location, and all expenses incurred until the FONOM Board meeting starts. An example would be Maggie would claim mileage from North Bay to London or Ottawa on Saturday, parking one night, hotel Saturday night only, meals Saturday, and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday. The FONOM meeting will be at 3:00 pm. The Board members can claim two days of Honorarium. Every expense Maggie incurs once the meeting is over is the responsibility of North Bay, including Sunday night's stay and Sunday's parking.

**October:** The Board will select a District or Community for the meeting location.

*I suggest holding this meeting early in the Month.*

Generally, the meetings are held at 8:30 or 9:00 am; the Executive Director will make a motel reservation for the Board Members in the Community for the night before. The Executive Director will also arrange a Dinner, inviting the Mayor and the CAO of the Community to join the Board. FONOM will cover mileage and meals to and from the Board Meeting location. In addition, the Board members can claim two days of Honorarium.

**December:** The Board will select a District or Community for the meeting location.

*I suggest holding this meeting early in the Month.*

Generally, the meetings are held at 8:30 or 9:00 am; the Executive Director will make a motel reservation for the Board Members in the Community for the night before. The Executive Director will also arrange a Dinner, inviting the Mayor and the CAO of the Community to join the Board. FONOM will cover mileage and meals to and from the Board Meeting location. In addition, the Board members can claim two days of Honorarium.

<b>List of Expenditures</b>				
March 1st, 2023 - April 23, 2023				
				Cheque #
03-Mar	CMG Computing - years of link	\$ 565.00		404
08-Mar	Danny Whalen - Catch n Release + other	\$ 5,369.88		405
10-Mar	John Curley - Wawa	\$ 898.80		406
10-Mar	Lynda Carleton - Wawa	\$ 489.08		407
10-Mar	Lynn Watson	\$ 1,055.00		408
11-Mar	Sandra Hollingsworth	\$ 2,608.48		409
17-Mar	Mac Bain - Statement 39	\$ 7,512.54		410
22-Mar	Deb Bain - 3 months Rent	\$ 675.00		411
26-Mar	Danny Whalen - AMP, Others & WAWA	\$ 3,906.90		412
26-Mar	National Speakers Bureau	\$ 8,814.00		413
30-Mar	VOID	\$ -		414
30-Mar	Mac Bain - Conference Expenses	\$ 5,188.64		415
31-Mar	Dave Plourder - Wawa	\$ 100.00		416
31-Mar	Mark Signoretti	\$ 465.00		417
31-Mar	VOID	\$ -		418
14-Apr	Mac Bain - Statement 40	\$ 4,862.82		419
23-Apr	Greater Sudbury - Signorette Car Rental	\$ 299.62		420
23-Apr	Danny Whalen - April Meeting	\$ 4,001.30		421
		\$ 46,812.06		

FONOM			
Financial Summary			
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024			
as of April 25. 2023			
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	30,000.00	20,394.52	9,605.48
AMO Reimbursements	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
NOHFC	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
Northern Suite at AMO	3,500.00	-	5,500.00
Investment Interest + RevCan	-	-	-
Conference	30,000.00	17,952.00	12,048.00
Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
FedNor - Promote the North	84,000.00	-	84,000.00
	<u>206,500.00</u>	<u>38,346.52</u>	<u>170,153.48</u>
Service Fees	225.00	-	225.00
Board Meetings	35,000.00	2,486.90	32,513.10
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	16,500.00	-	16,500.00
Provincial Committee Meetings	5,500.00	1,867.56	3,632.44
Advertising - Clark Communications	-	4,270.55	(4,270.55)
Insurance	600.00	-	600.00
General & Admin	7,000.00	456.61	6,543.39
Audit And Legal Fees	4,600.00	-	4,600.00
Staff Wages	31,000.00	2,600.00	28,400.00
Staff Travel	900.00	-	900.00
Executive Honorarium	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Northern Hospitality Amo	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Conference Expense	8,000.00	567.79	7,432.21
GoNorth Campaign	84,000.00	45.14	83,954.86
Catch n Release	-	1,139.74	(1,139.74)
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
	<u>203,325.00</u>	<u>13,434.29</u>	<u>189,890.71</u>
	<u>3,175.00</u>	<u>24,912.23</u>	<u>(19,737.23)</u>

<b>FONOM</b>			
ANNUAL BUDGET			
April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024			
	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership	\$ 30,000	\$ 32,975	\$ 32,550
AMO Reimbursements	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,520	\$ 4,000
NOHFC	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,959	\$ 45,000
Northern Suite at AMO	\$ 3,500	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,500
Investment Interest + RevCan	\$ -	\$ 12,760	\$ -
Conference	\$ 30,000	\$ 100,367	\$ 30,000
Donations	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,200	\$ 5,000
FedNor - Promote the North	\$ 84,000	\$ 61,635	\$ -
	<b>\$ 206,500</b>	<b>\$ 273,416</b>	<b>\$ 124,050</b>
Service Fees	\$ 225	\$ 207	\$ 225
Board Meetings	\$ 35,000	\$ 41,138	\$ 42,000
Amo Board Meeting & Mou	\$ 16,500	\$ 12,867	\$ 16,500
Provincial Committee Meetings	\$ 5,500	\$ 13,018	\$ 11,000
Advertising - Clark Communications	\$ -	\$ 1,756	\$ 4,571
Insurance	\$ 600	\$ 452	\$ 700
General & Admin	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,276	\$ 9,300
Audit And Legal Fees	\$ 4,600	\$ 5,669	\$ 6,000
Staff Honourarium	\$ 31,000	\$ 31,322	\$ 34,000
Staff Travel	\$ 900	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,500
Executive Honorarium	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Northern Hospitality Amo	\$ 5,000	\$ 14,020	\$ 9,500
Conference Expense	\$ 8,000	\$ 37,388	\$ 14,000
GoNorth Campaign	\$ 84,000	\$ 35,607	\$ 50,000
Catch n Release	\$ -	\$ 1,497	\$ 10,000
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>\$ 203,325</b>	<b>\$ 211,567</b>	<b>\$ 214,296</b>
	<b>\$ 3,175</b>	<b>\$ 61,849</b>	<b>-\$ 90,246</b>